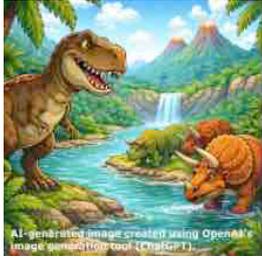


New Netflix show 'The Dinosaurs' getting top marks

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A new series has scored 100 per cent on the review site Rotten Tomatoes and is at number one on Netflix. The mini-series is a four-episode Netflix documentary. It is called The Dinosaurs. It has powerful figures from Hollywood behind it. Superstar actor Morgan Freeman narrated it. Legendary director Steven Spielberg is the executive producer. He also directed the blockbuster movie Jurassic Park. Mr Spielberg used 50 experts on prehistory to help make the show. They recreated what life on Earth looked like between 235 million and 66 million years ago. The four episodes document how the earliest dinosaurs developed, survived for millions of years, and became extinct.

The producers used CGI to create the landscapes and dinosaurs. CGI designers recreated the ancient supercontinent of Pangea. This was a single land mass that slowly broke apart over tens of millions of years to form the continents of today. The designers also made volcanic eruptions, sand storms, floods, million-year-old forests, and (of course) the dinosaurs. The series starts with the birth of tiny dinosaurs. It ends with the enormous T. rex and triceratops, which Freeman says are "the most iconic dinosaurs of all time". It also shows us the asteroid impact event that killed off the dinosaurs. The Guardian newspaper reviewed the series. It said, "the geology and meteorology are powerfully rendered".

Sources: forbes.com / theguardian.com / yahoo.com

Writing

Scientists should recreate the dinosaurs. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

TV series / review / Netflix / documentary / dinosaurs/ Hollywood / experts / extinct / CGI / continents / volcanic / sand storms / floods / forests / T. rex / asteroid / geology

True / False

- 1) The article says The Dinosaurs is the first series to ever get 100%. T / F
- 2) The Dinosaurs is a mini-series that has four parts. T / F
- 3) The Dinosaurs is narrated by the legendary director Steven Spielberg. T / F
- 4) The mini-series shows what life on Earth was like 50 million years ago. T / F
- 5) Designers used computer-generated imagery to make the show. T / F
- 6) There was once just one giant continent on Earth, called Pangea. T / F
- 7) A famous actor said the brontosaurus was the most iconic dinosaur ever. T / F
- 8) A newspaper said the series had powerful geologists and meteorites. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. scored | a. separated |
| 2. figures | b. parts |
| 3. experts | c. specialists |
| 4. episodes | d. reproduced |
| 5. extinct | e. recorded |
| 6. ancient | f. arrival |
| 7. broke apart | g. people |
| 8. birth | h. legendary |
| 9. iconic | i. died out |
| 10. rendered | j. of long ago |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What do you know about the supercontinent of Pangea?
- c) How important is it to understand the dinosaurs?
- d) What do you think of the Tyrannosaurus Rex?
- e) How important is it to study geology?
- f) What will humans be like in 66 million years from now?
- g) What will Earth be like in 66 million years from now?
- h) What questions would you like to ask a dinosaur expert?

Phrase Match

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|---|--------------------------|
| 1. The mini-series is a four-episode Netflix | a. help make the show |
| 2. It has powerful figures from Hollywood | b. apart |
| 3. Spielberg used 50 experts on prehistory to | c. became extinct |
| 4. document how the earliest | d. of Pangea |
| 5. survived for millions of years, and | e. behind it |
| 6. The producers used CGI to | f. of all time |
| 7. designers recreated the ancient supercontinent | g. dinosaurs developed |
| 8. This was a single land mass that slowly broke | h. off the dinosaurs |
| 9. the most iconic dinosaurs | i. documentary |
| 10. the asteroid impact event that killed | j. create the landscapes |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think of Netflix?
- What's your favourite streaming service?
- What do you know about the dinosaurs?
- What do you think of movies about dinosaurs?
- What's your favourite show?
- What are your favourite dinosaurs?
- What do you know about how the dinosaurs became extinct?
- Should scientists bring the dinosaurs back?

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. j	7. a	8. f	9. h	10. d

Comprehension Questions

Listen to / read the news article. Answer these questions. (Answers are on p. 27 of the 27-page PDF.)

1.	What position is The Dinosaurs on the Netflix charts?
2.	How many episodes are there in The Dinosaurs?
3.	Who does the article say is behind the mini-series?
4.	How many prehistory experts helped make the show?
5.	What does the show document besides the dinosaurs' birth and survival?
6.	What did the producers use Computer-Generated Imagery to create?
7.	What was Pangea?
8.	What did the show start with?
9.	What killed off the dinosaurs?
10.	What did a newspaper say the series "powerfully rendered"?

Speaking – CGI

Rank these with your partner. Put the best uses of Computer-Generated Imagery (CGI) at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Recreate dinosaurs | • Natural disasters |
| • Space battles | • Fantasy cities |
| • Mythical creatures | • Crowd scenes |
| • Superheroes | • Dangerous stunts |

Answers – True False

1	F	2	T	3	F	4	F	5	T	6	T	7	F	8	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.