Directions: *Read and review the notes below. Highlight/annotate things you find important and write down any questions you have…*

1. **It is best to think of the six movies as two different trilogies:**

The “first trilogy” is focused on the story of Luke Skywalker. He is a simple farm boy who finds out that he is adopted and the son of Darth Vader; he also becomes a member of the rebellion that is trying to destroy the evil Empire. The “second trilogy” is actually a prequel to the old 1970s films. This is the story of how Darth Vader became Darth Vader—he was actually once Anakin Skywalker and a sweet, young slave boy who learned to become a Jedi knight. Unfortunately he was manipulated and turned to the dark side resulting in the death of his wife. His twin babies were quickly taken away and hidden (Luke was given to a farming family; Leila was raised as a princess) so that Anakin/Darth Vader couldn’t harm them.

1. **Luke Skywalker has a complicated family tree.**

He is the twin brother of Princess Leila and there were some weird love vibes being shared earlier in the film trilogy between them that thankfully were NOT acted on (Instead, Princess Leila falls in love with Hans Solo). Luke is also the son of Anakin, who is now Darth Vader and the main villain of the story. He found this out in the second movie and lost his hand because of it.

1. There is a magical, mysterious power known as “the Force.”

This allows certain characters to do powerful things and it is something that Luke is trying to master. Yoda is his teacher and he was also mentor by Obi-Wan Kenobi. Obi-Wan was killed in the “first movie” by Darth Vader. The force is a tricky thing because it can be used for both good or evil. Often times, when a character uses the force for revenge, we see the dark side take over.

1. Luke is conflicted.

Luke is conflicted, especially during the “third” movie—should he become Jedi, and risk be tempting by the dark side? Should be find out the truth about his father? Or should he join the ranks of the rebellion and stop the war that is plaguing the universe? Can he do both?

1. There are lots of different characters to keep track of!

However, the main characters are Hans Solo, Chewbacca, R2D2, and C3P0, and they are all friends of Leila and Luke; they are fighting to restore peace and democracy to the universe. You will notice there are a lot of different beings and races of people in this universe with a small group of people trying to end the tyranny of the Empire. By the third movie, the biggest and ultimately ending battle will take place.

*Thoughts/Questions:*