

Star Wars  
I-III  
Fact,Myth,Legend?  
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On August of last year I authored a series of documents about the current plans for the next series of Star Wars films, to my surprise I found myself with over 100 messages within the next month regarding them. Edition 2 of my work updates all the information included within the original series of documents, and any of my previous documents should be disregarded. Due to the confusion over the plot summaries I did of a series of short stories outlining the next movies, I until edition 3 will be leaving them out.

During the height of Star Wars popularity in the early 80's there was a great demand for more adventures, yet after Return of The Jedi (originally titled and advertised as Revenge of the Jedi) Lucas tired of the work involved and needed rest from the hectic Star Wars followers. Which as we all know resulted in such classic collaborations as *Howard the Duck*. To follow is a somewhat brief, but hopefully enlightening summary of what is to come in 1997-2000.

Just like what I found.....

Star Wars as we all know takes place thousands possibly millions of years ago, what the general public does not know however is that George Lucas planned the Star Wars of 1977, The Empire Strikes Back of 1980, and the Return of the Jedi of 1983 as the 4th, 5th, and 6th films in the saga of the Skywalker clan. The next three films however will be prequels (a prequel is a sequel that takes place before the movie it comes after, an example would be Indiana Jones & The Temple of Doom which was a prequel of The Raiders of the Lost Ark) taking place twenty years prior to the events of Star Wars. To follow are the likely characters that have been noted to return in the next three films.

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Anakin Skywalker: Known to most as Darth Vader Dark Lord of the Sith, the next films will show his pre-defeat days in his adventures with Obi Wan Kenobi, since

becoming the imperious dark lord. He fought alongside General Kenobi in the clone wars and was claimed to be the best starfighter in the galaxy.

Obi-Wan Kenobi: General during the clone wars, will be half of the two main protagonists in the first new Star Wars films. By the end of the next three movies he will have destroyed Anakin Skywalker.

R2D2 & C3P0: Wildcards as to this moment, Lucas has stated that they will be the only returning characters (Besides a young Kenobi and young A. Skywalker) from the original 3 films. The only way they could be used directly is to have their memory wiped out prior to General Kenobi's ownership of them.

Bobba Fett: A real wildcard, while Lucas did hint of his active participation in the clone wars, since the release of the piece of fan fiction non-cannon (unauthorized) Fall of the Republic, he may be forsaken all together.

Bail Organa: Leia's adoptive father, expect to see him as he was quite essential to the formation of the New Republic. Same of Mon Mothma who first appeared in the first Star Wars film.

Grand Moff Tarkin: Expect to see him prior to his Grand Moff status in one of the many rather bloody and deceptive power struggles in the Empire.

Senator Palpatine: Better known as the Emperor who led the Republic into disarray by using an almost Hitler-like practices of racial discrimination, and fear. Hunted down the Jedi...

Yoda: Hmm, should be in the next three films, however with the death of Jim Henson (Yes Frank Oz did his voice) and the turmoil still existing in the new Henson productions, Lucas may opt for a new company or even forgoe the use of Yoda all together.

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Sir, we picked up Grand Admiral Mr. Rogers on the planet farthest from...

### Basic Story Summary

As hinted by dialogue in the first three movies, the main conflicts prior to the events of Star Wars are the Clone Wars (more on that later..) and the downfall of the republic. Expect a much darker Star Wars series when the first of the next three movies debuts in 1997 which will be aiming for a more the likely PG-13 rating after the many changes in the existing outlines for the next three films.

In the first film we are likely to see the majestic Republic crumbling under the power hungry advances of Senator Palpatine and the Empire, under the reign of an unknown leader the Empire has grown large enough so that the reign of the Republic has been turned to the Imperial's puppet. Young men, Anakin Skywalker and Obi-wan Kenobi have formed into adventurers looking for challenges in

the farthest reaches of the galaxy. The clone wars will play a major part in the adventures of these young men as they join up with denizens of the remote stretches of the Galaxy to join the cause against legions of clone warriors, (If Lucas does indeed change the timeline they may have already fought in the clone wars), all while Kenobi and Skywalker learn the mysteries of the force, which will bring the downfall of Skywalker in the end. The next sequels will deal with Palpatine's accession to the head of the Empire, the rise of Tarkin, the fall of the Republic, and the death of Skywalker and the "birth" of Vader. This comes from various sources and is a compilation of the information gathered to date, however Lucas has been known to change his mind (sometimes radically) and may change some of the "future-past" events of the Star Wars prequels.

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A Jedi are you? Ha! Just the facts mam!

After over a year of studying and researching through voluminous material on Star Wars (Some of it going back to the big George Lucas's debut feature film THX-1138). I have found many inconsistencies in previous accounts of the Star Wars past, some were simply factual errors, and some outright lies about the next three Star Wars movies i.e. Fall of the Republic (a nice piece of fiction, but unfortunately not what the new Star Wars will be focused on. Also there is a wealth of edited material from the first 3 films that has yet to be released to the general public. Also, remember that 1997 is a galaxy far, far, far away so I wouldn't be surprised if some of the ideas Lucas has today change when the filming begins. Here is a list of oft-stated "facts" about the history of the Star Wars galaxy (prequel wise)

1. The next three movies will deal with the adventures of Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan "Ben" Kenobi...
2. Both Skywalker and Kenobi fought in the clone wars.....
3. The Empire & the ways of the force have existed for 1000's of years prior to the events of the first Star Wars films.
4. Darth Vader and the Emperor hunted down the Jedi knights..... and shortly after both Luke & Leia were born to Anakin, their mother died at the hands of the Empire (and perhaps Anakin himself).
5. While Lord Vader had incredible power and influence when he joined the Emperor, he was far below the top rungs of power (I.e. he held a position slightly lower than a Grand Moff or Grand Admiral).

6. The Clone Wars themselves were not between the Republic & the Empire, but between the republic and a yet undisclosed source of evil, these wars lasted at least 20 years and devastated much of the Star Wars galaxy. In these wars on both sides and by the smuggler grey-area by the likes of Jabba. Humanoid races were cloned in cylinder-like canisters, and usually were based on an controlled 20-30 man genotype on each side (anymore would make it hard to keep track of, and so strike forces were built out of 3-5 of these genotypes perhaps more or less if the need arose to attack the enemy). It is not verified that clone cylinders were able to clone non-humanoid subjects, and were run by master technicians called Clonemasters.

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### Star Wars XXII and other assorted frauds

Believe it or not there is an abundance of false information out there (the work of imperial stormtroopers no doubt!). Here is a list of the bigger goofs I have jumped to lightspeed over.

Statement: George Lucas hasnt even started writing the next Star Wars movies!  
Truth:Wrong, from the begining he outlined and planned out 6 Star Wars films, soon after the sucess of the original Star Wars he added the possibilty of 3 more (which would be 7-9)

Statement: The Timothy Zahn trilogy will be the next set of Star Wars movies.  
Truth: Nope, not a chance. While talk still persists of a series of tv-movies based on the books, no real development has ocured, and anything mentioned in the Zahn books have no effect on the Star Wars universe as far as films go.

Statement: Star Wars will be released in prior to 1997  
Truth: Most likely untrue, Lucas Digital (the new name for Lucasfilm) will be and has been working on developing quite a few other projects, which include

Lucas's next film Red Tails (a drama about the first all black WWII fighter squadron), special effects work for among others Star Trek The Next Generation The Movie in 1994 and as recently as Jurassic Park have allowed Lucas very little time for other projects (while rumor persists of a 4th Indiana Jones film). As recently as Feb. Lucas states that the next film will come out no sooner then Memorial Day 1997.

Statement: The entire cast will return for the next Star Wars films  
Truth: Highly unlikely, with Ford in his mid 50's, Cushing in his 80's, Guinness in his 70's, Fisher & Hamill in their 40's a heck of alot of makeup would be needed, plus the fact Ford doesnt really want to reprise his role. In a chat with Fisher she

had said that hasnt been contacted as of yet.

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This Concludes the test of the Jedi Training System.....

In about a week I will release an expanded edition of this to be added along with this document until then...May the force be with You!

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