

# The film that flopped but became a classic

Do you know what "box office" means?

## Vocabulary

1. nominations      2. flop      3. resilience      4. themes      5. popularity      6. earned

## True Story

The Shawshank Redemption is a famous film today, but it was not always popular. When it first came out in 1994, it was a box office \_\_\_\_\_. Even though many people liked it and it got many Oscar \_\_\_\_\_, it only \_\_\_\_\_ about \$16 million, which was less than its production cost.

However, over time, more people started to watch it at home and on TV. They told their friends about it, and its \_\_\_\_\_ grew.

Today, The Shawshank Redemption is seen as one of the best films ever made. It's about a man named Andy Dufresne, who is wrongly put in prison. He becomes friends with another prisoner named Red. The film is loved for its \_\_\_\_\_ of hope, \_\_\_\_\_, and friendship.

## Quiz

1. When did The Shawshank Redemption first come out?
2. How much money did "The Shawshank Redemption" earn when it was first released?
3. Who happened to Andy Dufresne?
4. What are the main themes of the film?

## True or False

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| 1. The Shawshank Redemption is about a shark named Jaws.                | True   False |
| 2. The film grew in popularity by word-of-mouth.                        | True   False |
| 3. The Shawshank Redemption is seen as one of the best films ever made. | True   False |

## Conversation

A: Have you seen The Shawshank Redemption?

B: No. What's it about?

A: It's about a man who killed his wife.

B: Oh no! Is it based on a true story?

A: No! It's from a book by Stephen King, and anyway, he was innocent.

B: Oh good, that's a relief. I'll see if I can rent it.

## Discussion

1. Have you ever watched a movie that was not popular at first but became popular later?
2. What's one of your favorite films and why?
3. Do you prefer watching films at home or in the cinema?
4. What films, books or video games do you recommend?