

1. CONTEXT



Tribeca Film Festival

Mindmap anything you know about the topic, including vocabulary. Do some research online to help.

2. QUESTIONS

Read the listening questions to check your understanding. Look up any new vocabulary.

Listening Questions 1

1. Where is the Tribeca Film Festival held and when was the first edition?
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2. Who are the founders of the TFF?
_____.
3. Why did they start the event?
_____.
4. How many films were screened at the first TFF?
_____.
5. Why did some local filmmakers criticize the first TFF?
_____.

Listening Questions 2

1. How many films are submitted to the TFF each year?
_____.
2. How many people attend the festival on average and how much money does it make?
_____.
3. What happens after a lot of screenings?
_____.
4. What are 'Tribeca Talks'?
_____.
5. What was the closing event of the 2018 TFF?
_____.

3. LISTEN

Listen and answer the questions using full sentences. Circle the number of times and % you understood.

Listening 1				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

Listening 2				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

Discussion Questions

1. How important are film festivals to the film industry?
2. What are some other examples of events helping a city rebuild after a major tragedy?

4. CHECK ANSWERS

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Read through the transcript and underline the answers. Check them against your own answers.

5. CHECK VOCABULARY

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Read the transcript and circle any new vocabulary you find. Look them up and add them to your list.

6. READ ALOUD

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Read the transcript aloud at least 5 times, focusing on intonation and pronunciation.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

7. SHADOWING

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Say the transcript aloud at the same time as the audio without reading it. Circle how many times below.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

TRANSCRIPT 1

The Tribeca Film Festival (TFF) has been held in New York City every year since 2002. It was founded by actor Robert De Niro, film producer Jane Rosenthal and real estate investor Craig Hatkoff in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks. They wanted to help **revitalize** the economy and culture in the Lower Manhattan section of New York City.

The first festival, held in April 2002, featured more than 150 films including short films, documentaries, and feature films. Some of the highlights included the premiere of Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones and a collection of films about New York that was **curated** by director Martin Scorsese.

Although De Niro's name helped attract a lot of attention to the TFF, some local filmmakers **criticized** the festival for being more about big Hollywood productions like Star Wars instead of films made in the community.

Revitalize	Curate	Criticize	Estimated	Prominent
Fill-in the blanks with the appropriate word / phrase above:				
1. The President of the company was _____ for not controlling spending over the past few years.				
2. There will be an _____ 100 000 people at the venue tonight.				
3. Many people are thinking of ways to _____ rural economies.				
4. Some employees feel that we should _____ more new content for our website.				
5. I would like to invite _____ figures from the industry to share their thoughts at the conference.				

TRANSCRIPT 2

Each year, the Tribeca Film Festival receives over 6,000 submissions from around the world. The festival draws an **estimated** three million people—including celebrities from the worlds of art, film, and music—and generates \$600 million annually.

The 2018 TFF was held from April 18th to 29th at 10 venues around the Tribeca area. Tickets for the films were affordable with weekday matinees as low as \$12. The evening and weekend screenings were \$23, and the Tribeca Talks were \$40. After many of the screenings, the director and members of the cast and crew were available to answer questions.

'Tribeca Talks' are conversations or panel discussions with **prominent** people from the world of film and media. Some of the talks take place after screenings of particular movies.

The closing event of the 2018 TFF was a world premiere screening of filmmaker Liz Garbus's *The Fourth Estate*, which is a documentary about The New York Times during the Trump administration. After the showing there was a panel discussion featuring the director, as well as executive editor and prominent journalists of The New York Times.