

# Star Wars: The Last Jedi

Eighth Star Wars movie opens tonight

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*Star Wars: The Last Jedi* may be the most anticipated movie of 2017. After the release of the past two *Star Wars* films, fans have been eagerly awaiting the continuation of the saga. After the stand-alone 2016 film *Rogue One*, viewers will return to the Skywalker family after a two year gap.

*The Last Jedi* picks up right where *The Force Awakens* left off with Rey meeting Luke Skywalker and handing him his lightsaber. After two years, fans will finally be appeased after being left with this cliffhanger.

Rey will be tasked with trying to bring Luke back into the fight and convincing him to help the Rebellion.

**1st Trilogy** The *Star Wars* epic began with the release of *Star Wars* in 1977. The film was created and directed by **George Lucas** and centered around the Skywalker family. Luke Skywalker, the film's protagonist, was launched into a war between the Galactic Empire and the Rebel Alliance.

*The Empire Strikes Back* (1980) and *The Return of the Jedi* (1983) follow and tell more of Luke's true identity and his destiny over the course of the movies. Luke meets many new people along the way; the smuggler Han Solo and Chewbacca, the mysterious Princess Leia, the comical droids C-3PO and R2-D2, as well as Obi-Wan Kenobi. Luke and his friends must fight against the Galactic Empire and the evil Darth Vader in order to save the galaxy.

**2nd Trilogy** After sixteen years, Lucas brought *Star Wars* back into the limelight with the release of a prequel trilogy. The films focus on Anakin Skywalker, named by a prophecy as the Chosen One to bring balance to the Force. *The Phantom Menace* (1999), *Attack of the Clones* (2002), and *The Revenge of the Sith* (2005) depict the rise and fall of Anakin and his transformation into Darth Vader. The films also give backstory into how the stormtroopers and Galactic Empire came to be.

**3rd Trilogy** *The Force Awakens*, the first of the new trilogy, picks up 30 years after *The Return of the Jedi*. Famous Jedi Luke Skywalker has been missing since the fallen Jedi Kylo Ren attacked and killed all of the Jedi Skywalker was training in his new Jedi Order. The Resistance, who is fighting the First Order, works to piece together clues to find Skywalker. The Resistance also works to stop the First Order from taking complete control of the universe. The movie ends with the Resistance defeating the First Order's Starkiller Base and with Rey finding the lost Skywalker.

"It was great, but it didn't come out when I was born, but now I get to witness it when it premieres in theaters,"

-Andrew Abright `19

"I'm just excited that they are expanding the universe; it's nice to see the storyline continue for our generation,"

-Chandler Butler `18

## Meet the Cast



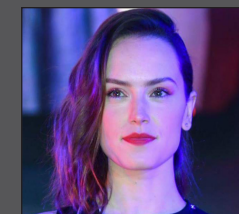
John Boyega

**Finn:** A stormtrooper turned resistance aide, Finn (formerly known as FN-2187) helps destroy Starkiller Base and free Rey in *The Force Awakens*.



Mark Hamill

**Luke Skywalker:** A mysterious Jedi who had gone missing for a long period of time. Skywalker was found by Rey at the end of *The Force Awakens*.



Daisy Ridley

**Rey:** Rey is a character first introduced in *The Force Awakens*. Rey started as a scrapper but found her way with the Force. At the end of the movie she defeated Kylo Ren.



Adam Driver

**Kylo Ren:** The son of Leia and Han Solo, Kylo Ren was trained in the Jedi arts by Luke Skywalker. Eventually Ren turned to the dark side of the Force and destroyed all of the Jedi.

## Star Wars: Battlefront II



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Many *Star Wars* related works are adding to the hype of the upcoming movie. This past month, the video game *Star Wars: Battlefront II* was released. With so many people playing and talking about this highly anticipated game, the effect will surely carry over into ticket sales for *The Last Jedi*. The game allows users to continue to battle across the *Star Wars* galaxy as well as pursue a newly introduced campaign mode which is canon to the *Star Wars* universe.

"I'm expecting it to be good, with some thrills and maybe some deaths,"

-Emily Talbot `19


"There is a whole new story, [I] get to see more into the characters' back stories,"

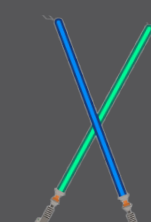
-Annika Adams `20




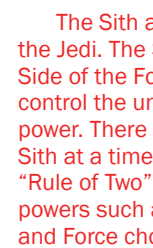
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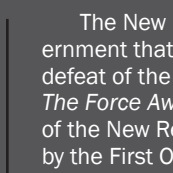
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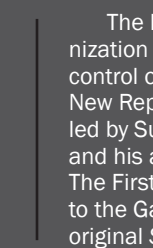
 The Force is a power used by characters in the *Star Wars* universe. There are two sides of the Force that are used: the "Light Side" and the "Dark Side". The Force can be used to control objects and even people.

 Lightsabers are the weapons primarily used by Jedi and other Force users. Lightsabers are created by extracting special crystals that only pair with that Force user. Lightsabers can cut through almost anything and deflect blaster shots.

 The Jedi are an organization of Force users who use the Light Side of the Force. Their goal is to keep peace and stability in the galaxy. The Jedi were led by the Jedi Council until its downfall. Some famous Jedi are Yoda, Obi-Wan Kenobi, and Luke Skywalker.

 The Sith are the enemies of the Jedi. The Sith use the Dark Side of the Force and work to control the universe and gain power. There can only be two Sith at a time, according to the "Rule of Two". The Sith have powers such as Force lightning and Force choke.

 The New Republic is the government that ruled after the defeat of the Galactic Empire. In *The Force Awakens*, the capital of the New Republic is destroyed by the First Order.

 The First Order is an organization that is working to take control of the galaxy from the New Republic. The First Order is led by Supreme Leader Snoke and his apprentice, Kylo Ren. The First Order is very similar to the Galactic Empire from the original *Star Wars* trilogy.

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