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THE LISTENING / READING SCRIPT

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Despite a lukewarm box office reception, it initially did not recoup its budget. The movie was made at a cost of \$25 million. It was re-released in 1995 during the Oscar season, and made an additional \$9 million. Overall, it has made \$28.3 million in theatres in the USA. It has since made more money in DVD sales. In March 2011, the film was voted by BBC Radio listeners as their favorite film of all time. It also tops the list of the Internet Movie Database.com's (IMDb.com) top 250 films of all time. The movie was nominated for seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Cinematography. Unfortunately, it failed to win a single Oscar.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Shawshank_Redemption





TRAILER AND POSTER

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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).

You can watch a trailer at <http://www.youtube.com>

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

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SYNONYM MATCH

- | | |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. adapted | a. was unsuccessful |
| 2. book | b. guiltlessness |
| 3. claims | c. get back |
| 4. innocence | d. reworked |
| 5. operation | e. indifferent |
| 6. lukewarm | f. undertaking |
| 7. recoup | g. novel |
| 8. of all time | h. put forward |
| 9. nominated | i. ever |
| 10. failed | j. assertions |

PHRASE MATCH

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. It was adapted from | a. of innocence |
| 2. ...for the murder of his wife | b. laundering operation |
| 3. despite his claims | c. for 7 Academy Awards |
| 4. money | d. the Stephen King book |
| 5. "Red" spends | e. box office reception |
| 6. a lukewarm | f. to win a single Oscar |
| 7. it initially did not recoup | g. forty years in jail |
| 8. It was re-released | h. and her lover |
| 9. The movie was nominated | i. in 1995 |
| 10. it failed | j. its budget |





LISTENING / READING GAP FILL

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The Shawshank Redemption is a 1994 American drama film (1) _____ by Frank Darabont and starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. It was (2) _____ Stephen King book *Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption*. The (3) _____ Andy Dufresne, a banker who spends nearly two decades in Shawshank State Prison for the murder of his wife and her lover (4) _____ innocence. During his time at the prison, he befriends a fellow inmate, Ellis Boyd "Red" Redding, and finds himself protected by the guards after the warden begins using him in his money laundering operation. (5) _____ beach in Mexico after "Red" spends forty years in jail.

Despite (6) _____ office reception, it initially did not recoup its budget. The movie was made at a cost of \$25 million. It was re-released in 1995 (7) _____, and made an additional \$9 million. Overall, it has made \$28.3 million in theatres in the USA. It has (8) _____ in DVD sales. In March 2011, the film was voted by BBC Radio listeners as their favorite film of all time. (9) _____ the Internet Movie Database.com's (IMDb.com) top 250 films of all time. The movie was nominated for seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Cinematography. Unfortunately, (10) _____ Oscar.





CORRECT THE SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. written and derdceit
2. dapeadt from the Stephen King book
3. the mrrued of his wife
4. his claims of connceine
5. dtcetpore by the guards
6. money elguranidn operation

Paragraph 2

7. a lukewarm box office necrpteoi
8. pecuor its budget
9. It was re-seerelda in 1995
10. BBC Radio essIntire
11. andnmtieo for seven Academy Awards
12. Best Adapted ceeaSprlyn





PUNCTUATE & PUT CAPITALS IN THE TEXT

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despite a lukewarm box office reception it initially did not recoup its budget the movie was made at a cost of \$25 million it was re-released in 1995 during the oscar season and made an additional \$9 million overall it has made \$283 million in theatres in the usa it has since made more money in dvd sales in march 2011 the film was voted by bbc radio listeners as their favorite film of all time it also tops the list of the internet movie databasecom's (imdbcom) top 250 films of all time the movie was nominated for seven academy awards including best picture best actor best adapted screenplay and best cinematography unfortunately it failed to win a single oscar





INSERT THE VOWELS (a,e,i,o,u)

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Th_ Sh_wsh_nk R_d_mpt__n _s _ 1994 _m_r_c_n dr_m_ f_lm wr_tt_n _nd d_r_ct_d by Fr_nk D_r_b_nt _nd st_rr_ng T_m R_bb_ns _nd M_rgn Fr__m_n. _t w_s _d_pt_d fr_m th_ St_ph_n K_ng b__k R_t_ H_yw_rth _nd Sh_wsh_nk R_d_mpt__n. Th_ f_lm t_lls th_ st_ry _f _ndy D_fr_sn_, _ b_nk_r wh_ sp_nds n__rly tw_ d_c_d_s _n Sh_wsh_nk St_t_ Pr_s_n f_r th_ m_rdr _f h_s w_f_ _nd h_r l_v_r d_sp_t_ h_s cl__ms _f _nn_c_nc_. D_rng h_s t_m_ _t th_ pr_s_n, h_ b_fr__nds _f_ll_w _nm_t_, _ll_s B_yd "R_d" R_dd_ng, _nd f_nds h_ms_lf pr_t_ct_d by th_ g__rds _ft_r th_ w_rdn b_g_ns _sng h_m _n h_s m_n_y l__nd_rng _p_r_t__n. Th_ st_ry _nds _n _b__ch _n M_x_c_ _ft_r "R_d" sp_nds f_rty y__rs _n j__l.

D_sp_t_ _ l_k_w_rm b_x _ff_c_ r_c_pt__n, _t _n_t__lly d_d_n_t r_c__p_ts b_dg_t. Th_ m_v__ w_s m_d__t _c_st _f \$25 m_ll__n. _t w_s r_r_l__s_d _n 1995 d_rng th_ _scr_s__s_n, _nd m_d__n _dd_t__n_l \$9 m_ll__n. _v_rll, _t h_s m_d_ \$28.3 m_ll__n _n th__tr_s _n th_ _S_. _t h_s s_nc_ m_d_ m_r_m_n_y _n DVD s_l_s. _n M_rch 2011, th_ f_lm w_s v_t_d by BBC R_d__l_st_n_rs _s th__r f_v_r_t_ f_lm _f __ll t_m_. _t _ls_ t_ps th_ l_st _f th_ _nt_rn_t M_v__ D_t_b_s_.c_m's (_Mdb.c_m) t_p 250 f_lms _f __ll t_m_. Th_ m_v__ w_s n_m_n_t_d f_r s_v_n _c_d_my _w_rds, _ncl_d_ng B_st P_ct_r_, B_st _ct_r, B_st _d_pt_d Scr__npl_y _nd B_st C_n_m_t_gr_ph_y. _nf_rt_n_t_ly, _t f__l_d t_w_n _s_ngl__scr.





MARK THE SPACES

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____





THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about The Shawshank Redemption 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.



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 "The Shawshank Redemption". Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about "The Shawshank Redemption". 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. "THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION" POSTER: Make a poster about "The Shawshank Redemption". 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 "The Shawshank Redemption". 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 "The Shawshank Redemption". Share your findings with the class.





ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH

- | | |
|----------------|---------------------|
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| 2. book | b. novel |
| 3. claims | c. assertions |
| 4. innocence | d. guiltlessness |
| 5. operation | e. undertaking |
| 6. lukewarm | f. indifferent |
| 7. recoup | g. get back |
| 8. of all time | h. ever |
| 9. nominated | i. put forward |
| 10. failed | j. was unsuccessful |

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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