

Homework 8/16/26

Trimble

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

May be suitable for visually impaired players, with considerable adaptation by the host

Overview:

Homework games usually differ from our typical game formats in that they are meant for individual play and will often require pencil and paper to solve. However, with a little adaptation, you can usually use them for group play as well. For homework games, we recommend that you hand out the game page (but not the answers) for your players to take home. Perhaps you can post the answers on a bulletin board or in the elevator a couple of days later.

Instructions:

This is a two-part challenge: a trivia quiz and a word jumble centered on a particular theme. The theme of this game is **AT THE MOVIES**. On the next page, you'll find a letter grid and a series of questions. Each correct answer will be the title of a well-known film. As you answer the questions, cross out each letter of the answers in the grid. (We've provided the number of letters in each answer as a hint.)

For example, if the category were **DESSERTS**, with the question: *This dessert is a symbol of the United States (5, 3)*, the answer would be *APPLE PIE*. You would then cross out each letter of **A-P-P-L-E-P-I-E** in the grid.

After all the trivia questions have been answered and the letters have been crossed out, rearrange the remaining letters (the ones in the grid that are not crossed out) to reveal another hit you might have seen **AT THE MOVIES**.

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A A A A A A C C C D D D E E E E E E
 E E E E G G G G H H H H I I I I I I I
 I K L L L L L L M M M M N N N N N N
 N N N N N N O O O O O O O O P P
 P P R R R R R R R R S S S T T T T T T U
 U U U V V W W W W

1. This film, starring Oprah Winfrey and Whoopi Goldberg, was nominated for eleven Academy Awards in 1985, but won none. (3, 5, 6)
2. In 2023, this film about the development of the atom bomb garnered thirteen Academy Award nominations, and won seven. (11)
3. In 2006, this documentary film about global warming, which was written by a former US vice president, won two Academy Awards. (2, 12, 5)
4. Although Robin Williams was nominated for four Academy Awards, his only win was for this 1997 film in which he played a psychology professor at a community college in Boston. (4, 4, 7)
5. This 1990 film, considered an epic revisionist Western, starred Kevin Costner as a Union Army lieutenant who eventually earns full membership in a Colorado Sioux tribe. (6, 4, 6)
6. This 1988 romantic comedy starring Harrison Ford and Melanie Griffith was nominated for four Academy Awards and won one – for Best Original Song (by Carly Simon). (7, 4)
7. This 1984 film depicted the rivalry between two 18th-century composers, Antonio Salieri and the much younger musical genius Mozart. (7)

The jumble consists of two words. (4, 4)

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ANSWERS

1. *The Color Purple*
2. *Oppenheimer*
3. *An Inconvenient Truth*
4. *Good Will Hunting*
5. *Dances With Wolves*
6. *Working Girl*
7. *Amadeus*

Jumble Answer: **RAIN MAN**