



**Writing Prompt:**

**What does Kylo Ren's lightsaber reveal about the man behind the mask?**

Closely examine Kylo Ren's lightsaber hilt and consider the following guiding questions.

- Record your first impressions of the hilt.
- Briefly describe Kylo Ren's lightsaber hilt.
- What does the lightsaber's design possibly reveal about Kylo Ren's character or role in the upcoming film?
- What about the lightsaber's design makes you think this way?

Compare Kylo Ren's lightsaber to Luke Skywalker's and Emperor Palpatine's lightsabers.

- In what ways is Kylo Ren's lightsaber different from Luke's and the Emperor's?
- Why might Kylo Ren's design be so different?

In a paragraph or two, turn your thoughts into a short story explaining the back story of Kylo Ren. Consider the following questions before writing:

- Where/how did he acquire his lightsaber?
- Is he a Jedi? Sith? Neither? How do you know?

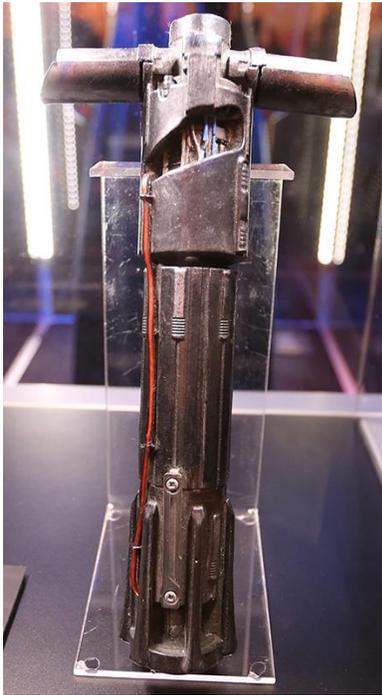
At the conclusion of the activity, prepare to share your background story.

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Additional thoughts/guiding questions:

- Is Kylo Ren a true Sith Lord?
- Is he an untrained Force-sensitive who constructed a crude lightsaber?
- Did his unconventional or non-existent training inspire the cross-guards of his lightsaber?
- Is he an unknown apprentice of Darth Vader?
- Is it Kylo Ren who retrieves the mask of Darth Vader in the second trailer?

## Close-up Photos of Kylo Ren's Lightsaber

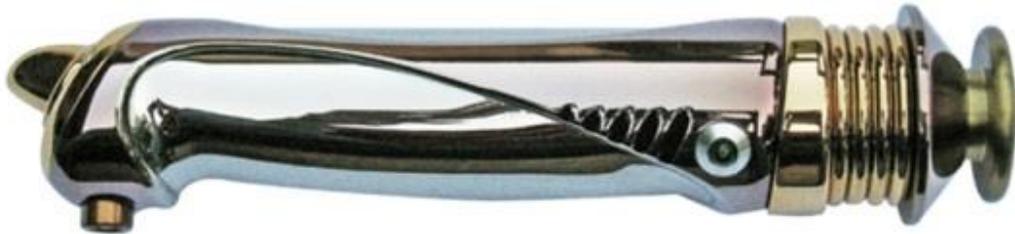


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## Lightsaber Comparisons



LUKE SKYWALKER'S LIGHTSABER (ROTJ)



EMPEROR PALPATINE'S LIGHTSABER

