

THE STAR WARS STORY

When George Lucas wanted to make *Star Wars* in the early 1970s, some people in Hollywood were not sure about an adventure film in space. They were wrong: people around the world *loved* the film. 'I was the most surprised of anybody,' says Lucas. Now, there are six films – and a new part of the story – *The Clone Wars*.

EPISODE I:
The Phantom Menace (1999)

Obi-Wan Kenobi and his Jedi teacher rescue the queen of Naboo, Padmé Amidala. Then on Tatooine they find a young boy, Anakin Skywalker. The Force is very strong in Anakin.

When they return to Naboo, they learn that the Sith – a group that follows the dark side of the Force – are back.

EPISODE II:
Attack of the Clones (2002)

Ten years later, Obi-Wan is now a Jedi teacher. Anakin is his student, but he has become very strong. They must save Padmé from enemies of the Republic. Anakin and Padmé fall in love – but their love is a secret.

EPISODE III:
Revenge of the Sith (2005)

The Republic ends and the Empire begins. Jedi Anakin Skywalker joins the dark side of the force. His name is now Darth Vader. With many other Jedi dead, Obi-Wan and Yoda must hide. But there is hope – Anakin's children are born in secret. They are Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia.

STAR WARS:
The Clone Wars (2008)

The Clone Wars comes between episodes two and three of the Star Wars story. It is an animated film. As their enemies become stronger, Anakin and Obi-Wan must fight to save the Republic.



Revenge of the Sith

EPISODE IV: A New Hope (1977)

On the planet of Tatooine, young Luke Skywalker knows nothing about his parents. He meets Obi-Wan Kenobi and helps him to rescue Princess Leia. Obi-Wan dies, but Luke learns that the Force is strong in him. He uses it to destroy the Empire's terrible new weapon, the Death Star.



EPISODE V:
The Empire Strikes Back (1980)

Three years later, the Empire is trying to destroy all its enemies. Luke studies to be a Jedi with Yoda. He faces Darth Vader in battle. Vader wants Luke to join the dark side of the Force - then Luke finds out Darth Vader is his father!



EPISODE VI:
Return of the Jedi (1983)

This is the final battle between the Empire and its enemies. Luke faces his father again, this time in front of the Emperor. Darth Vader destroys the Emperor and saves his son. Darth Vader – Anakin Skywalker – dies too, but the Republic is free again.



What do you think? Have you seen any *Star Wars* films? If so, which ones? Which *Star Wars* films would you like to see? Why?

What do these words mean? You can use a dictionary.
episode animated empire Emperor death weapon