

Film Review

Raiders of the Lost Ark

PG | 1981 | 115 Mins | Film

Director: Steven Spielberg

Story: George Lucas

Cinematography: Douglas Slocombe

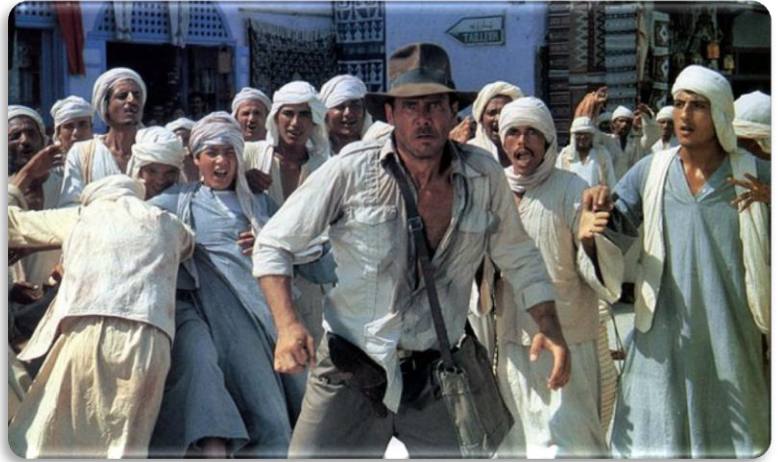
Synopsis

In 1936, an archaeologist and adventurer, Indiana Jones, is hired by the US government to find the Ark of the Covenant before the rising Nazi party can find it and use its power for evil.

You need

Access to film Online or on DVD

We always recommend watching films on the largest screen possible with quality speakers. DVD and BluRays tend to offer great extras such as Director commentary and featurettes about the making of the film which we always recommend..



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Background

Played by Harrison Ford, Indiana Jones may well be the most recognisable, historically based action heroes in western cinema history. Directed by Spielberg with stunning cinematography from Douglas Slocombe and based on an idea by George Lucas this is one of the 1980's most memorable adventure films, ever.

Watch out for

- Establishing Indiana Jones (00:02:00)
Partial shots start to establish Indy, before the bull whip and gun reveal.
- The rolling boulder (00:09:00)
Iconic scene which leads to Jones meeting with Belloc, his arch rival.
- Revealing the Arks Location (00:50:00)
Set design and score come together for the tense reveal of the Arks location.
- Power of the Ark (01:39:50)
In camera effects and the highest quality special effects for the 1980s make for a biblical ending.

Take from the film...

Setting

- ✓ Scenes and locations dressed to the smallest detail to give an authentic 1930's feel and look.

Characters

- ✓ Indy's relationship with Marion and his protagonist Belloc.

Filming

- ✓ The use of natural light and the attention to detail of Slocombe's cinematography. Spielberg's use of vertical space throughout the film.

Try...

Choose your favourite scene and remake it playing with light and camera angles.