

# THE STAR WARS ANAGRAMS

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With the return to theaters of "Star Wars, Episode I: The Phantom Menace", I got to thinking about the meaning of the film. Critics like to talk about how George Lucas draws on the work of Joseph Campbell, whether the Force is God, and so on. But it turns out the meanings run much deeper. Here are various topical collections of anagrams constructed from these 32 letters.

## Top Ten CINEMATIC Anagrams:

- 10 Sweetish drama: poet, thespian, romance
- 9 And whose metaphor isn't a masterpiece?
- 8 Aesthete swept in epic drama: Rashomon
- 7 Swedish cinema, anathema to "proper" set
- 6 Cinema as metaphor: who isn't desperate?
- 5 Eastwood: "I threaten perp, smash cinema"
- 4 DeNiro: "Mean Streets" was macho epitaph
- 3 Western cinema: the drama! pathos! poise!
- 2 The essence: adapt a timeworn aphorism
- 1 Rashomon epic: a witness met rape, death

## Top Ten CRITIC'S POSITIVE Anagrams:

- 10 Don't hiss...a metaphor, a new masterpiece
- 9 Dominant masterpiece: we share pathos
- 8 Mandate praise: shown hot masterpiece
- 7 Oh, a new masterpiece! thespian stardom!
- 6 Showman is adept: another masterpiece
- 5 Now praise that handsome masterpiece
- 4 Portents show: I made a masterpiece, Han!
- 3 Thespian was hot: a modern masterpiece
- 2 Repeat smash with adept Oscar nominee
- 1 Ripe drama! sweet pathos! honest cinema!

## Top Ten CRITIC'S NEGATIVE Anagrams:

- 10 Somewhat poetic sneer: "Drama? Thespian?"
- 9 What repeat Oscar nominee? tepid smash
- 8 He means: adapt cheap, timeworn stories
- 7 Showpiece drama: same rotten thespian
- 6 Metaphor doesn't wash in a masterpiece
- 5 Drama somewhat "epic"? thespian to sneer
- 4 Masterpiece? instead, shown a metaphor



- 3 Mean, cheap, he adapts timeworn stories
- 2 A theme, a tempo, not a "Cries and Whispers"
- 1 Emphasis: a masterpiece? rotten, and how!

#### Top Ten SCIENCE FICTION Anagrams:

- 10 Martian: "We'd respect, hate homo sapiens"
- 9 Happenstance is remote asteroid--wham!
- 8 Somewhat ardent hope: Martian species?
- 7 Earthmen swear to dominate spaceship
- 6 Martian decree: "Homo sapiens? What pets!"
- 5 Escape asteroid with smart phenomena
- 4 Earthmen eradicate snappish twosome
- 3 Homo sapiens met sapient hardware, etc.
- 2 Martian species, somewhat death-prone
- 1 Sentient space-hemorrhoid ate a swamp

#### Top Ten STAR WARS Anagrams:

- 10 Einstein's memo: we approach Death Star
- 9 Nine episodes? What, me, a Mr. Catastrophe?
- 8 Empire Death Star weapon: Macintosh SE?
- 7 Worse epic: Death Star on amphetamines
- 6 Someone panics. "What Empire Death Star?"
- 5 Star wars, Episode One: cheap MIT anthem
- 4 Misshapen mice now operate Death Star
- 3 Media see hope: inane <http://starwars.com>
- 2 A new epic: Homer Simpson ate Death Star
- 1 Death Star: weapon? metaphoric nemesis?

#### Top Ten WEIRD Anagrams

- 10 Sweat, perspirations: a home-made stench
- 9 A chemist: "We eat Pert shampoo-and-rinse"
- 8 Demonstrate each passionate whimper
- 7 Who hasn't impersonated a masterpiece?
- 6 Homo sapiens: a pathetic Western dream
- 5 Meet sado-masochist partner. "Whee! Pain!"
- 4 Sheep escape Martha Stewart dominion
- 3 Wit, dross, amphetamines: peace on earth
- 2 We'd erase a pathetic h. sapiens: M. Morton
- 1 A dream tempts: caress a Winnie-the-Pooh

#### Top Ten POP CULTURE Anagrams:

- 10 American Pie: pathos, Don M.'s sweetheart
- 9 Madonna: sweatshirt. Pope: cashmere tie
- 8 Pimped to America's sweetheart, Hanson
- 7 Media newscast: "Teen hair? Pert Shampoo!"
- 6 Detest a heretic, a pawn, a Homer Simpson
- 5 Princess Diana: "What pathos! Meet o'er me"



- 4 Death Star opponent: Miss America! whee!
- 3 "I am somewhere in space"? That doesn't rap!
- 2 Ah woe! Ed McMahon, persistent parasite!
- 1 Hope: escape Martha Stewart dimension

#### Top Ten HISTORICAL FIGURE Anagrams:

- 10 Caesar, Eisenhower, Patton...amidst hemp?
- 9 Homer: "Archimedes wasn't a sapient poet"
- 8 Descartes: "I am this Promethean weapon"
- 7 Homer, Descartes, Tom Paine: "What a penis!"
- 6 Isaac Newton asserted "Ahem...I'm prophet"
- 5 Dante, Homer, Socrates: "Epitaph was mine"
- 4 Dramas: Caesar, Tempest, Winnie-the-Pooh?
- 3 Homer, Hippocrates mandate new siesta
- 2 Tom Paine: he posts American watershed
- 1 Isaac Newton: "Perhaps theorist made me"

#### Top Ten THOMAS EDISON Anagrams:

- 10 What? Thomas Edison's a mere apprentice?
- 9 Men watch Thomas A. Edison eat, perspire
- 8 Mr. Thomas Edison: a secret, a new epitaph
- 7 Thomas Edison: "Sweat, then prep America"
- 6 Thomas Edison patent was a mere cipher
- 5 Thomas Edison: "Watch me eat an' perspire"
- 4 We hasten: appreciate Mr. Thomas Edison
- 3 Paraphrase Thomas Edison: "New item, etc."
- 2 Mr. Thomas Edison's epitaph: "Create a new..."
- 1 Thomas Edison: "Ah, sweat, a prime percent"

#### Top Ten POLITICAL Anagrams:

- 10 One pastime: smash apathetic new order
- 9 Oh, American postwar emphasis: detente
- 8 I see MP smash new, apathetic NATO order
- 7 Emphasis enters the atomic era and..pow!
- 6 Hope I smash American postwar detente
- 5 Smash new, posh order, attain peacetime
- 4 Statesmen worship amid peace on earth
- 3 Ah, America's pastime...shopworn detente
- 2 China oppresses Taiwan--moderate them
- 1 I spawn peacetime: smash the NATO order!

#### Top Ten RELIGIOUS Anagrams:

- 10 He wants promise amidst peace on earth
- 9 America...we'd rant "Postpone the Messiah!"
- 8 Atheist: "Smear Pope, Madonna, wee Christ"
- 7 America Messiah (Protestant, we'd hope)
- 6 Weep to repeat: "Madonna, Christ, Messiah..."



- 5 Noah, Moses, Christ meditate, appear new
- 4 Esteem a wise Madonna, a prophet, Christ
- 3 Portent was dim: Messiah? Peace on Earth?
- 2 Heed a prosaic New Testament aphorism
- 1 Catastrophe, redemption, a new Messiah

#### Top Ten Anagrams FOR THE KANSAS SCHOOL BOARD:

- 10 Chant "See ape? Darwin promotes atheism!"
- 9 Theme to Darwin: ape-ancestor emphasis
- 8 Hippocrates, Moses, Darwin...the manatee?
- 7 Darwin? he promotes atheism, ape-ascent
- 6 Perhaps we sanction moderate atheism
- 5 Senate: "Darwin promotes cheap atheism!"
- 4 Darwin: "That secret: ape...homo sapiens...me"
- 3 Darwin: "The ant: a species metamorphose"
- 2 Darwin: "Ape ascent? Promote the Messiah!"
- 1 A neat speech: "Darwin promotes atheism"

#### Top Ten PEPSI Anagrams:

- 10 White-hot, secret Pepsi-NASA memoranda
- 9 Awesome, Mr! The rat in the Pepsi soda can
- 8 New sarcoma dominates the Earth: Pepsi
- 7 A merchant's woe: Pepsi dominates Earth
- 6 Hesitant? whoa! secret Pepsi memoranda
- 5 Sane, warm, PepsiCo dominates the Earth
- 4 Enhance a Pepsi taste: Mom or dishwater?
- 3 Man, PepsiCo dominates Earth's weather!
- 2 Pepsi? shame! contaminated horse-water!
- 1 Street show: homemade rat-in-a-Pepsi-can

#### Top Ten SHIT HAPPENS Anagrams:

- 10 A tiresome Democrat: "Shit happens anew"
- 9 Sacramento...a wide meteor...shit happens
- 8 Aware, I scream "Shit doesn't happen to me!"
- 7 A meteor? a comet? I'd answer "Shit happens"
- 6 Awesome creed to Martian: "Shit happens"
- 5 Comrade Mao: "New treatise: shit happens"
- 4 Adore a committee answer: "Shit happens"
- 3 Waste more, America--shit doesn't happen
- 2 Economist: "We made errata? Shit happens"
- 1 We met...a romance...asteroid...shit happens