

A. Characters and Locations

Qui-Gon Jinn: A Jedi Knight who is strong in the Force and master to Obi-Wan.

Obi-Wan Kenobi: An older Jedi Padawan whose training is nearly complete.

Anakin Skywalker: A young slave who lives on Tatooine and appears to be highly Force sensitive.

Queen Amidala: Young Queen of Naboo.

Padme: Handmaiden to Queen Amidala.

Senator Palpatine: Senator from Naboo who desires to assist Queen Amidala in ending the Trade Federation's blockade of their planet.

Artoo-Detoo (R2-D2): A clever astromech droid who speaks only in electronic sounds.

See-Threepio (C-3PO): A tall, humanlike protocol droid who translates all kinds of languages, including the electronic speech of many droids.

Yoda: Small, green, and the most powerful Jedi in existence.

Nute Gunray: Leader of the Trade Federation.

Darth Sidious: An evil Sith Lord who is secretly manipulating the Trade Federation and plotting a return of the Sith.

Darth Maul: An evil Dark Lord of the Sith and minion of Darth Sidious.

Jar Jar Binks: A Gungan who assists the Jedi and Queen Amidala.

Watto: A junk trader who owns Anakin and his mother.

Naboo: Home world of the Naboo people and Gungans. The planet is currently being blockaded by the Trade Federation.

Tatooine: Desert home world of Anakin Skywalker in the Outer Rim of the galaxy.

Mos Espa: Spaceport on Tatooine where Qui-Gon and Obi-Wan search for spare parts.

Coruscant: Planet that is made up of one large city and the seat of the Galactic Senate.

Jedi: Warriors who protect the galaxy and possess special Force skills. Fight for the safety & preservation of the Republic. Peace keepers.

Sith: "Evil" version of the Jedi who use the Force to gain power.

B. Critical Thinking

Having carefully watched the film, answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. Briefly explain the crisis facing Germany after World War I? What was the crisis facing Naboo throughout the film? Do these two situations have anything in common?
2. Define appeasement & isolationism. How do these terms relate to your studies of Hitler? Where does appeasement & isolationism fit in with Star Wars Episode I?
3. How did the German populous view democracy by the end of the 1920's? How did Queen Amidala and Senator Palpatine view the leadership of Chancellor Valorum?
4. What is a "vote of no confidence?"
5. What was the name of Germany's post-WWI democracy? What was the democracy in Star Wars known as?
6. Explain how the Nazis and Palpatine both used democracy & crisis to gain individual power?
7. Discuss what happened to the crises facing Germany and the Republic once new leadership was established.
8. Why do you think Hitler and Palpatine both sought power through legal means?
9. Did you find or think of any other connections related to WWII/Rise of Hitler and Star Wars?