

THE FORCE AWAKENS PREVIEW



**“It’s true. All of it. The Dark Side.
The Jedi. They’re real.”**

— Han Solo, in the final trailer for “Star Wars: Episode VII – The Force Awakens,” released Oct. 19, 2015

and Michael Arndt, who penned “Toy Story 3” and “Inside Out,” also were brought on to co-write the screenplay. John Williams, who scored all six previous franchise films and won an Oscar for 1977’s “Star Wars,” again will be composing the music.

THE STORY

What do we know about the new film – other than, you know, The Force awakening? Not a whole lot, it turns out. It’s set about 30 years after the events of “Return of the Jedi” and will feature both new and old characters. But the series of three teaser trailers released in the past year have given viewers a bit of insight into the characters, conflicts and story to come.

TEASER TRAILER 1: RELEASED NOV. 28, 2014

The teaser begins with a voice-over.
There’s been an awakening. Have you felt it.

Then, viewers are introduced to a slew of new characters in quick succession: Finn (John Boyega) appears in a desert, panicked, wearing a Stormtrooper suit. New droid BB-8 beeps and rolls quickly across the screen. Rapid

flashes show a platoon of new First Order Stormtroopers. Rey (Daisy Ridley) mounts her speeder and cranks the throttle. Poe Dameron (Oscar Isaac) leads a fleet of Resistance X-wing fighters.

The Dark Side ...

Kylo Ren (Adam Driver) walks through a forest in the nighttime and draws his tri-blade lightsaber

... and the Light.

Finally, the Millennium Falcon, Han Solo and Chewbacca’s famed ship, flies on screen and blazes past two attacking TIE fighters as the “Star Wars” theme kicks in. Cut to “Star Wars” title screen.

TEASER TRAILER 2: RELEASED APRIL 16, 2015

The trailer opens with a speeder – presumably Rey’s – zooming across the landscape of desert planet Jakku as the screen pans to reveal both a crashed Resistance X-wing fighter and a downed Star Destroyer ship halfway buried in the sand. Next, a voice-over from Luke Skywalker:

The Force is strong in my family. My father has it.

Cut to Darth Vader’s melted helmet.
I have it.

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