

Over a million call for Game of Thrones re-make

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People who watch the television programme Game of Thrones are not happy. Over one million viewers have signed a petition to get the final, eighth season of the show remade. They are unsatisfied with the story. The petition is on the

Change.org website. It says the series "deserves a final season that makes sense". The petition was started by a man called Dylan D. He said the writers of the final show lacked imagination. He said the first seven seasons were great because the storyline of Game of Thrones followed the books the show came from. The show's creators had to write the storyline for the final series themselves. Dylan D called the creators "woefully incompetent".

Game of Thrones is a fantasy drama television series made by HBO. It is an adaptation of the book "A Song of Ice and Fire" by George R. R. Martin. The series premiered on HBO in 2011. The finale was aired on Sunday night. The show has attracted record viewing numbers and is hugely popular worldwide. It has also won many awards, including 47 Primetime Emmy Awards - the most ever by a drama series. Despite the huge number of people who signed the petition for a season eight remake, fans have been watching in record numbers. It has had an audience of over 12 million for each show. A spokesperson said that for every person who dislikes the show, there are many more who love it.

Sources: deadline.com / forbes.com / wikipedia.org

Writing

Television shows are a great part of culture. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

television / viewers / petition / season / make sense / imagination / storyline / final / fantasy / drama / show / awards / popular / audience / spokesperson / dislike / love

True / False

- Everyone who watched Game of Thrones is unhappy. T / F
- The petition to get Game of Thrones remade is outside a movie studio. T / F
- The man who started the petition wanted a season that makes sense. T / F
- The Game of Thrones actors wrote the storyline for season eight. T / F
- Game of Thrones comes from a book called "A Song of Ice and Fire". T / F
- Season one of Game of Thrones was made in 2012. T / F
- Game of Thrones has won the most Primetime Emmy Awards ever. T / F
- Over 12 million people watch each Game of Thrones shows. T / F

Synonym Match

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

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| 1. programme | a. well-liked |
| 2. final | b. creativity |
| 3. deserves | c. following |
| 4. imagination | d. last |
| 5. incompetent | e. reworking |
| 6. adaptation | f. enormous |
| 7. aired | g. show |
| 8. popular | h. unskilled |
| 9. huge | i. broadcast |
| 10. audience | j. merits |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you think of television?
- What do you know about the show Game of Thrones?
- Have you ever signed a petition?
- What things make you angry about television?
- What are your favourite TV shows?
- What is the best TV series ever?
- Are American shows or shows from your country best?
- How important is television to you?

Phrase Match

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| 1. Over one million viewers have signed | a. imagination |
| 2. the series deserves a final season that | b. of over 12 million |
| 3. the writers of the final show lacked | c. in record numbers |
| 4. The show's creators had to | d. a petition |
| 5. Dylan D called the creators woefully | e. signed |
| 6. Game of Thrones is a fantasy | f. write the storyline |
| 7. hugely popular | g. makes sense |
| 8. the huge number of people who | h. worldwide |
| 9. fans have been watching | i. incompetent |
| 10. It has had an audience | j. drama |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Which do you like best - TV shows or movies?
- Is the book always better than the movie and TV show?
- What do you think of fantasy?
- What is your favourite genre of TV show?
- Should the company re-make series eight of Game of Thrones?
- What TV show would you like to be an actor in?
- What questions would you like to ask the show's creators?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. e	7. i	8. a	9. f	10. c

Role Play

Role A – Fantasy Drama

You think fantasy dramas are the best TV shows. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their shows. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): hospital dramas, news programmes or gardening shows.

Role B – Hospital Drama

You think hospital dramas are the best TV shows. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their shows. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): fantasy, news programmes or gardening shows.

Role C – News

You think news programmes are the best TV shows. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their shows. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): hospital dramas, fantasy or gardening shows.

Role D – Gardening

You think gardening shows are the best TV shows. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their shows. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): hospital dramas, news programmes or fantasy.

Speaking – TV Shows

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

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| • football | • fantasy |
| • cartoon | • police drama |
| • gardening | • hospital drama |
| • documentary | • news |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.