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Level 0 – 11th January 2024

Prince's 'Purple Rain' movie to become a musical

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The film "Purple Rain" will become a New York musical. The film comes from the album "Purple Rain" made by Prince.

Producers of the musical called the movie "legendary". They added that the musical was a "fitting tribute to honour Prince".

They hope a new generation of people will discover "Purple Rain".

"Purple Rain" won an Oscar for Best Original Song. Critics say it is one of the greatest musical films. It spent 167 weeks in the USA music chart. The movie is about a singer who wanted to be famous. It shows his battles with his musical rivals, and a new romance. Prince died in 2016. He sold over 100 million records.

Sources: <https://variety.com/2024/legit/news/prince-movie-purple-rain-stage-musical-branden-jacobs-jenkins-1235863878/>
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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purple_Rain_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purple_Rain_(film))

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. "Purple Rain" will become a | a. the album |
| 2. The film comes from | b. generation |
| 3. "Purple Rain," | c. Prince |
| 4. Producers of the musical called the | d. "Purple Rain" |
| 5. the musical was a fitting | e. made by Prince |
| 6. honour | f. New York musical |
| 7. a new | g. tribute |
| 8. people will discover | h. movie "legendary" |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. "Purple Rain" won | a. 100 million records |
| 2. best original | b. the USA music chart |
| 3. Critics say it is one of the greatest | c. his musical rivals |
| 4. It spent 167 weeks in | d. an Oscar |
| 5. a singer who wanted | e. in 2016 |
| 6. It shows his battles with | f. musical films |
| 7. Prince died | g. to be famous |
| 8. He sold over | h. song |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The film "Purple Rain" (1) _____ New York musical. The (2) _____ the album "Purple Rain" (3) _____. Producers of the musical (4) _____ "legendary". They added that the musical was a "(5) _____ honour Prince". They hope a new generation of (6) _____ "Purple Rain".

"Purple Rain" (7) _____ for Best Original Song. (8) _____ is one of the greatest musical films. It (9) _____ in the USA music chart. The movie is (10) _____ who wanted to be famous. It shows his battles with (11) _____, and a new romance. Prince died in 2016. (12) _____ 100 million records.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MUSICALS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about musicals in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

