

**Blizzard Bag 5:**

Grade 6:

Literature: Read and answer the questions to the article about the sequel for *Black Panther*.

Writing: Knowing that half the superheroes, including the Black Panther himself, were wiped out in the end of the *Infinity War* movie, write a short drama script to resurrect the Black Panther character (you can do this even if you don't know about his character except from this article). You are a disciple of Jesus, after all: you too can work miracles in His name!

# "Black Panther" writer-director has been hired for the hit film's sequel

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Chadwick Boseman (left) played T'Challa and Daniel Kaluuya played W'Kabi in the first "Black Panther" movie, which came out in 2018. Photo by: Disney/Marvel Studios

Ryan Coogler excelled as the writer and director of the blockbuster movie "Black Panther." His storytelling made it the superhero movie event of 2018 back in February. The movie received praise from critics. It is being talked about for movie awards in the fall. The movie also brought in \$1.3 billion in worldwide ticket sales.

It's not surprising that Coogler will return in the same roles for "Black Panther 2." The news comes from a person familiar with the film project. They were not authorized to speak publicly about it, however.

The Hollywood Reporter broke the news of the signing. It says the plan is for Coogler to write the script next year with an eye to start production in either late 2019 or early 2020.

Coogler, the director of "Creed" and "Fruitvale Station," is a hot name in Hollywood. He's developing the drama "Wrong Answer" with "Black Panther" star Michael B. Jordan. Coogler also is executive producing LeBron James' new "Space Jam" movie and "Creed 2."

## **Details About New Film Are Scarce**

There are not many firm details about the secretive new "Black Panther" movie, not even an official title, which will be announced to much fanfare at a Disney fan event in the future. Marvel and parent company Disney have not set a release date.

While the cast for the new movie has not been announced, people will certainly look for Chadwick Boseman to return in his role as Black Panther/T'Challa, the king of the African nation Wakanda.

Even though Black Panther was wiped out by Thanos, along with half the Marvel superhero population, with a snap of the finger at the end of "Avengers: Infinity War," T'Challa will be back. You can count on that.

Boseman said in February, "There's a hero here that I hope people grow to love. Not just because of physical strength, but because of his heart. That's what makes a great leader."

Expect to see Lupita Nyong'o return as Nakia, Danai Gurira as Okoye, Letitia Wright as Shuri, Winston Duke as M'Baku and Daniel Kaluuya as W'Kabi.

## **Wakanda Will Come Out Of Hiding**

As far as the story, that's the big mystery. Certainly expect the story to move beyond the long-secretive Wakanda. As the post-credits scene in "Black Panther" showed, T'Challa announced at the United Nations in Vienna that Wakanda will be sharing its knowledge and resources with the rest of the globe.

"Wakanda will no longer watch from the shadows. We cannot. We must not," he said. "We must find a way to look after one another, as if we were one single tribe." When a representative from another country condescendingly questioned what a place like Wakanda could offer the rest of the world, T'Challa gave a knowing smile.

Marvel Studios president Kevin Feige gave some hints of the story process during an interview in March.

A favorite hobby at Marvel Studios is sitting around on part one of a movie and talking and dreaming about what would be done in part two, he said. "There have been plenty of those conversations as we were putting together the first 'Black Panther,'" he said. "We have ideas and a pretty solid direction on where we want to head with the second one."

## Quiz

1 Read the statement below.

*What little information there is about the new "Black Panther" movie was not supposed to be shared.*

Which selection from the article BEST supports this inference?

- (A) The news comes from a person familiar with the film project. They were not authorized to speak publicly about it, however.
- (B) It says the plan is for Coogler to write the script next year with an eye to start production in either late 2019 or early 2020.
- (C) There are not many firm details about the secretive new "Black Panther" movie, not even an official title, which will be announced to much fanfare at a Disney fan event in the future.
- (D) Expect to see Lupita Nyong'o return as Nakia, Danai Gurira as Okoye, Letitia Wright as Shuri, Winston Duke as M'Baku and Daniel Kaluuya as W'Kabi.

2 Read the paragraph from the section "Details About New Film Are Scarce."

*Boseman said in February, "There's a hero here that I hope people grow to love. Not just because of physical strength, but because of his heart. That's what makes a great leader."*

What conclusion is BEST supported by this paragraph?

- (A) Boseman was surprised that T'Challa was killed by Thanos.
- (B) Boseman believes he has many of the same qualities as T'Challa.
- (C) Boseman admires T'Challa and hopes other people will also.
- (D) Boseman's feelings about T'Challa have changed since February.

3 How does the article's introduction [paragraphs 1-4] develop the main idea?

- (A) It summarizes the chronological steps that had to take place in order to produce a new "Black Panther" movie.
- (B) It provides an anecdote about how the Hollywood Reporter broke the news of the new "Black Panther" movie.
- (C) It compares the success of the first "Black Panther" movie with other projects taken on by the movie's director.
- (D) It describes the success of the first "Black Panther" movie and its director's agreement to make a second one.

4 What is one reason why the author included information about T'Challa's speech to the United Nations?

- (A) to support predictions for what will happen in the second "Black Panther" movie
- (B) to criticize condescending reactions of other countries to T'Challa's statements
- (C) to elaborate on the problems with finding out what will happen in the new movie
- (D) to argue the positive messages of Wakanda have been underestimated by critics