

BECAUSE
OF THEM
WE CAN

BOX

JUST FOR KIDS

BECAUSE OF SPIKE LEE

AGES 9-12

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SPIKE LEE

our ancestors
knew that education
would be our way
out of slavery.

-SPIKE LEE

MRS

SPIKE LEE



Instructions: Read the following text about Spike Lee's life. Like a movie director, you may have to decide to add key details or features to make a film better. Your job is to make the text better by adding in the missing details in the right order!

Lights. Camera. Action. Those are the words that we think about when we think about film. And Spike Lee is a name we often hear when we talk about Black films.

His dad was a musician and his mother was a school teacher so it's no **surprise** that Spike Lee, whose real name is Shelton Lee, is **creative**. Spike Lee was born in Atlanta, Georgia but at a young age he moved to Brooklyn, New York.



While at Morehouse, he was also able to take classes at Clark Atlanta University, where he started to **develop** his film making skills. He then continued developing those skills at Tisch School of Arts.

In 1980 he made his 1st film and by 1986 he made a film called *She's Gotta Have It* which helped his career to **explode**.



That movie helped him to start his own production company. But this was only the beginning of Lee's success. His next movie, which was called *School Daze*, was inspired by his college experience and was also very **popular**.

Spike Lee has created many films, and even though they are about different things most of them are about African-American experiences. His movies helped people to have conversations about what was going on in the lives of Black people and some of the **issues** that they faced.

STORYTELLING THROUGH FILM

Lee also made different types of films, as well as making documentaries, comedy shows, and even music videos.

He's also won many other awards for his work as well.



Use the missing details below to fill out the story - which blank box does each of these go into?

The film only cost him \$175,000 to make but it made \$7 million.

Because of his amazing work he has been **nominated** for five Academy Awards, winning one of them, and received two special Oscars, which are all very well-known film awards.

Once he was older he moved back to Atlanta to attend Morehouse College.

GLOSSARY

Surprise - an unexpected event, piece of information, etc.

Creative - a person who has or shows an ability to make new things or think of new ideas

Develop - to create (something) over a period of time

Explode - to increase very quickly

Popular - accepted, followed, used, or done by many people

Issues - something that people are talking about, thinking about, etc. : an important subject or topic

Nominated - to choose (someone or something) as a candidate for receiving an honor or award

Oscar - used for a small statue that is awarded by part of the American film industry to the best actors, movies, directors, etc., of the year



LIGHTS. CAMERA. MATCHING.



Instructions: There are many people that help to make a movie come to life! Draw a line to match the role to the job description or what that person does to help create a movie.

Producer	1
Director	2
Actor	3
Writer	4
Assistant Director	5
Casting Director	6
Costume Designer	7
Key Grip	8

A	The person that gets the money and tools to create the film.
B	The person who makes the schedule and runs the set.
C	The person who writes the script or screenplay for a film or show.
D	The person in the film who acts as the character.
E	The person that helps with the creative parts of the films and directs the actors.
F	The person who finds the right people to act in the film.
G	The person in charge of the lights and effects.
H	The person who designs the clothes for the actors in the film.

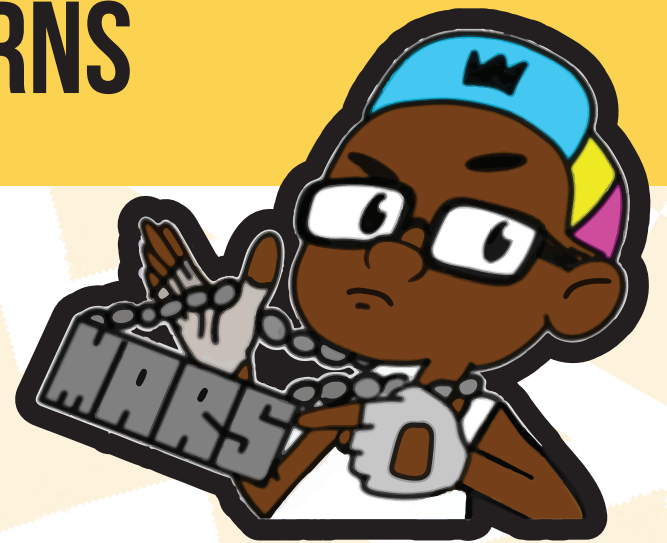
A LIFE BEHIND THE CAMERA

Spike Lee has been working in movies for over three decades. Below is a list of movies he's directed, but he's also written and produced almost all of them! This is just a partial list - he also has a long filmography of other documentary, music video, commercial and television credits. If you are interested, you can do some research to learn more about all of his projects.

Year	Movie	Written	Produced
1986	She's Gotta Have It	x	x
1988	School Daze	x	x
1989	Do the Right Thing	x	x
1990	Mo' Better Blues	x	x
1991	Jungle Fever	x	x
1992	Malcolm X	x	x
1994	Crooklyn	x	x
1995	Clockers	x	x
1996	Girl 6		x
1996	Get on the Bus		x
1998	He Got Game	x	x
1999	Summer of Sam	x	x
2000	Bamboozled	x	x
2002	25th Hour		x
2004	She Hate Me	x	x
2006	Inside Man		
2008	Miracle at St. Anna		x
2012	Red Hook Summer	x	x
2013	Oldboy		
2014	Da Sweet Blood of Jesus	x	x
2015	Chi-Raq	x	x
2018	BlacKkKlansman	x	x
2020	Da 5 Bloods	x	x

BlacKkKlansman was Lee's feature nominated for the most awards - ultimately he won an Oscar, a BAFTA (for the British Academy Film Awards) and two awards at Cannes, a very important film festival.

MAKING PATTERNS



Instructions:
Fill in the existing pattern!

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ANSWER KEY:
Matching Film Roles: (1) A (2) E (3) D (4) C (5) B (6) F (7) H (8) G
Making Patterns: (1) 18 (2) 14 (3) 16 (4) 11 (5) 3

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