



GCE AS/A level

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FILM STUDIES – FM2
British and American Film

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2½ hours

RESOURCE MATERIAL FOR USE WITH SECTION A

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Resource Material: Part A

Study the items in **Part A** of the resource material for use with **Section A, Question 1**.

Item 1: Oscar Winners 2012 – Meryl Streep (*The Iron Lady*) and the film *Hugo*

Meryl Streep won the best actress award at the 2012 Oscars for her performance in the UK/French film *The Iron Lady*. The Oscar was presented by Colin Firth, who won best actor in 2011 for the UK film, *The King's Speech*.



The US film *Hugo*, directed by Martin Scorsese, won five Oscars despite having no star in its leading role.



- adapted from Hellomagazine.com

Item 2: Blog reporting on Will Smith

Stars are the name of the game

Blog by Bill Simmons (29 June, 2011)

Hollywood makes too many movies and doesn't have nearly enough stars to go round. Their solution is to 'create' stars. In my opinion, Will Smith is the world's only true movie star because every one of his movies makes lots of money. If you fund a Will Smith movie, you're guaranteed a \$150 million worldwide gross ... minimum.

Will Smith seems to agree: 'Movie stars are made by box office earnings. The studio needs you to go around the world and get profit.'



Publicity shots for Will Smith's latest movie, *After Earth*



- adapted from www.grantland.com

Resource Material: Part B

Study the items in **Part B** of the resource material for use with **Section A, Question 2**.

Item 1: Star ratings from *Empire* film magazine's website

How <i>Empire's</i> ratings compare with the first month's US Box Office 'ratings'	
<i>Empire's</i> ratings	US Box Office 'ratings'
 The Kid With A Bike (2012) ★★★★★ Film with a heart	<i>\$0.5 million</i>
 Act Of Valour (2012) ★★★★★ Gung-no	<i>\$69 million</i>
 The Hunger Games (2012) ★★★★★ It's The Running Man meets Skins...	<i>\$313 million</i>
 The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (2011) ★★★★★ Ding! Dong! The Bella's going to chime!	<i>\$269 million</i>

Item 2: User reviews on *Breaking Dawn* posted on *Twilight* fans' website, *Twilight Lexicon*



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“...the brightest star in the Twilight online universe...”
- Stephenie Meyer

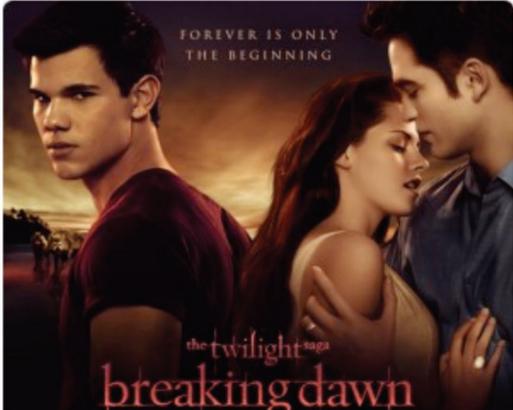


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Lexicon's Spoiler Free Review of *Breaking Dawn: Part 1*

NOVEMBER 10, 2011 BY TWILIGHT_NEWS • 55 COMMENTS



As I sat down to write a review of *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1*, I honestly had difficulty considering where to begin. Should the review open with a comment about the **love scenes** that are getting so much hype? Should it focus on how much each of the **characters** change in this film, which also is getting attention in the press? Or should I begin with the various **performances**? To tell the truth, the best compliment I can pay for this film is that it is the **best book to screen adaptation** from this series so far. The film was in the hands of a brilliant director!

Comments

Fiona Cullen says:
November 11, 2011 at 3:50 am

I have been counting down for *Breaking Dawn* for over 500 days. I have had my tickets pre ordered for over 3 months. I have been the biggest *Twilight* fan for over 4 years. I am watching *Breaking Dawn Part 1* at midnight on Thursday the 17th of November. Nothing else matters.

Greg says:
November 11, 2011 at 5:18 pm

Really bad reviews in both *Variety* and *Hollywood Reporter*. Poor pacing is really an issue, it seems. And Bill Condon was a poor choice of director, which I feared.

rhiannon says:
November 11, 2011 at 6:47 pm

when have critics EVER been kind to a twilight film??? they dont like the franchise!! and i am sick of all the negativity before the movie even comes out!!!

Lulu says:
November 11, 2011 at 9:57 pm

These are the reviews that matter. From the expert fans. It's greatly appreciated!

adapted from www.twilightlexicon.com