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Sources: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Argo_%282012_film%29
                 http://argothemovie.warnerbros.com/#about

◼ TRAILER AND POSTER

POSTER

1. SIX WORDS: Look at the poster and write down six words (more if you like) that you think of as you look at it. Share the words with your partner(s). Why did you choose them?

> You can find posters for this movie at www.wikipedia.com or www.imbd.com - just type the name of the movie in the search field.

2. STORY: Talk about what you think the story of the movie is – the start, beginning, end, etc. Change partners and share stories.

3. CREDITS: Look at the credits on the poster (the actors, director, producer…) and talk about them with your partner(s).

4. MUST-SEE: Talk with your partner(s) about whether the poster and movie title are good and make you want to see the movie.

5. STARRING YOU: Imagine you are one of the stars of the movie. Talk about your role with your movie star partner(s).

TRAILER

1. RETELL: Watch the trailer and retell what you saw to your partner(s).

> The official trailer: http://youtu.be/T29kIOXpj6o

2. CHUNKS: Watch 10-to-15 second chunks of the trailer and retell what you saw to your partner(s).

3. QUIZ: Watch the trailer and write down some quiz questions for your partner(s). Watch a second time to find the answers to the questions.

4. VOCABULARY: Make a note of words in the trailer that you see or hear. Talk about them with your partner(s).

5. GOOD / BAD: Watch the trailer and write down why you think the film might be good or bad. Share your ideas with your partner(s).

🎞 MATCHING

SYNONYM MATCH

1.	article	a.	admired
2	rescue	b.	parts
3.	incredible	c.	nerve-wracking
4.	roles	d.	set free
5.	numerous	e.	graphic
6.	acclaimed	f.	many
7.	tense	g.	report
8.	vivid	h.	disinformation
9.	nominated	i.	unbelievable
10.	propaganda	j.	recommended

PHRASE MATCH

1.	the dramatization is adapted	a.	out of the country
2	the 1979 Iran hostage	b.	seven Academy Awards
3.	get the six Americans safely	c.	reviews
4.	…in supporting	d.	crisis
5.	*Argo* received	e.	attack against our nation
6.	positive	f.	comic
7.	exciting and often darkly	g.	widespread acclaim
8.	vivid attention	h.	from the book
9.	nominated for	i.	roles
10.	a propaganda	j.	to detail

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CORRECT THE SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1.   The dramatization is <u>daapedt</u> from the book

2.   led the <u>uerces</u> of six U.S. diplomats

3.   the 1979 Iran <u>aghsteo</u> crisis

4.   A plan so <u>nirbcileed</u>

5.   …in <u>rotgsupnip</u> roles

6.   received <u>mnrsuuoe</u> awards

Paragraph 2

7.   *Argo* was widely <u>cmlceaaid</u>

8.   a <u>cioitshalr</u> event

9.   finely wrought <u>etsacrrahc</u>

10.   <u>innemtado</u> for seven Academy Awards

11.   A group of Iranian cultural <u>csfoifial</u>

12.   our nation and entire <u>nuaimthy</u>

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🎞 INSERT THE VOWELS (a,e,i,o,u)

_rg_ _s _ 2012 h_st_r_c_l dr_m_ thr_ll_r f_lm d_r_ct_d by b_n _ffl_ck th_ dr_m_t_z_t__n _s _d_pt_d fr_m th_ b__k 'th_ m_st_r _f d_sg__s_' by c__ _p_r_t_v_ t_ny m_nd_z _nd j_sh__h b_rm_n's 2007 "w_r_d" _rt_cl_ "Th_ Gr__t _sc_p_". M_nd_z l_d th_ r_sc__ _f s_x _s d_pl_m_ts fr_m t_hr_n _r_n d_r_ng th_ 1979 _r_n h_st_g_ cr_s_s w_rn_r br_s s__d m_nd_z h_d "t_ c_m_ _p w_th _ pl_n t_ g_t th_ s_x _m_r_c_ns s_f_ly __t _f th_ c__ntry _ pl_n s_ _ncr_d_bl_ _t c__ld _nly h_pp_n _n th_ m_v__s" th_ f_lm st_rs _ffl_ck _s m_nd_z w_th bry_n cr_nst_n _l_n _rk_n _nd j_hn g__dm_n _n s_pp_rt_ng r_l_s _p_n _ts r_l__s_ _rg_ r_c__v_d w_d_spr__d _ccl__m _nd _ls_ r_c__v_d n_m_r__s _w_rds

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rehumanity".

🎞 DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

<u>STUDENT A's QUESTIONS</u> (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

🎞 DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

<u>STUDENT B's QUESTIONS</u> (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

ARGO SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about Argo in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

🎞 WRITING

Write your own movie review. Show your partner your letter. Correct each other's work.

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▮ HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about "Argo". Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about "Argo". What are (did) critics and moviegoers saying (say) about it? How good were the actors' performances? What was good and bad about the movie? Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. "ARGO" POSTER: Make a poster about "Argo". Make sure you put tag lines, audience and critics' reviews, why people should see it, etc. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY PREQUEL / SEQUEL: Make your own prequel or sequel for "Argo". Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback.

6. CHARACTER STORY: Choose one of the characters from the movie. Imagine you are that character. Write your story about what you did in the movie. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback.

7. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, Twitter stream, or any other social media tool to get opinions on "Argo". Share your findings with the class.

◨ ANSWERS

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Please check for yourself by looking at the movie review on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)

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