

Movies & TV Trivia Cheatsheet

A handy reference guide packed with interesting trivia and facts about movies and television, perfect for quizzes, trivia nights, or just expanding your knowledge.



General Movie Trivia

Box Office Blockbusters

Highest Grossing Film (Unadjusted)	Avatar (2009) - \$2,923,706,026
Highest Grossing Film (Adjusted for Inflation)	Gone with the Wind (1939) - Estimated \$3.7 Billion
Fastest Film to \$1 Billion	Avengers: Endgame (2019) - 5 days
Most Expensive Film	Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (2011) - \$379 Million
Franchise with Highest Gross Revenue	Marvel Cinematic Universe - \$29.6 Billion

Academy Awards

Most Oscars Won by a Film	Ben-Hur (1959), Titanic (1997), The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) - 11 Oscars each
Most Oscar Nominations (Film)	All About Eve (1950), Titanic (1997), La La Land (2016) - 14 Nominations each
Actor with Most Oscar Wins	Katharine Hepburn - 4 wins
Director with Most Oscar Wins	John Ford - 4 wins
Longest Film to Win Best Picture	Gone With the Wind (1939) - 238 minutes

Behind the Scenes

The Wilhelm Scream is a famous stock sound effect used in countless movies, from <i>Star Wars</i> to <i>Indiana Jones</i> .	
Alfred Hitchcock made a cameo appearance in almost all of his films.	
The famous line "Here's looking at you, kid" from Casablanca was improvised by Humphrey Bogart.	
The original script for <i>Pulp Fiction</i> was over 500 pages long.	

Television Tidbits

TV Show Firsts

First Regularly Scheduled TV Broadcast	BBC (1936)
First Color TV Broadcast	Rose Parade (1954) - NBC
Longest Running Primetime TV Drama	Law & Order - 20 seasons
First Animated TV Show	Crusader Rabbit (1950)
First Sitcom	Mary Kay and Johnny (1947)

Popular TV Themes

The theme song for <i>Friends</i> , "I'll Be There for You" by The Rembrandts, reached number one on the Billboard Hot 100 Airplay chart in 1995.
The <i>Game of Thrones</i> theme song was composed by Ramin Djawadi.
The theme song for <i>The Fresh Prince</i> of <i>Bel-Air</i> was performed by Will Smith himself.
The opening theme for <i>The Simpsons</i> was composed by Danny Elfman.

Iconic TV Characters

Walter White	Breaking Bad
Homer Simpson	The Simpsons
Don Draper	Mad Men
Tyrion Lannister	Game of Thrones

Animated Movie Magic

Disney Milestones

First Full-Length Animated Feature	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (1937)
First Animated Film to Gross \$1 Billion	Toy Story 3 (2010)
Most Expensive Animated Movie	Tangled (2010) - \$260 Million
Animated Movie with Most Sequels	Mickey Mouse (Numerous shorts and films)

Pixar Prowess

Pixar's Luxo Jr. (1986) was the first CGI short film nominated for an Academy Award.
Every Pixar movie contains the Pizza Planet truck, a recurring Easter egg.
The character Boo from <i>Monsters, Inc.</i> was voiced by a child who was recorded while playing, rather than reading lines.
The Incredibles was originally conceived as a traditionally animated film before Pixar decided to tackle it with CGI.

Animation Techniques

Traditional Animation	Hand-drawn animation, like classic Disney films.
Stop-Motion Animation	Involves physically manipulating objects and photographing them one frame at a time (e.g., Wallace & Gromit).
CGI Animation	Computer-generated imagery (e.g., <i>Toy Story</i>).
Rotoscoping	Animators trace over motion picture footage, frame by frame (e.g., <i>Waking Life</i>).

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Cult Classics & Fan Favorites

Midnight Movies

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The Rocky Horror Picture Show is one of the most famous midnight movies, known for its interactive screenings.
Eraserhead directed by David Lynch, is a surrealist horror film that gained a cult following for its bizarre imagery.
<i>Pink Flamingos</i> by John Waters is another popular midnight movie notorious for its outrageous and transgressive content.

Sci-Fi Staples

Blade Runner (1982)	Directed by Ridley Scott, this dystopian sci-fi film is known for its visual style and philosophical themes.
Starship Troopers (1997)	Directed by Paul Verhoeven, this satirical military sci-fi film has garnered a cult following.
Gattaca (1997)	A biopunk science fiction film depicting a future society driven by eugenics.
Brazil (1985)	Directed by Terry Gilliam, Brazil is a dystopian black comedy science fiction film.

TV Show Comebacks

Arrested Development was revived by Netflix after its original cancellation, becoming a pioneer for TV show revivals.
Twin Peaks returned after more than 25 years with David Lynch directing all episodes of the revival.

Full House was brought back as Fuller House, featuring many of the original cast members.

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