

Star Wars Questions & Viewing Schedule

A NEW HOPE

(1-16; 39 minutes)

Play the film from the beginning through chapter 16 (end with Grand Moff Tarkin talking about crushing the Rebellion with one swift stroke).

- **What do you think is significant about the setting of Tatooine?**
- **What is the significance of the lightsaber? Why not a blaster?**
- **Why does Luke refuse to help Obi-Wan when he's been trying to leave?**
- **To this point, does Luke Skywalker seem to have the makings of a hero? Why or Why not?**

A NEW HOPE

(17-33; 40 minutes)

Play the film from chapter 17 through 33 (from "Torched Homestead) to the point when Han jumps into the trash compactor).

- **Luke's reaction upon seeing his dead aunt and uncle is not grief but determination. Why is this important?**
- **Why do you think that Han doesn't believe in the Force?**
- **What do you think of the way Leia treats her rescuers?**
- **What do you think about the Force: Is it real, or might it really be "luck" as Han says? Why do you think that way?**

A NEW HOPE

(34-50; 41 minutes)

Play the film from chapter 34 through 50 (from "The Trash Compactor" through the medal ceremony).

- **Why does Ben say "...if you strike me down, I will become more powerful than you can possibly imagine?"**
- **Han claims he's in it for the money. Do his actions show this to be true?**
- **What is the significance of Darth Vader surviving the Death Star's destruction?**
- **Consider Luke's heroic moment. How much was luck? How much was the Force?**

THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

(1-20; 40 minutes)

Play the film from the beginning through chapter 20 (end with *Millennium Falcon* entering the exogorth cave).

- **Why do you think Darth Vader is obsessed with finding Luke?**
- **What does Han going back for Luke say about him as a character?**
- **What is the significance of Obi-Wan Kenobi's appearance to Luke?**
- **How have the relationships between Luke, Leia, and Han evolved from the last film? What do you think has happened since we last saw them?**

THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

(21-34; 40 minutes)

Play the film from chapter 21 through 34 (from Luke arriving at Dagobah to the point when the *Millennium Falcon* lands in Cloud City).

- **The Sith only allow for two of them to exist at any one time. Why then does Vader suggest to the Emperor that Luke be turned to the Dark Side?**
- **Why does Yoda initially hide his identity from Luke?**
- **What does it mean that the cave contains "only what you take with you"?**

- **Discuss Yoda's concerns about Luke's training as a Jedi. Are they valid?**

THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

(35-50; 42 minutes)

Play the film from chapter 35 through 50 (Meeting Lando through Luke and Leia saying good-bye to Lando and Chewbacca).

- **Is Lando a sympathetic character? Why or Why not?**
- **Why does Darth Vader tell Luke that he's his father?**
- **If Vader's telling the truth, what does that say about Obi-Wan?**
- **Yoda told Luke to complete his training rather than to try and help Han and Leia in Cloud City. Was he right? Explain.**

RETURN OF THE JEDI

(1-14; 45 minutes)

Play the film from the beginning through chapter 14 (end with Yoda's death).

- **What does it say about the Emperor that Imperial officers are more afraid of him than of Darth Vader?**
- **Luke seems much more confident in this film. Is it warranted? Why or why not?**
- **At this point in the saga, Han and Luke have seemingly switched roles. What is the reason for this?**
- **Why does Yoda say that Luke needs to confront Vader again to become a Jedi?**

RETURN OF THE JEDI

(15-28; 41 minutes)

Play the film from chapter 15 through 30 (from "A certain point of view" to Luke surrendering to Vader).

- **How do you feel about Obi-Wan lying to Luke about his father? Can lies ever be used to help someone? Why or why not?**
- **Why might the Ewoks make good allies?**
- **What did you think of Leia's response to the news that Luke was her brother and Darth Vader was her father?**
- **Do you think redemption is possible for even the most evil of people? What steps would be required for this to happen?**

RETURN OF THE JEDI

(29-50; 42 minutes)

Play the film from chapter 29 through 50 (the Rebels scouting out the Imperial base through the various planetary celebrations).

- **Why does Luke finally give in to his anger? Is it justified? Why or why not?**
- **Why is the Emperor obsessed with Luke taking Darth Vader's place?**
- **How does Luke finally become a Jedi?**
- **What causes Vader to break away from the Dark Side and the control of the Emperor?**

THE FORCE AWAKENS

(1-22; 45 minutes)

Play the film from the beginning through chapter 22 (end with Han admitting he's hauling rathtars).

- **Why do you think the galaxy is still at war after the events of RETURN OF THE JEDI?**
- **Is Finn's rescue of Poe Dameron heroic or selfish? Explain.**
- **How would you describe Kylo Ren?**
- **To this point, does Rey seem to have the makings of a hero? Why or Why not?**

THE FORCE AWAKENS

(23-35; 41 minutes)

Play the film from chapter 22 through chapter 35 (from “Corellion Stand” through Leia trying to convince Han that their son can still be saved).

- ***Why do you think Han Solo is open to mentoring Rey?***
- ***What was the most striking part of Rey’s vision? Why?***
- ***What do you think about Maz Kanata’s advice to Rey that, “The belonging you seek is not behind you; it is ahead.”***
- ***What are your thoughts on General Hux’s speech? Is it persuasive? Explain.***

THE FORCE AWAKENS

(36-50; 42 minutes)

Play the film from chapter 36 through chapter 50 (from Kylo Ren’s interrogation of Rey through Rey offering the lightsaber to Luke Skywalker).

- ***Why does Anakin Skywalker’s lightsaber respond to Rey’s command? Explain.***
- ***Is Kylo Ren redeemable? Why or why not?***
- ***How does Rey’s heroic journey mirror Luke’s? How does it differ?***
- ***What is the significance of Rey offering the lightsaber to Luke Skywalker? Explain.***