



Global Critics Pick the One Film That Defines Their Nation

Description

India

Lagaan: Once Upon a Time in India (2001)

In India, cinema and cricket are very popular. Lagaan mixes these two. When the movie came out, people cheered in theaters. The story is about Indian villagers who play cricket against British rulers. The British captain is unfair and wants to take money from them.

The movie takes place in 1893. Cricket becomes a big fight between good and evil. Director Ashutosh Gowariker and actor Aamir Khan made a film that tells a special Indian story. There are colorful songs and dances. The film has love and a strong mother figure. The main lesson is: if you are true and brave, you will win.

Lagaan is long, running for 3 hours and 44 minutes. It is full of excitement and heart. Anupama Chopra calls it brilliant entertainment.

Mexico

Canoa: A Shameful Memory (1976)

Canoa tells real stories from Mexico. Directed by Felipe Cazals, it shows the lynching of people who were confused with communists in 1968. The village priest spreads fear about “communists.”

This film shows deep issues in society. Cazals breaks from old styles and faces the violence seen today in Mexico. It is an important film in Mexican cinema.

France

La Bataille de Solférino (Age of Panic; 2013)

Justine Triet made this film about a couple who race around Paris on election night. The film feels energetic and connects personal and political issues. Although it did not sell well, it is a milestone in French cinema.

The Philippines

Kakabakaba Ka Ba? (Will Your Heart Beat Faster?; 1980)

This funny film mixes music and crime. It tells the story of a group of teenagers who get caught in a wild adventure. It humorously critiques imperialism and challenges the Philippine movie boundaries.



Kenya

Nusu Maisha Ya Nairobi (Nairobi Half Life; 2012)

A young man in this film dreams of being an actor. His story shows how crime and struggles affect life in Nairobi. It was Kenya's first entry for the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film.

Vocabulary List:

1. **lynching** /'lɪn.tʃɪŋ/ (noun): The illegal execution of an accused person by a mob.
2. **confused** /kən'fjuzd/ (adjective): Unable to think clearly or make sense of something.
3. **struggles** /'strʌg.əlz/ (noun): Efforts or attempts to achieve or accomplish something difficult.
4. **exciting** /ɪk'saɪ.tɪŋ/ (adjective): Causing great enthusiasm and eagerness.
5. **criticizes** /'krɪt.ɪ.saɪz/ (verb): To express disapproval of someone or something.
6. **milestone** /'maɪl.stoʊn/ (noun): An important event or point in progress.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. In which year was the movie "Lagaan: Once Upon a Time in India" released?
Option: 2001
Option: 1998
Option: 2005
Option: 2010
2. Who is the director of the film "Canoa: A Shameful Memory"?
Option: Felipe Cazals
Option: Ashutosh Gowariker
Option: Justine Triet
Option: Aamir Khan
3. Which country is the movie "Kakabakaba Ka Ba?" from?
Option: The Philippines
Option: India



Option: Kenya
Option: Mexico

4. What is the main theme of the film "Nairobi Half Life"?

Option: Crime and struggles in Nairobi
Option: Love story in Paris
Option: Historical battles in India
Option: Political issues in Mexico

5. Who is the lead actor in the film "La Bataille de Solférino"?

Option: Not specified in the text
Option: Ashutosh Gowariker
Option: Aamir Khan
Option: Justine Triet

6. What is the running time of the movie "Lagaan: Once Upon a Time in India"?

Option: 3 hours and 44 minutes
Option: 2 hours and 30 minutes
Option: 4 hours and 15 minutes
Option: 1 hour and 50 minutes

True-False

7. The movie "La Bataille de Solférino" is a milestone in French cinema.

8. The film "Kakabakaba Ka Ba?" critiques imperialism humorously.

9. The story of "Nairobi Half Life" revolves around a young man dreaming of being a doctor.

10. The movie "Canoa: A Shameful Memory" is set in the year 1976.

11. The movie "Lagaan: Once Upon a Time in India" features colorful songs and dances.

12. The film "La Bataille de Solférino" focuses on a couple racing around Paris on a normal day.

Gap-Fill



13. The movie "Indian villagers who play cricket against British rulers" is called "_____."
14. The movie "_____ tells real stories from Mexico."
15. In "Kakabakaba Ka Ba?," a group of teenagers gets caught in a _____ adventure.
16. The film "Nairobi Half Life" was Kenya's first entry for the Oscar for Best _____ Film.
17. The director of "Nairobi Half Life" is _____.
18. "La Bataille de Solférino" was made in the year _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 2001 2. Felipe Cazals 3. The Philippines 4. Crime and struggles in Nairobi 5. Not specified in the text 6. 3 hours and 44 minutes

True-False: 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. Lagaan 14. Canoa: A Shameful Memory 15. wild 16. Foreign Language 17. Not specified in the text 18. 2013

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which type of incidents are often associated with sudden and severe accidents?
- Option: Car crashes
 - Option: Plane landings
 - Option: Boat races
 - Option: Train schedules
2. Which entertainment industry is primarily located in Los Angeles California?
- Option: Bollywood
 - Option: Nollywood
 - Option: Hollywood
 - Option: Buddywood
3. What modern method of content delivery allows users to watch videos in real-time over the internet?
- Option: Download
 - Option: Renting



Option: Streaming

Option: Casting

4. Which term describes something that is liked or admired by many people?

Option: Uncommon

Option: Popular

Option: Obtuse

Option: Unappealing

5. What type of agreement involves two or more parties working together towards a common goal?

Option: Competition

Option: Partnership

Option: Rivalry

Option: Conflict

6. Which term is used to describe the link or relationship between two or more things?

Option: Isolation

Option: Disconnection

Option: Seclusion

Option: Connection

7. What term is commonly used to describe when a new product or movie becomes available to the public?

Option: Captured

Option: Hidden

Option: Unveiled

Option: Released

8. What term refers to the act of using goods or services to satisfy wants and needs?

Option: Production

Option: Consumption

Option: Abstention

Option: Restoration

9. Which term is used to describe something that causes great surprise or disbelief?

Option: Routine

Option: Shocking

Option: Predictable

Option: Expected

10. What term describes the conveying of events in words images or sounds often through narrative structure?

Option: History

Option: Composition



Option: Storytelling

Option: Fiction

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. _____ are events that occur in a particular place or setting often unexpectedly.
12. A _____ is a narrative that continues the story of a previous work or expands on its themes.
13. Something that is unexpected or causes amazement can be described as _____.
14. _____ involves the analysis evaluation and judgment of something often pointing out its faults.
15. _____ are challenges or difficulties that one must overcome in order to achieve a goal.
16. A _____ is a sentence worded or expressed so as to elicit information.
17. A _____ is a social gathering of invited guests for entertainment fun or celebration.
18. An _____ is a specific section of a play movie opera or other performance.
19. To _____ something means to observe or view it attentively often for entertainment or information.
20. A _____ is a significant event or stage in the development or progress of something.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The play had a climax that left the audience in awe.
22. The vibrant colors and unique design of the artwork were meant to viewers.
23. Athletes from around the world come together to participate in various sports .



24. In order to succeed it is important to maintain a strong sense of on your goals.
25. The two companies formed a to collaborate on new product development.
26. provide a factual account or report of real events issues or people.
27. media platforms allow users to connect and interact with others online.
28. The shared experiences of the travelers created a strong between them.
29. The much-anticipated album was on the artist's official website.
30. The new amusement park ride promised an adventure for thrill-seekers.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Car crashes 2. Hollywood 3. Streaming 4. Popular 5. Partnership 6. Connection 7. Released 8. Consumption 9. Shocking 10. Storytelling

Gap-Fill: 11. Incidents 12. Sequel 13. Surprising 14. Criticism 15. Struggles 16. Question 17. Party 18. Act 19. Watch 20. Milestone

Matching sentence: 1. Dramatic 2. Attract 3. Competitions 4. Focus 5. Partnership 6. Documentaries 7. Social 8. Connection 9. Released 10. Exciting

CATEGORY

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