

The tangled tale of the Terminator timelines

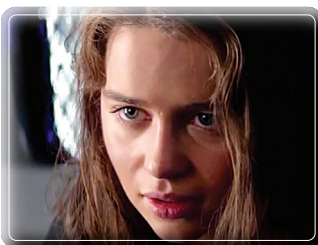
After a 12 year hiatus, **Arnold Schwarzenegger** is reprising his most famous role as The Terminator, in the latest iteration of the sci-fi blockbuster movie franchise, *Terminator Genisys*. The key to understanding the new movie's convoluted plot is to remind yourself of its predecessors

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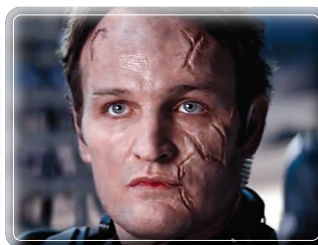
KEY CHARACTERS



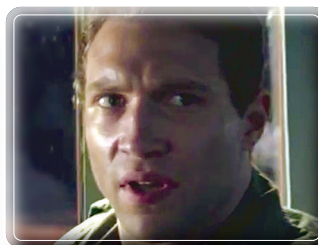
■ **Skynet:** Military artificial intelligence that sees humanity as threat. Triggers nuclear war and deploys **Terminator** robots to wipe out survivors



■ **Sarah Connor:** Mother of future human **Resistance**. Responsible for raising **John Connor** and educating him in ways of warfare



■ **John Connor:** Leader of Resistance. Skynet decides he is focal point of rebellion and his termination will nullify opposition



■ **Kyle Reese:** Sergeant in Resistance and close ally of John Connor. As result of *predestination paradox**, he is also John Connor's father



■ **T-800:** Model of Terminator, mass-produced by Skynet. Hyperalloy endoskeleton encased in living tissue – **Arnold Schwarzenegger**

HOW THE MOVIES FIT TOGETHER

