

Lesson 8. Project "A review of my favourite film"

1a. 🎧🔊 Read the fact file and answer the question: Who do you think will like this film: children, teenagers, men, women?

Fact file: The film *Braveheart* about the fight for Scots against the English in the late 13th century, directed by Mel Gibson, won five Oscars at the 68th Academy Awards, including the Academy Award for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Cinematography, Best Sound Editing (монтаж звука) and Best Makeup.



1b. 🎧🔊 Listen, read the summary of the film and say who the main characters are.

In this spectacular, historic film a young Scotsman William Wallace (Mel Gibson) became a hero of his country, fighting against the aggressive rule of the English King Edward I. After the death of his father and brother, killed by English soldiers, young William was raised (воспитывался) by his uncle abroad.

Years later Wallace returned to his father's farm with an intention to lead a quiet life. He fell in love with Murron and married her but their happiness didn't last for long. Though Wallace tried to rescue Murron from English soldiers, the aggressors caught her and killed her right in the marketplace. He decided to pay back. Wallace and a few men from his village killed the English soldiers and the sheriff and entered the fortress of the local English lord, killing him and burning the fortress down.

This action was like a signal for his countrymen. They saw him as their leader to fight against the English King. In their first battle in 1297 the Scots won. Wallace became popular and more and more Scottish people followed him into the war.

But William Wallace was betrayed (был предан) by the Scottish landlords, who tried to get more land for themselves from the English King, and lost the battle in 1298. Though

he was saved from death by young Robert the Bruce, who later became King of Scotland Robert I, Wallace had to go into hiding for seven years and fight a guerilla war (партизанская война) against the English. His courage charmed a lot of people, including King Edward's daughter-in-law (невестка) Princess Isabelle. At the end of the film the English caught Wallace and took him to London where he was beheaded.

During the movie you see a lot of great battles and two heartbreaking love stories (first between Wallace and Murron, later in the film young princess Isabelle fell in love with Wallace). This film is a gripping story about love, hatred, patriotism and heroism. When you watch it, you understand why it won five Oscars. You can watch this movie over and over again and it never loses its magic. It is a movie which both men and women will adore: men will love the great battles and women will enjoy the love story.

1c. For questions 1–9, choose from the people a–g. The people may be chosen more than once.

Who

- 1) became the hero of Scotland in the late 13th century?
- 2) fell in love with William Wallace?
- 3) was the English King at that time?
- 4) was killed by English soldiers when William was very young?
- 5) was William's wife?
- 6) saved William in 1298?
- 7) betrayed William Wallace?
- 8) became King of Scotland?
- 9) burnt the fortress of the local lord?

A. William Wallace, B. William's father and brother, C. Murron, D. Edward I, E. Scottish landlords, F. young Robert the Bruce, G. Princess Isabelle

1d. Choose the right answer.


1. Wallace's father ...
a) was a farmer. b) was an English soldier.

2. After the death of his relatives William lived ...
a) abroad. b) on his father's farm.
3. Years later, when a young man, he came back to ...
a) England. b) Scotland.
4. He started a war against the English, because he wanted to ...
a) rescue his wife. b) pay back for his wife's death.
5. He won his first battle and he lost his second one, but was saved by ...
a) his countrymen. b) young Robert the Bruce.
6. Later he was caught and beheaded in ...
a) Scotland. b) England.

2. Read the text again and answer the questions.

1. What is the genre of the film? Give reasons. 2. Do you think the film is exciting? Explain your answer. 3. Would you like to go to the cinema to watch *Braveheart*? 4. With whom would you like to watch it? 5. Do you think your friends will like it? Give reasons. 6. Is it a nice idea to see it with your family? Explain why. 7. Why do you think the film was given five Oscars?

3. Persuade your friend to watch this film.

4.  Write a review of the film you would advise watching. Use the questions below as a plan:

- ✓ What are its name and genre?
- ✓ When was it made?
- ✓ Who is the director of the film?
- ✓ Who are the leading actors?
- ✓ What is the plot of the film?
- ✓ Why do you recommend watching this film?

Lesson 9. Unusual cinemas

1.  Which of the following is true about you? Comment on each statement. What do you and your partner have in common?

1. I prefer going to the cinema to watching films online.
2. I enjoy watching 3D films.
3. I can't stand watching films at an outdoor cinema.
4. I think films with 4D and 5D effects are more gripping.