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Level 2 – 11th January 2024

Prince's 'Purple Rain' movie to become a musical

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The movie "Purple Rain" will be made into a musical in New York. The film comes from the album of the same name, made by the artist Prince. He also starred in it. This should encourage people to see the musical. The producers of the new musical called it "legendary," and that it "took the world by storm". They added: "We can't think of a more fitting tribute to honour Prince and his legacy than with this stage adaptation of the beloved story....We can't wait for a new generation to discover 'Purple Rain' and...to experience its power."

"Purple Rain" the movie won an Oscar for Best Original Song Score. Critics think the film is one of the greatest musical films. The album spent 24 consecutive weeks at number one in the USA. It spent a total of 167 weeks on the music chart. The movie is about a singer and guitarist who wanted to be famous. It shows his complicated home life, his battles with his musical rivals, and a new romance. Prince died in 2016 from an overdose of painkillers. He sold over 100 million records worldwide. He is one of the best-selling music artists of all time.

Sources: <https://variety.com/2024/legit/news/prince-movie-purple-rain-stage-musical-branden-jacobs-jenkins-1235863878/>
<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2024/jan/08/prince-purple-rain-broadway-musical-branden-jacobs-jenkins>
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purple_Rain_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purple_Rain_(film))

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. "Purple Rain" will be | a. to see the musical |
| 2. The film comes from the album | b. the artist Prince |
| 3. made by | c. by storm |
| 4. He also starred | d. called it legendary |
| 5. This should encourage people | e. made into a musical |
| 6. producers of the new musical | f. beloved story |
| 7. it took the world | g. of the same name |
| 8. this stage adaptation of the | h. in it |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. "Purple Rain" the movie won | a. weeks at number one |
| 2. Critics think the film is one | b. painkillers |
| 3. The album spent 24 consecutive | c. of the greatest |
| 4. It spent a total of 167 weeks on | d. and guitarist |
| 5. The movie is about a singer | e. artists of all time |
| 6. his battles with his musical | f. the music chart |
| 7. an overdose of | g. rivals |
| 8. He is one of the best-selling music | h. an Oscar |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The movie "Purple Rain" will be made (1) _____ in New York. The film comes from the album of (2) _____, made by the artist Prince. He also starred in it. This should (3) _____ see the musical. The producers of the new musical called it "legendary," and that it "took the (4) _____". They added: "We can't think of a more fitting tribute to honour Prince and (5) _____ with this stage adaptation of the beloved story....We can't wait for a new generation to discover 'Purple Rain' and...to (6) _____."

"Purple Rain" the (7) _____ Oscar for Best Original Song Score. Critics think the film is one (8) _____ musical films. The album spent 24 consecutive weeks at number one in the USA. It (9) _____ of 167 weeks on the music chart. The movie is about a singer and guitarist who wanted (10) _____. It shows his complicated home life, his battles with his musical rivals, and (11) _____. Prince died in 2016 from an overdose of painkillers. He sold over 100 million records worldwide. He is one of the best-selling music (12) _____ time.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MUSICALS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about musicals in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **musicals** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
