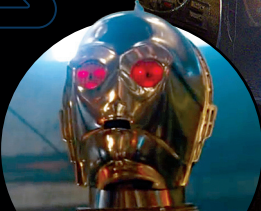


# Star Wars triple trilogy comes to a close

The final episode of Star Wars ends an epic nine-part space opera that began over 40 years ago, but can it live up to the hype or match the monumental box office haul of *The Force Awakens*?

## STAR WARS THE RISE OF SKYWALKER

Includes scenes aboard wreckage of *Death Star*, destroyed in *Return of the Jedi* (main image). Speculation is growing over why *C-3PO* (inset) has acquired red eyes...



Broken remains of *Darth Sidious'* throne

### DISNEY TRILOGY



**EPISODE IX:  
The Rise of Skywalker (2019)**  
**J.J. Abrams** returns to complete saga after poorer than expected returns (and divisive reviews) for *The Last Jedi*

Director: J.J. Abrams

Duration: 2 hours 35 minutes



**EPISODE VIII:  
The Last Jedi (2017)**

Budget: \$317m



Box office: \$1.3bn

Director: Rian Johnson

Duration: 2 hours 32 minutes



**EPISODE VII:  
The Force Awakens (2015)**

Budget: \$245m



Box office: \$2.1bn

Director: J.J. Abrams

Duration: 2 hours 18 minutes

### PREQUEL TRILOGY



**EPISODE III:  
Revenge of the Sith (2005)**

Budget: \$113m



Box office: \$850m

Director: George Lucas

Duration: 2 hours 20 minutes



**EPISODE II:  
Attack of the Clones (2002)**

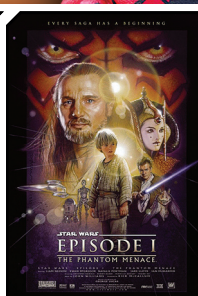
Budget: \$115m



Box office: \$649m

Director: George Lucas

Duration: 2 hours 22 minutes



**EPISODE I:  
The Phantom Menace (1999)**

Budget: \$115m



Box office: \$1bn

Director: George Lucas

Duration: 2 hours 16 minutes

### ORIGINAL TRILOGY



**EPISODE VI:  
Return of the Jedi (1983)**

Budget: \$33m



Box office: \$475m

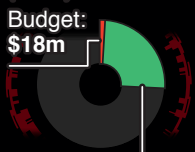
Director: Richard Marquand

Duration: 2 hours 11 minutes



**EPISODE V:  
The Empire Strikes Back (1980)**

Budget: \$18m



Box office: \$578m

Director: Irvin Kershner

Duration: 2 hours 4 minutes



**EPISODE IV:  
A New Hope (1977)**

Budget: \$11m



Box office: \$776m

Director: George Lucas

Duration: 2 hours 1 minute

Notes: Global cinema box office takings include re-releases. Figures not adjusted for inflation. Pie charts compare financials to those of *The Force Awakens* which has earned most at box office. Sources: Lucasfilm, Disney, IMDb Pro, Box Office Mojo, Digital Spy

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