

Steven Spielberg

1) Read the biography of Steven Spielberg and then complete his ID card.

How it all started

Steven Spielberg was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on December 18, 1946. His mother was a restaurateur and concert pianist, his father was a computer engineer, and he had three sisters. He showed keen interest in photography and cinema from a very early age and, by the time he was 13, he had already shot a 40-minute film and had actually won a prize for it! In 1963, at age 16, Steven wrote and directed his first independent movie, a 140-minute science fiction adventure called *Firelight*.

While he was a student at California State University, Long Beach, Spielberg made a short film which attracted the attention of Universal Studios. Though he was only 22, the studio signed him to a long-term deal as a director. Six years later, he reached world fame with *Jaws* which was an enormous hit and made him the youngest multi-millionaire in America. However it was *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (1977), a unique and original UFO story, which established Spielberg as one of the rising stars in the world of cinema.

BIOGRAPHY

Piling up hits

By the early '90s, with instant classics such as *E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial* (1982), the *Indiana Jones* series, *The Color Purple* (1985), and the *Jurassic Park* series, Spielberg had become not only kids' but also grown-ups' favorite director. However he had not won one single Academy Award for Best Director or Best Picture though he had had seven nominations. He eventually got both for *Schindler's List* in 1993.

After this highly acclaimed film on the Holocaust, Spielberg went on addressing big issues such as war in *Saving Private Ryan* (Oscar for Best Director) in 1998 and terrorism in *Munich* in 2005.



JOB(S): _____

SIBLINGS: _____

INTERESTS AS A KID : _____

1963: _____

1968: _____

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2) Watch this presentation, then say if these statements are true or false and justify your answer.

a) He has much influence in Hollywood. _____

--> Justify: _____

b) He has never created production companies. _____

--> Justify: _____

c) He won one Golden Globe for *E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial*. _____

--> Justify: _____

d) *Saving Private Ryan* was awarded with only one Academy Award. _____

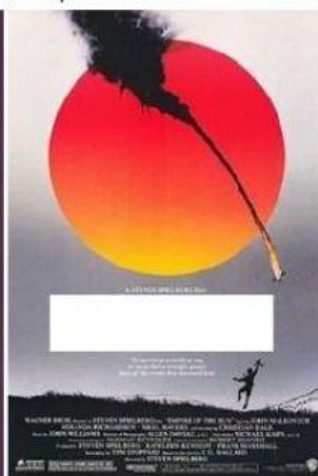
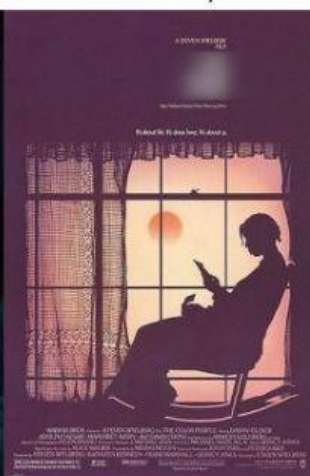
--> Justify: _____

e) He made a film about an American president. _____

--> Justify: _____

3) Match the titles with the posters.

The Terminal – *The Color Purple* – *The Empire of the Sun* – *Bridge of Spies*



Tom Hanks
Catherine Zeta-Jones
2004



4) Read the following summaries and find the name of the corresponding film in Spielberg's filmography.



In 1936, an archeologist fights against a group of Nazis, who are searching for the Ark of the Covenant. Hitler believes that the Ark will make his army invincible.



Elliott, a lonely boy, befriends an extraterrestrial who is lost on Earth. Elliott and his siblings help it return home.



1972: A Palestinian terrorist group kills several members of the Israeli Olympic team in Germany.



This true story is about a German businessman who saves the lives of more than a thousand Polish-Jewish refugees during the Holocaust, by employing them in his factories.



The story takes place on Amity Island where a giant man-eating great white shark attacks beachgoers. The local police chief tries to hunt it with the help of a marine biologist and a professional shark hunter.



Roy Neary witnesses UFOs flying through the night sky, and will soon make contact with aliens.



In the early 60's, a teenager successfully steals millions of dollars by pretending to be a plane pilot, a doctor and a lawyer. However, the FBI has trouble catching him.



Sophie is a 10-year-old orphaned girl who lives in a London orphanage. One night, she sees a giant outside her window. The giant captures her and takes her into Giant Country.

5) Watch the PowerPoint presentations and then complete this chart.

Preterit	Present Perfect	Past Perfect
Verbes réguliers:	+ Vb au (au présent)	+ Vb au ↓ ↓
Verbes irréguliers:		
Négations: + BV		

PRETERIT Steven Spielberg directed E.T. in 1982. He won 3 oscars for The Schindler's List.
Il permet de parler d'..... qui se sont produits dans le et qui sont
totalement coupés du

PRESENT PERFECT Steven Spielberg has won 3 oscars. He has directed 141 films since 1963.
Il permet de faire un entre le et le
On constate que jusqu'à il s'est passé telle ou telle chose.

PAST PERFECT Steven Spielberg had already directed 3 films when he was 16 years old.
Il permet de faire un depuis et jusqu'à un moment du

Souligne le moment repère dans chaque phrase, puis conjugue le verbe entre parenthèses au present perfect ou au past perfect.

- This boy is very talented. He is only 12 and he already (make) his own movie.
- When she started working with this director, she already (write) three very successful stories.
- I got my Academy Award in 2003 but I (win) a Golden Globe before!
- I don't want to watch the movie on TV tonight: I already (see) it.
- Steven Spielberg already (direct) a film when he was 16.