

MICHAEL MOORE

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Michael Moore is an award-winning American director, author, and political commentator. He has spent over a decade making controversial movie documentaries about the problems in American society. He is especially critical of the presidency of President George W. Bush. He has also criticized globalization and large corporations, gun ownership and the American health care system.

Moore is the director and producer of three of the top five money-making documentaries of all time. 'Fahrenheit 9/11' examined the political climate after the 2001 attacks; 'Sicko' highlighted the ills of American healthcare; and 'Bowling for Columbine' probed America's widespread gun culture and its relation to violence. He uses a mixture of hard-hitting fact and humour in all of his work.

Moore became famous in 1989 for his film 'Roger and Me'. It was about what happened to his hometown after General Motors closed its car factories there and opened new ones in Mexico. 'Roger' is Roger B. Smith, former CEO of General Motors. The film established Moore as a teller of uncomfortable truths about his nation and a serious investigative journalist and filmmaker.

In 2005 Time magazine named him one of the world's 100 most influential people. His appetite for making movies and writing about society seems as strong as ever. He has earned a reputation as being America's most fearless social critic. He will surely make more movies on the major issues of our time and at the same time fight for the small man.

244 words
Flesch Kinkaid 11.0

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|------------------|--------------|
| 1. commentator | a. extensive |
| 2. controversial | b. ever |
| 3. criticized | c. problems |
| 4. of all time | d. hot |
| 5. ills | e. analyst |
| 6. widespread | f. attacked |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|------------------|--------------|
| 7. closed | g. hunger |
| 8. opened | h. important |
| 9. investigative | i. shut down |
| 10. influential | j. inquiring |
| 11. appetite | k. brave |
| 12. fearless | l. set up |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. political | a. gun culture |
| 2. especially | b. fearless social critic |
| 3. the political climate | c. fact and humour |
| 4. probed America's widespread | d. truths about his nation |
| 5. a mixture of hard-hitting | e. journalist |
| 6. a teller of uncomfortable | f. critical of |
| 7. a serious investigative | g. after the 2001 attacks |
| 8. the world's 100 | h. for making movies |
| 9. His appetite | i. commentator |
| 10. America's most | j. most influential people |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Michael Moore _____ American director, author, and _____ . He has spent over a decade making controversial movie documentaries about the problems in American society. He is _____ the presidency of President George W. Bush. _____ globalization and large corporations, gun ownership and the American health care system.

Moore is the director and producer _____ money-making documentaries of all time. 'Fahrenheit 9/11' examined _____ the 2001 attacks; 'Sicko' _____ American healthcare; and 'Bowling for Columbine' probed America's widespread gun culture _____. He uses a mixture of hard-hitting fact and humour in all of his work.

Moore became famous in 1989 for his film 'Roger and Me'. _____ happened to his hometown after General Motors _____ and opened new ones in Mexico. 'Roger' is Roger B. Smith, former CEO of General Motors. The film established Moore as a _____ truths about his nation and a _____ journalist and filmmaker.

In 2005 Time magazine named him one of the world's 100 most influential people. _____ movies and writing about society seems as strong as ever. He has _____ being America's most fearless social critic. He will surely make more movies _____ our time and at the same time _____.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

Michael Moore is an award-winning American *direction / director*, author, and political commentator. He has *spending / spent* over a decade making controversial movie documentaries about the problems in American society. He is especially *criticize / critical* of the presidency of President George W. Bush. He has also criticized globalization and large corporations, gun ownership and the American health *careless / care* system.

Moore is the director and producer of three of the top five money-making documentaries of *every / all* time. 'Fahrenheit 9/11' examined the political *climate / weather* after the 2001 attacks; 'Sicko' highlighted the *ills / colds* of American healthcare; and 'Bowling for Columbine' probed America's widespread gun culture and *their / its* relation to violence. He uses a mixture of hard-hitting fact and humour in all of his work.

Moore became *famous / fame* in 1989 for his film 'Roger and Me'. It was about what happened to his hometown after General Motors closed its car factories there and opened new *one / ones* in Mexico. 'Roger' is Roger B. Smith, former CEO of General Motors. The film established Moore as a *tale / teller* of uncomfortable truths about his nation and a *serious / series* investigative journalist and filmmaker.

In 2005 Time magazine named him one of the *world / world's* 100 most influential people. His *appetite / hungry* for making movies and writing about society seems as strong as *even / ever*. He has earned a reputation as being America's most fearless social critic. He will surely make more movies *in / on* the major issues of our time and at the same time fight for the small man.

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. an wrada-winning American director
2. spent over a cdeade
3. especially clatrici of
4. gun nisepwohr

Paragraph 2

5. money-anmkgi documentaries
6. the political mctiale after the 2001 attacks
7. America's widespread gun lreutcu
8. a xrumeit of hard-hitting fact and humour

Paragraph 3

9. what happened to his enwhtoom
10. General Motors closed its car eoracitsf there
11. a teller of uncomfortable hsrtut
12. a oreiuss investigative journalist

Paragraph 4

13. the world's 100 most influential oelpep
14. writing about ocysiet
15. America's most fearless aoslic critic
16. the major ssuies of our time

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () critical of the presidency of President George W. Bush. He has also criticized globalization and large
- () issues of our time and at the same time fight for the small man.
- () Moore is the director and producer of three of the top five money-making documentaries of all time. 'Fahrenheit 9/11'
- () CEO of General Motors. The film established Moore as a teller of uncomfortable
- () corporations, gun ownership and the American health care system.
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- () examined the political climate after the 2001 attacks; 'Sicko' highlighted the ills of American healthcare; and 'Bowling for Columbine'
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- () for making movies and writing about society seems as strong as ever. He has earned a reputation
- () spent over a decade making controversial movie documentaries about the problems in American society. He is especially
- () probed America's widespread gun culture and its relation to violence. He uses a mixture of hard-hitting fact and humour in all of his work.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. director award Michael Moore winning is American an

2. the in society about problems American documentaries

3. documentaries time five making all top of the money

4. political the examined attacks 2001 the after climate

5. probed gun America's culture widespread

6. is Smith 'Roger' B Roger

7. of teller a nation his about truths uncomfortable

8. movies His and appetite writing for about making society

9. America's a most reputation fearless as social being critic

10. on issues time movies major our more the of make

MICHAEL MOORE DISCUSSION:

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Michael Moore?
2. Would you like to meet Michael Moore?
3. What would you like to know about Michael Moore and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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MICHAEL MOORE DISCUSSION:

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Michael Moore?
2. What questions would you like to ask Michael Moore?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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MICHAEL MOORE SURVEY:

Write five questions about Michael Moore in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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: Search the Internet and find more information about Michael Moore. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MICHAEL MOORE POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Michael Moore. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Michael Moore. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he does every day and what he thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Michael Moore. Ask him three questions about his life. Give him three suggestions on what he should do in his future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Michael Moore expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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| 4. of all time | <i>d.</i> ever |
| 5. ills | <i>e.</i> problems |
| 6. widespread | <i>f.</i> extensive |

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| 5. a mixture of hard-hitting | <i>e.</i> fact and humour |
| 6. a teller of uncomfortable | <i>f.</i> truths about his nation |
| 7. a serious investigative | <i>g.</i> journalist |
| 8. the world's 100 | <i>h.</i> most influential people |
| 9. His appetite | <i>i.</i> for making movies |
| 10. America's most | <i>j.</i> fearless social critic |

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.