

# Galactic History Lesson

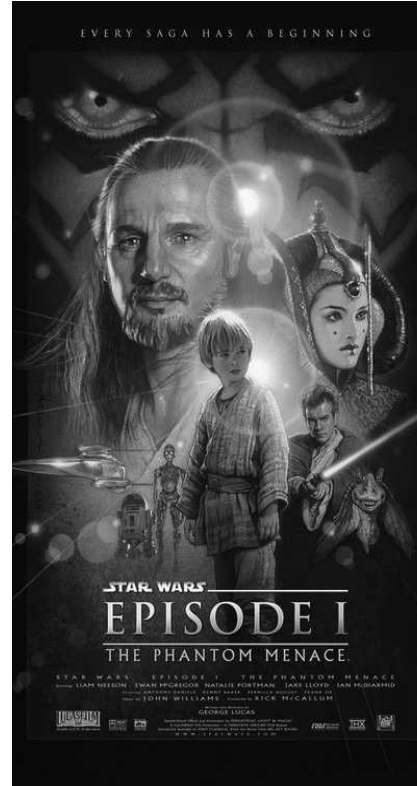
Before the Last Jedi Arrives, Check in With the Series So Far ....



## Return of the Jedi

Released: 1983  
 Director: Richard Marquand  
 Writers: George Lucas and Lawrence Kasdan

Leia leads a risky operation to free Han from the clutches of slug-like gangster Jabba the Hutt. With the heroes reunited, the Rebel learns of a chance to destroy the Empire once and for all when the Emperor himself travels to the construction site of a second, more powerful Death Star. Han and Leia work together to aid the assault, while Luke finds himself face-to-face with the Force-wielding Emperor. During the climactic confrontation, Darth Vader chooses his son Luke over his loyalty to the Empire and helps to bring about the evil Empire's destruction.



## Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace

Released: 1999  
 Director: George Lucas  
 Writer: George Lucas

Set thirty years before the original "Star Wars," the prequel saga begins when Jedi master Qui-Gon Jinn and his apprentice Obi-Wan Kenobi rescue Queen Amidala of Naboo when her planet is invaded by the evil Trade Federation. Along the way, the Jedi knights discover Anakin Skywalker, a 9-year-old slave unusually strong in the Force. After the boy wins his freedom in a lightning-fast pod race, the heroes find themselves confronted by the Sith, the ancient enemy of the Jedi Order. After Obi-Wan defeats Darth Maul in a thrilling light-saber battle that claims Qui-Gon's life, Jedi master Yoda senses that there is something troubling about young Anakin's future.

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