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# **☐** THE LISTENING / READING SCRIPT

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Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb, commonly known as Dr. Strangelove, is a 1964 black comedy film which satirizes the fear of nuclear war in the 1960s. It was directed, produced, and co-written by Stanley Kubrick and starred Peter Sellers and George C. Scott. The film is loosely based on Peter George's Cold War thriller novel "Red Alert". The story concerns a crazy U.S. Air Force general who orders a nuclear attack on the Soviet Union. It follows the President of the United States and his advisors as they try to recall the bombers to prevent a nuclear apocalypse. It separately follows the crew of one of the B-52 bombers as they try to launch the bomb over Soviet territory.

The film is often ranked by critics and directors amongst the greatest comedies of all time, and was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry. In 2000, readers of "Total Film" magazine voted it the 24th greatest comedy film of all time. As of July 2012, it ranked the 35th greatest film of all time at the Internet Movie Database. Movie critic Roger Ebert said the movie is "arguably the best political satire of the century." In 1989, the United States Library of Congress deemed the film "culturally significant" and selected it for preservation in the National Film Registry. It was listed as number three on the American Film Institute's 100 Years...100 Laughs list.

Source:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dr.\_Strangelove\_or:\_How\_I\_Learned\_to\_Stop\_Worrying\_and\_Love\_the\_Bomb

# **☐** TRAILER AND POSTER

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## **POSTER**

**1. SIX WORDS:** Look at the poster and write down six words (more if you like) that you think of as you look at it. Share the words with your partner(s). Why did you choose them?

You can find posters for this movie at <a href="www.wikipedia.com">www.imbd.com</a> - just type the name of the movie in the search field.

- **2. STORY:** Talk about what you think the story of the movie is the start, beginning, end, etc. Change partners and share stories.
- **3. CREDITS:** Look at the credits on the poster (the actors, director, producer...) and talk about them with your partner(s).
- **4. MUST-SEE:** Talk with your partner(s) about whether the poster and movie title are good and make you want to see the movie.
- **5. STARRING YOU:** Imagine you are one of the stars of the movie. Talk about your role with your movie star partner(s).

## **TRAILER**

**1. RETELL:** Watch the trailer and retell what you saw to your partner(s).

You can watch a trailer at <a href="http://www.youtube.com">http://www.youtube.com</a>

- **2. CHUNKS:** Watch 10-to-15 second chunks of the trailer and retell what you saw to your partner(s).
- **3. QUIZ:** Watch the trailer and write down some quiz questions for your partner(s). Watch a second time to find the answers to the questions.
- **4. VOCABULARY:** Make a note of words in the trailer that you see or hear. Talk about them with your partner(s).
- **5. GOOD / BAD:** Watch the trailer and write down why you think the film might be good or bad. Share your ideas with your partner(s).

# ■ MATCHING

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#### **SYNONYM MATCH**

1. commonly

2 satirizes

3. loosely

4. prevent

5. launch

6. ranked

7. preservation

8. critic

9. arguably

10. significant

a. conservation

b. roughly

c. rated

d. reviewer

e. important

f. fire

g. often

h. possibly

i. makes fun of

j. stop

#### **PHRASE MATCH**

1. black

2 loosely

3. recall the bombers to prevent

4. It separately follows the crew of

5. try to launch the

6. often ranked by critics and directors

7. selected for

8. arguably

9. political

10. culturally

a. satire

b. one of the B-52 bombers

c. preservation

d. amongst the greatest

e. a nuclear apocalypse

f. significant

g. based on

h. bomb over Soviet territory

i. the best

j. comedy

# ■ LISTENING / READING GAP FILL

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Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb,
commonly known as <i>Dr. Strangelove</i> , (1) film
which satirizes the fear of nuclear war in the 1960s. It was directed,
produced, and co-written by Stanley Kubrick and starred Peter Sellers and
George C. Scott. (2) Peter George's Cold
War thriller novel "Red Alert". (3) U.S. Air
Force general who (4) Soviet Union. It
follows the President of the United States (5)
to recall the bombers to prevent a nuclear apocalypse. It separately follows
the crew of one of the B-52 bombers as (6)
over Soviet territory.
The film is (7) directors amongst the
greatest comedies of all time, and (8) in the
United States National Film Registry. In 2000, readers of "Total Film"
magazine voted it the 24th (9) time. As of
July 2012, it ranked the 35th greatest film of all time at the Internet Movie
Database. Movie critic Roger Ebert said the movie is "arguably the best
(10)" In 1989, the United States Library of
Congress (11) significant" and selected it for
preservation in the National Film Registry. (12)
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## ☐ CORRECT THE SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

- 1. izarsetis the fear of nuclear war
- 2. <u>yoelsol</u> based on
- 3. Cold War rleirlht
- 4. the President of the United States and his vssaodir
- 5. It saterplyea follows the crew
- 6. over Soviet tryitreor

## Paragraph 2

- 7. ranked by cisicrt and directors
- 8. <u>telscede</u> for preservation
- 9. National Film <u>iRrtsyeg</u>
- 10. <u>blgryaua</u> the best
- 11. <u>piltcoali</u> satire
- 12. latclyuurl significant



## **PUNCTUATE & PUT CAPITALS IN THE TEXT**

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institute's 100 years 100 laughs list

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a,e,i,o,u)

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Dr. Str\_ng\_l\_v\_ r: H\_w \_ L\_\_rn\_d t\_ St\_p W\_rry\_ng  $\_nd$   $L\_v\_$   $th\_$   $B\_mb$ ,  $c\_mm\_nly$   $kn\_wn$   $\_s$  Dr. *Str\_ng\_l\_v\_*, \_s \_ 1964 bl\_ck c\_m\_dy f\_lm wh\_ch  $s\_t\_r\_z\_s\ th\_\ f\_\_r\ \_f\ n\_cl\_\_r\ w\_r\ \_n\ th\_\ 1960s.\ \_t\ w\_s$ d\_r\_ct\_d, pr\_d\_c\_d, \_nd c\_-wr\_tt\_n by St\_nl\_y K\_br\_ck \_nd st\_rr\_d P\_t\_r S\_II\_rs \_nd G\_\_rg\_ C. Sc\_tt. Th\_ f\_Im \_s l\_\_s\_ly b\_s\_d \_n P\_t\_r G\_\_rg\_'s C\_ld W\_r thr\_ll\_r n v I "R d I\_rt". Th\_ st\_ry c\_nc\_rns \_ cr\_zy \_.S. \_\_r F\_rc\_ g\_n\_r\_l wh\_ \_rd\_rs \_ n\_cl\_\_r \_tt\_ck \_n th\_ S\_v\_t \_n\_\_n. \_t f\_II\_ws th\_ Pr\_s\_d\_nt \_f th\_ \_n\_t\_d St t s nd h s dv s rs s th y try t r c ll th b\_mb\_rs t\_ pr\_v\_nt \_ n\_cl\_\_r \_p\_c\_lyps\_. \_t s\_p\_r\_t\_ly f\_ll\_ws th\_ cr\_w \_f \_n\_ \_f th\_ B-52 b\_mb\_rs \_s th\_y try t\_ l\_\_nch th\_ b\_mb \_v\_r S\_v\_\_t t\_rr\_t\_ry. Th\_ f\_lm \_s \_ft\_n r\_nk\_d by cr\_t\_cs \_nd d\_r\_ct\_rs \_m\_ngst th\_ gr\_\_t\_st c\_m\_d\_\_s \_f \_ll t\_m\_, \_nd w\_s  $s\_l\_ct\_d \quad f\_r \quad pr\_s\_rv\_t\_\_n \quad \_n \quad th\_ \quad \_n\_t\_d \quad St\_t\_s$ N\_t\_\_n\_l F\_lm R\_g\_stry. \_n 2000, r\_\_d\_rs \_f "T\_t\_l F\_lm" m\_g\_z\_n\_ v\_t\_d \_t th\_ 24th gr\_\_t\_st c\_m\_dy  $f\_lm \ \_f \ \_ll \ t\_m\_. \ \_s \ \_f \ J\_ly \ 2012, \ \_t \ r\_nk\_d \ th\_ \ 35th$ gr\_\_t\_st f\_lm \_f \_ll t\_m\_ \_t th\_ \_nt\_rn\_t M\_v\_\_ D\_t\_b\_s\_. M\_v\_\_ cr\_t\_c R\_g\_r \_b\_rt s\_\_d th\_ m\_v\_\_ \_s "\_rg\_\_bly th\_ b\_st p\_l\_t\_c\_l s\_t\_r\_ \_f th\_ c\_nt\_ry." \_n 1989, th\_ \_n\_t\_d St\_t\_s L\_br\_ry \_f C\_ngr\_ss d\_\_m\_d th\_ f\_lm "c\_lt\_r\_lly s\_gn\_f\_c\_nt" \_nd s\_l\_ct\_d \_t f\_r pr\_s\_rv\_t\_\_n \_n th\_ N\_t\_\_n\_l F\_lm R\_g\_stry. \_t w\_s l\_st\_d \_s n\_mb\_r thr\_\_ \_n th\_ \_m\_r\_c\_n F\_lm \_nst\_t\_t\_'s 100 Y\_\_rs...100 L\_\_ghs l\_st.

# **MARK THE SPACES**

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions) STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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# **□** DR STRANGELOVE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Dr Strangelove 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.



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Write your letter. Corr		Show	your	partner	your

# HOMEWORK

- **1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.
- **2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about "Dr Strangelove". Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
- **3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about "Dr Strangelove". What are (did) critics and moviegoers saying (say) about it? How good were the actors' performances? What was good and bad about the movie? Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.
- **4.** "DR STRANGELOVE" POSTER: Make a poster about "Dr Strangelove". Make sure you put tag lines, audience and critics' reviews, why people should see it, etc. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.
- **5. MY PREQUEL / SEQUEL:** Make your own prequel or sequel for "Dr Strangelove". Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback.
- **6. CHARACTER STORY:** Choose one of the characters from the movie. Imagine you are that character. Write your story about what you did in the movie. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback.
- **7. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, Twitter stream, or any other social media tool to get opinions on "Dr Strangelove". Share your findings with the class.

# ■ ANSWERS

## **SYNONYM MATCH**

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7. preservation

8. critic

9. arguably

10. significant

a. often

b. makes fun of

c. roughly

d. stop

e. fire

f. rated

g. conservation

h. reviewer

i. possibly

j. important

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Please check for yourself by looking at the movie review on page 2. (It's good for your English ;-)

#### **CREATIVE COMMONS**

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