

Forty years ago in a galaxy far, far away...

Star Wars is celebrating 40 years since the release of the first movie in 1977. The hugely successful movie franchise has been rejuvenated since Disney purchased Lucasfilm for \$4bn in 2012, with sequels and spin-offs being released annually

BEFORE STAR WARS ...

Writer/director **George Lucas** (left), known for his work at University of Southern California, achieved fame with his 1973 movie, **American Graffiti**, leading Twentieth Century Fox to seek him out for its next project — **Star Wars**

AMERICAN GRAFFITI ...

Coming-of-age comedy/drama set in smalltown California in 1962. It cost **\$777,000** to make and drew **\$140m** at global box office — earning Lucas **\$7m** personal fortune and making him one of world's most sought after directors

INFLUENCES ...









Lucas acknowledges plot and characters from Japanese director **Akira Kurosawa's** 1958 movie **The Hidden Fortress** influenced him to tell story from viewpoint of droids **R2-D2** (right) and **C-3PO** (far right)

SPOILER WARNING!



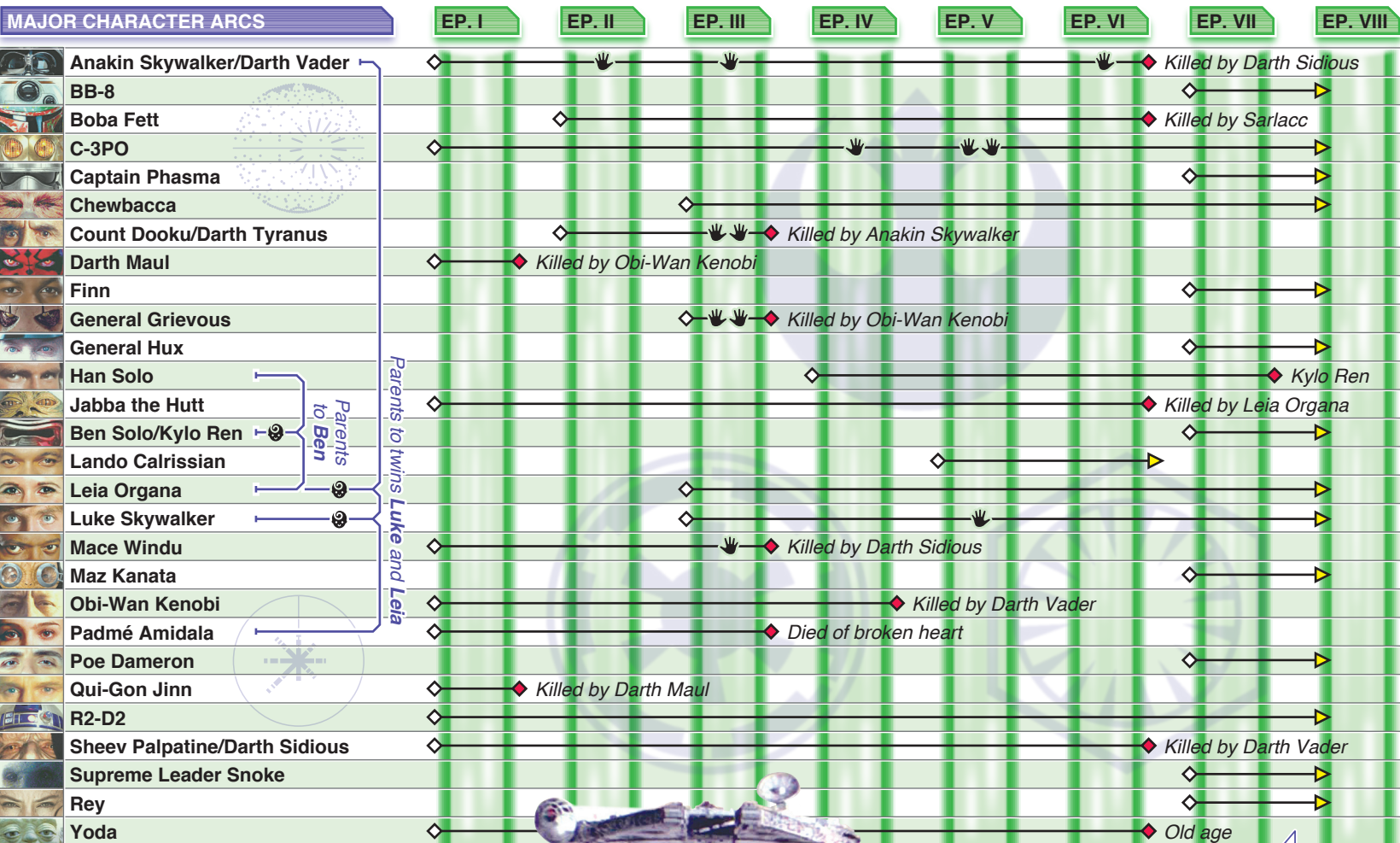
George Lucas addresses Star Wars Celebration in Orlando, Florida, 2017

STAR WARS SAGA ...

PREQUEL TRILOGY			ORIGINAL TRILOGY			DISNEY EXPANSION	
 <div>EP. I</div>	 <div>EP. II</div>	 <div>EP. III</div>	 <div>EP. IV</div>	 <div>EP. V</div>	 <div>EP. VI</div>	 <div>EP. VII</div>	 <div>EP. VIII</div>
The Phantom Menace (1999)	Attack of the Clones (2002)	Revenge of the Sith (2005)	A New Hope (1977)	The Empire Strikes Back (1980)	Return of the Jedi (1983)	The Force Awakens (2015)	The Last Jedi (Dec 15, 2017)
George Lucas	George Lucas	George Lucas	George Lucas	Irvin Kershner	Richard Marquand	J.J. Abrams	Rian Johnson
55%	65%	79%	93%	94%	80%	92%	Star Wars: Ep. IX (due 2019)
\$1,027,044,677	\$649,398,328	\$848,754,768	\$775,398,007	\$775,398,007	\$538,375,067	\$2,068,223,624	
Prequel trilogy total: \$2,525,197,773			Original trilogy total: \$2,089,171,081			Franchise total: \$6,703,539,935*	

STAR WARS ANTHOLOGY SERIES ... Stand-alone movies set in Star Wars universe but not part of main saga
Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (2016), **Untitled Han Solo movie** (filming, expected 2018), **Untitled Boba Fett movie** (pre-production, expected 2020)

The Star Wars universe is a rough place to hang out in, with a dozen high profile deaths and numerous amputations!



"She's the fastest hunk of junk in the galaxy!" Lando Calrissian (The Empire Strikes Back)

Millennium Falcon soars over moon Yavin 4



- ◇ Character first appears
- ▶ Last seen alive
- ◆ Dies (or killed by another character)
- ✋ Hand amputated
- ⊙ Child born