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# Ryan Coogler's Epic Vampire Adventure

## Description

"Sinners," a vampire film written and directed by Ryan Coogler, takes place in the 1930s in Clarksdale, Mississippi. It follows the Smokestack twins, Smoke and Stack, who return to their hometown after serving in World War I. Michael B. Jordan brilliantly plays both characters, subtly showcasing their differences in demeanor and personality. The film delves into themes of sin and oppression in Black America, intertwined with a haunting musical legacy.

The setting, beautifully captured by Autumn Durald Arkapaw's cinematography, immerses viewers in the rural town's atmosphere. We witness the twins' efforts to put on a mesmerizing show at a juke joint, accompanied by soul-stirring blues music. However, their plans take a dark turn when vampires disrupt the night with their sinister presence.

Despite the film's vivid portrayal of a vibrant community and nuanced characters, the vampires serve as a metaphor for oppression and control. As tensions rise, the storyline delves into a battle for freedom and autonomy, intertwined with the liberating power of music.

Overall, "Sinners" is a compelling mix of horror and social commentary, masterfully crafted by Coogler. It's a film that challenges viewers to reflect on themes of identity, oppression, and the enduring power of music in the face of adversity.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Oppression** /ə'preʃən/ (noun): The state of being subject to unjust treatment or control.
2. **Sinister** /'sɪnɪstər/ (adjective): Giving the impression that something harmful or evil is happening or will happen.
3. **Cinematography** /ˌsɪnə'mætəgrəfi/ (noun): The art of making motion pictures particularly the visual aspects.
4. **Autonomy** /ɔ:'tɒnəmi/ (noun): The right or condition of self-government.
5. **Metaphor** /'metəfɔ:r/ (noun): A figure of speech that describes an object or action in a way that isn't literally true.
6. **Demeanor** /di'mi:nər/ (noun): Outward behavior or bearing.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice



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1. Where does the film

- Option: New York City
- Option: Los Angeles, California
- Option: Clarksdale, Mississippi
- Option: Chicago, Illinois

2. Who are the main characters in

- Option: Smith and Stacey
- Option: Smoke and Stack
- Option: Ryan and Michael
- Option: Jake and Emily

3. Which actor plays the Smokestack twins in

- Option: Michael B. Jordan
- Option: Chadwick Boseman
- Option: Denzel Washington
- Option: Morgan Freeman

4. Who is the director of the film

- Option: Ryan Reynolds
- Option: Steven Spielberg
- Option: Martin Scorsese
- Option: Ryan Coogler

5. What themes are explored in

- Option: Comedy and Romance
- Option: Adventure and Science Fiction
- Option: Sin and Oppression
- Option: Action and Thriller

6. Which decade does the film

- Option: 1940s
- Option: 1950s
- Option: 1930s
- Option: 1960s

**True-False**



7. Michael B. Jordan plays a single character in
8. The vampires in
9. The film
10. Autumn Durald Arkapaw was the cinematographer for
11. The Smokestack twins served in World War II before returning home.
12. Music plays a significant role in the narrative of

### Gap-Fill

13. The Smokestack twins returned to their hometown after serving in World War \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Clarksdale, Mississippi 2. Smoke and Stack 3. Michael B. Jordan 4. Ryan Coogler  
5. Sin and Oppression 6. 1930s

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

**Gap-Fill:** 13. I

## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is a movie or book that follows and continues the story of a previous work?  
Option: a) Prequel  
Option: b) Epilogue  
Option: c) Sequel  
Option: d) Spin-off
2. Which term refers to a solemn utterance intended to invoke a supernatural power to inflict harm or punishment on someone or something?  
Option: a) Blessing  
Option: b) Hex



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Option: c) Enchantment

Option: d) Curse

3. What is the process of two or more people or organizations working together to complete a task or achieve a goal?

Option: a) Solo

Option: b) Coalition

Option: c) Collaboration

Option: d) Standoff

4. Which term describes a person who sings with their voice as a profession or hobby?

Option: a) Lyricist

Option: b) Vocalist

Option: c) Virtuoso

Option: d) Soprano

5. What is the process of capturing moving images on a camera to create a motion picture?

Option: a) Scripting

Option: b) Editing

Option: c) Filming

Option: d) Directing

6. What term refers to a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something?

Option: a) Coercion

Option: b) Obstacle

Option: c) Hurdle

Option: d) Opportunity

7. What is something handed down from a predecessor or from the past such as a tradition or achievement?

Option: a) Heritage

Option: b) Descendant

Option: c) Legacy

Option: d) Testament

8. Which term signifies the ability to act independently without external control?

Option: a) Obedience

Option: b) Hierarchy

Option: c) Autonomy

Option: d) Subordination

9. What is a figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action to which it is not literally applicable?

Option: a) Simile



- Option: b) Analogy  
Option: c) Metaphor  
Option: d) Alliteration

10. Which term describes outward behavior or bearing especially as it reflects a feeling or mood?

- Option: a) Attire  
Option: b) Mannerism  
Option: c) Demeanor  
Option: d) Gesture

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

11. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a series of words that has magical powers.
12. The project is \_\_\_\_\_ well and we expect to meet the deadline.
13. The film was \_\_\_\_\_ by an experienced production team.
14. Winning the championship was a great \_\_\_\_\_ for the team.
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ ceremony welcomed the new members into the club.
16. The scientist made a \_\_\_\_\_ discovery that could change the field of medicine.
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the movie premiere was palpable amongst the fans.
18. His \_\_\_\_\_ as an actor allows him to excel in both comedic and dramatic roles.
19. The prestigious award was a well-deserved \_\_\_\_\_ for her hard work.
20. The founder left behind a lasting \_\_\_\_\_ that continues to inspire future generations.
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the novel into a successful film brought the story to a wider audience.

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

22. The invention of the light bulb by Thomas Edison was a breakthrough in technology.
23. The movie released a thrilling to build excitement for its upcoming trailer release.
24. Graduating from college was a major in her educational journey.



25. The about the new product launch led to various rumors in the market.
26. The tyrannical ruler's of his people sparked a rebellion.
27. The abandoned house had a appearance sending shivers down the spines of those who passed by.
28. The film received critical acclaim for its breathtaking and visual storytelling.
29. Her vibrant shone through in her interactions with everyone she met.
30. The news was finally by the official spokesperson of the company.
31. The warlord's reign of caused suffering and hardship for the villagers.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. c) Sequel 2. d) Curse 3. c) Collaboration 4. b) Vocalist 5. c) Filming 6. d) Opportunity  
7. c) Legacy 8. c) Autonomy 9. c) Metaphor 10. c) Demeanor

**Gap-Fill:** 11. spell 12. progressing 13. produced 14. accomplishment 15. induction 16. remarkable  
17. anticipation 18. versatility 19. accolade 20. legacy 21. adaptation

**Matching sentence:** 1. Significant 2. Teaser 3. Milestone 4. Speculations 5. Oppression 6. Sinister  
7. Cinematography 8. Personality 9. Confirmed 10. Oppression

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