

Superman & Batman to be in same movie

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Superman and Batman will be in the same film together for the first time ever. The movie will be in cinemas in the summer of 2015. Zack Snyder, the director of the latest Superman movie

"Man Of Steel," told reporters the news on Saturday. He said many fans of the two superheroes would be happy that the two characters are going to team up. Henry Cavill, who starred in "Man Of Steel," will play Superman again in the new film. The producers don't yet know which actor will play Batman. Moviegoers are expecting an action-packed adventure that will be like no other superhero film. Mr Snyder said he could not give away any secrets about the story because the script hasn't been written yet.

The movie company Warner Bros. hopes the Superman-Batman duo will be as successful as the 2012 film "The Avengers". That movie made \$1.5 billion worldwide and successfully brought together the main characters owned by Marvel Comics. Warner Bros. and DC Comics (the owners of Superman and Batman) have spent many years trying to agree to the new film. Snyder told reporters just how great he thought the new movie would be, saying: "Let's face it, it's beyond mythological to have Superman and our new Batman facing off, since they are the greatest superheroes in the world." However, some fans are worried about the new movie. They think the story needs to be extra-special to be successful.

Sources: BBC / LA Times / Guardian

Writing

Compare and contrast Superman and Batman.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Superman / Batman / the first time / the latest / team up / actor / adventure / script / movie company / successful / worldwide / characters / superheroes / mythical

True / False

- Two superheroes will appear in the same film for only the second time. T / F
- We can see the movie in cinemas in 2014. T / F
- The actor to play Superman also played Superman in "Man Of Steel". T / F
- The script for the movie will be written later. T / F
- The movie "The Avengers" made \$1.5 billion in the USA. T / F
- DC Comics owns the characters Superman and Batman. T / F
- A director said Superman and Batman are based on ancient myths. T / F
- Some fans are worried about the story for the new movie. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. ever | a. looking for |
| 2. team up | b. reveal |
| 3. expecting | c. concerned |
| 4. give away | d. greater than |
| 5. script | e. in history |
| 6. duo | f. united |
| 7. worldwide | g. screenplay |
| 8. brought together | h. globally |
| 9. beyond | i. pair |
| 10. worried | j. work together |

Discussion – Student A

- Which superhero would you like to be?
- Who is your superhero?
- Do you think the new movie will be among the best superhero movies?
- What message do superheroes give to children?
- What name would you give to the new movie?
- Why are some fans worried?
- If you wrote the script, what would happen at the end?
- What questions would you like to ask Superman?

Phrase Match

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| 1. together for the | a. \$1.5 billion worldwide |
| 2. two characters are | b. secrets about the story |
| 3. Moviegoers are expecting an action- | c. face it |
| 4. he could not give away any | d. special to be successful |
| 5. the script hasn't | e. first time ever |
| 6. That movie made | f. going to team up |
| 7. spent many years | g. been written yet |
| 8. Let's | h. mythological |
| 9. it's beyond | i. packed adventure |
| 10. the story needs to be extra- | j. trying to agree |

Discussion – Student B

- Who's better, Superman or Batman?
- Who is the greatest superhero ever?
- Do you prefer the superheroes from your culture of those from the US?
- Will you watch the new movie?
- What might the story be about?
- Are there enough superhero movies?
- Do studios make superhero movies for money or to be creative?
- What questions would you like to ask Batman?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. i	7. h	8. f	9. d	10. c

Role Play

Role A – Superman

You think Superman is the biggest hero. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their heroes. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Batman, Spiderman or James Bond (007).

Role B – Batman

You think Batman is the biggest hero. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their heroes. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Superman, Spiderman or James Bond (007).

Role C – Spiderman

You think Spiderman is the biggest hero. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their heroes. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Batman, Superman or James Bond (007).

Role D – James Bond (007)

You think James Bond (007) is the biggest hero. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their heroes. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Batman, Spiderman or Superman.

Speaking - Superheroes

Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Superman | • Iron Man |
| • Catwoman | • Bubbles (PowerPuff Girl) |
| • Batman | • Spiderman |
| • Wonder Woman | • Kim Possible |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.