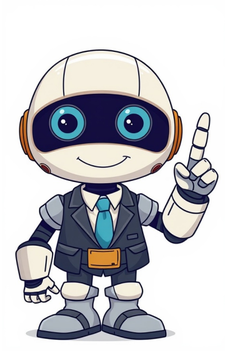
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One of the core pillars of Star Wars is the Jedi and their mysterious connection to the Force, but we've only seen fragments of their illustrious order's history on the big screen. Watching the Star Wars movies in chronological order, we see them at the height of their power, fall into near extinction, and rise once again. Now, with the new live-action series The Acolyte on Disney Plus, we're about to learn how the Sith plotted in the shadows against the Jedi prior to the events of The Phantom Menace. Before the series arrives, here's the complete history of the Jedi Order.Star Wars is especially interested in the fight between the forces of light and darkness across generations, and the history of both the Jedi and Sith Orders is long and often a bit difficult to follow. Therefore, we've decided to stick to the current Star Wars timeline canon to avoid any extra confusion and better tie into the ongoing storytelling being done through movies, TV, novels, comic books, and video games.After The Acolyte and the animated mini-series Tales of the Empire, we're looking forward to Skeleton Crew on Disney Plus and The Mandalorian & Grogu in cinemas. Meanwhile, Star Wars Outlaws, which arrives later this year, promises to be the Star Wars open-world video game we'd always dreamed of. You may like Warning: Major Star Wars spoilers ahead! Luke Skywalker and the sacred Jedi texts in Star Wars: The Last Jedi. (Image credit: Disney)The Jedi and their precursors, the Dai Bendu, came to exist way before the Sith cult, which was later created by an unnamed rogue Jedi who then declared war on their former comrades. In the far distant past, roughly 25,000 years BBY (Before the Battle of Yavin), the Prime Jedi founded the Jedi Order on the planet of Ahch-To. Legend suggests that the first-ever Jedi and other Force users used Force-imbued swords before lightsabers were invented.However, it wasn't long before the first Jedi found the ice planet of Ilum, which was littered with kyber crystals, the 'heart' of all lightsabers. It soon became the Order's most sacred world and the base of operations for Professor Huyang, a droid who, for over a thousand years, instructed apprentices on lightsaber designs. Around the same time, the Order also spread to worlds such as Ossus, Jedha, Xenxiar, Tython, and even Coruscant.The 'sacred texts' of the Jedi described the Order's tenets and history, as well as providing an introduction to the path of the Jedi across several volumes. That said, some elements found within those pages had little to no impact on later Jedi; those included references to 'gods' and the World Between Worlds that we later see Ahsoka Tano enter.Breaking space news, the latest updates on rocket launches, skywatching events and more!Around the year 20,000 BBY, a Jedi sect known as the Ordu Aspectu broke off from the main Order. Led by Rur and his second in command, Amon, their main goal was learning the secret to immortality. Unsurprisingly, this led to an open conflict between the Jedi Order and the Ordu Aspectu, though a peace treaty allowed them to continue their research. A later incident with a rogue artificial intelligence led to the self-destruction of the Ordu Aspectu, ending the cult forever.The Jedi Order during Old Republic times The Old Republic's guardians in the video game Star Wars: The Old Republic. (Image credit: Disney / EA)The Sith Order, which shares its name with a red-skinned alien species connected in special ways to the dark side of the Force, was firmly formed around 5,000 BBY by the aforementioned rogue Jedi. The early Sith wanted to explore the mysteries of the dark side of the Force, but also rejected many of the Jedi Order's key teachings.The first open war between the two Orders ended with the Sith defeated, retreating to and colonizing the red world of Korriban, later known as Moraband. In the shadows, they rebuilt over generations and formed an Empire that would later strike against the Old Republic and their Jedi protectors. You may like Around this time, the Order also set up a new headquarters on Coruscant, a planet located roughly at the center of the known galaxy. Their temple on the planet would become the Order's main hub for thousands of generations. Unbeknownst to them, however, the ancient Sith shrine buried below it, thought to be 'neutralized' long ago, emanated dark side power that 'infiltrated' the space above and weakened the Jedi for millennia. Check out our article on the history of the Sith Order for more information on the Jedi's dark mirror. A Jedi Master duels a Sith Knight. (Image credit: Disney)During the Old Republic era, the Jedi Order also came into conflict against factions that threatened the Republic's ideals of peace and freedom. Their biggest enemies included the Zygerrian Slave Empire and the Mandalorians, who'd developed a warlike culture that threatened to devour the galaxy if left unchecked.Later wars against the Sith Empire, who even managed to conquer Coruscant for a time, pushed the Jedi to adopt more aggressive lightsaber combat forms. While this was extremely effective, it also led many Jedi to the dark side. As a direct result, the Order was quick to ban their use after the fires of war were extinguished.Towards the end of the Dark Age (defined by the seemingly endless battles against the Sith), the Old Republic's system faced an imminent collapse. Despite this the Jedi were able to defeat the Sith Empire after the latter was irreparably weakened by ill-timed infighting. After the Sith's definitive defeat on the planet Ruusan, only Darth Bane remained. The Sith Order's survival in the shadows under Darth Bane's Rule of Two ("One master and one apprentice can be the only Sith in the galaxy at a time") would eventually lead to the Jedi's undoing.The High Republic and the golden age of the Jedi The Jedi Knights of the High Republic. (Image credit: Disney)The modern Galactic Republic replaced the Old Republic around the year 1,000 BBY. This heralded a new era of peace, democracy, and prosperity under the steady rule of the Galactic Senate and its elected leader, the Supreme Chancellor. At this point, the Jedi fully embraced their role as the Republic's peacekeepers and guardians. The Galactic republic was at the height of its power from around 500 BBY to 100 BBY – a period known as the High Republic era.The Jedi of this era were neither soldiers nor monk-like figures, instead serving as law enforcement agents that pursued dangerous criminals and often acted as detectives. The Jedi Order did eventually lose its firm grip on the galaxy's evildoers and rejected the idea of the Sith returning until it was too late. However, until then the High Republic was a period of relative peace and a lack of major galaxy-wide warfare.Regardless, the Jedi were still involved in a number of notable conflicts, like the ones against the Path of the Open Hand cult – who wanted to 'free' the Force – or the Nihil marauders, and suffered heavy losses during certain battles and events that weakened the grand Order's position as the galaxy's first line of defense. This led to an internal debate within the Jedi Order that made some members question how involved with the Republic they should be.The Fall of the Jedi and the Clones Wars Qui-Gon Jinn and Obi-Wan Kenobi fight Darth Maul. (Image credit: Disney)Prior to the Invasion of Naboo in the year 32 BBY, the Jedi Master Sifo-Dyas sought to create a Grand Army of the Republic after predicting a galactic conflict that would end the government as well as the Jedi Order. This led to his removal from the Council and him secretly commissioning an army of clone soldiers from the inhabitants of Kamino.Unbeknownst to the Jedi Master, the Sith, who'd continued to plot and design the Jedi's downfall in the shadows for centuries and were now led by Darth Sidious, learned about his plan and had him killed by the Pyke Syndicate. Following the Battle of Naboo and the election of Sheev Palpatine – Sidious' public persona – as Chancellor, Count Dooku replaced Darth Maul as the Sith Lord's apprentice and became Darth Tyranus.The Jedi wouldn't find out about the existence of a clone army until the Separatist Crisis (orchestrated by Darth Sidious) became a threat to the Republic's stability. It was the Jedi Master Obi-Wan Kenobi who learned about the clone army, although he only got half of the truth from the Kaminoans, as they'd also been tricked – the clone army were now designed by the Sith and 'rigged' to turn on the Jedi when the time came. The Jedi protecting the Coruscant temple. (Image credit: Disney)Concerned by the growing number of Separatist systems, the Senate, now steered by the Chancellor's evil designs, approved the Military Creation Act and deployed the clone army on Geonosis alongside a Jedi assault team led by Master Yoda and Mace Windu. The First Battle of Geonosis – launched against the Separatist leaders, Count Dooku/Tyranus, and their droid army – marked the beginning of the three-year-long Clone Wars, which broke the galaxy apart.Out of necessity, the Jedi became generals and commanders once again, now leading a clone army against the Separatists, a coalition made up from worlds that had once been part of the Republic along with some supporting Outer Rim systems. Of course, many Jedi questioned their involvement in the war and its very nature, yet Sidious, Count Dooku/Darth Tyranus, and their allies managed to keep the 'show' going long enough to finalize their plans to take over the government and end the Jedi once and for all.The Clone Wars ended in the year 19 BBY, when Count Dooku/Darth Tyranus was felled by Anakin Skywalker and General Grievous was destroyed by his Master, Obi-Wan Kenobi. This was all part of Darth Sidious' Grand Plan and led to the final phase: the activation of Order 66. This infamous directive saw the clone troopers turning on their Jedi leaders, and the creation of the Galactic Empire to 'reorganize' and ensure the security of the galaxy after a time of war and division.The dark times and the Return of the Jedi Luke Skywalker duels Darth Vader in Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back. (Image credit: Disney)While some Jedi survivors escaped the purge and remained hidden away in remote worlds, Order 66 was largely a success and effectively destroyed the Jedi Order and most of its following. This paved the way for the Empire's unchecked expansion across the galaxy.During the Reign of the Empire, Darth Sidious ruled as Emperor Palpatine with the help of Darth Vader, formerly Anakin Skywalker (the Chosen One according to some of the Jedi), as his right-hand man. Some Jedi who'd been captured were also twisted by the dark side and turned into Inquisitors who helped track down and kill the remaining Jedi until they were no longer useful to Palpatine and Vader.Some persistent Jedi rebels survived, including Ahsoka Tano (Skywalker's former Padawan), Cal Kestis, and Kanan Jarrus, but they were scattered and alone, unable to bring down the Empire. Sidious' empire would ultimately fall at the hands of Luke Skywalker, Anakin Skywalker's secret son. Luke Skywalker was trained in the Jedi ways by Obi-Wan Kenobi, Anakin's old master, and joined the Rebel Alliance alongside his sister, Leia Organa.Both Darth Sidious and Darth Vader tried to seduce Luke Skywalker into joining the Sith during the Battle of Endor, in the year 4 ABY (After the Battle of Yavin). Once again, infighting would be the downfall of the Sith Order, as each of them had their own plans to kill and replace the other. In the end, the young Jedi Luke Skywalker brought Darth Vader back into the light and reached Anakin. Before dying from grave injuries, Anakin saved his son Luke and ended Sidious' life aboard the second Death Star. The battle station was also destroyed by the Rebels, putting the Empire on the defensive.New Republic era and the Last Jedi Luke Skywalker teaching Grogu. (Image credit: Disney)Following the deaths of both Emperor Palpatine and Darth Vader, Imperial loyalists put up a fight against the Alliance that soon formed the New Republic, but ultimately failed to preserve the late Galactic Empire. Meanwhile, Luke Skywalker began to train his sister Leia as a Jedi. She went as far as constructing her own lightsaber, but declined further training after seeing a vision of her son's death, and instead chose to focus on building the New Republic.At the same time, Ahsoka Tano commenced the training of the Mandalorian warrior and Rebel fighter Sabine Wren while searching for Ezra Bridger, a Jedi Padawan apprentice of Kanan Jarrus who had removed himself from the galaxy alongside Grand Admiral Thrawn. Bridger was found and returned to the galaxy alongside Thrawn and his new allies, while Tano and Wren were left behind. This specific tale has yet to be fully told, but Thrawn's attempt to restore the Empire likely led to the creation of the First Order.Knowing his training was unorthodox, Luke aimed to give his New Jedi Order students a training regime similar to the one used during the Republic days. His Jedi temple and students on Ossus thrived. That was until around 28 ABY, when Ben Solo, son of Leia and Han Solo, was seduced to the dark side by Supreme Leader Snoke. Ben's descent into darkness culminated with the destruction of the Jedi Temple and the slaughter of the Jedi training there after Luke confronted him. This failure set Skywalker on a path of shame and regret.Ben Solo rose to lead the dark side fanatics known as the Knights of Ren, forging an alliance with Snoke, who'd been pulling the strings of the First Order. This new order was a fascist organization that rose from the ashes of the Empire after amassing power deep within the Unknown Regions of space. Ben took on the new moniker of Kylo Ren at this time. Meanwhile, Luke turned his back on the galaxy and exiled himself in the first Jedi temple on Ahch-To, leaving only a cryptic star map behind to give away his whereabouts. Rey confronts Luke Skywalker in Star Wars: The Last Jedi. (Image credit: Disney)The First Order launched an attack on the New Republic and effectively neutralized its military power. At the same time, a scavenger from Jakku, called Rey, came across the lightsaber that Luke lost on Bespin after fighting Darth Vader, and ended up joining the Resistance. Leia later sent the Force-sensitive girl to find Luke on Ahch-To after the star map was completed. There, she started to pull the old Jedi Master out of his pit of despair, and eventually underwent Jedi training.Rey's training and temporary alliance with a conflicted Kylo Ren led to the death of Snoke, yet the Resistance almost perished on Crait when Ren assaulted the base. Only the timely intervention of Luke Skywalker saved the day, when he used all the energy he had to Force-project himself across the galaxy from Ahch-To and confront his nephew. This bought Rey and the Resistance enough time to escape and resulted in Luke passing away and becoming a Force Ghost, as well as a symbol of resistance and hope in the galaxy.Roughly a year after the Battle of Crait, it was revealed that a secret Sith cult known as the Sith Eternal had managed to clone Darth Sidious' body on the ancient Sith planet of Exegol, transferring his lingering spirit into it. This shadowy group was also revealed to be behind Snoke's creation. The Sith fleet absorbed what remained of the unsuspecting First Order and launched an all-out attack against the galaxy to try to establish a new Sith Empire. Rey, after learning she was the lost 'granddaughter' of the phantom Emperor, confronted Sidious and destroyed him with the help of the Jedi who came before her. At the same time, a civilian uprising across the galaxy countered the Sith Eternal's offensive. Ben Solo, brought back to the light by Rey, was key to defeating Sidious and ended up sacrificing himself to save Rey from certain death.After burying Luke and Leia's lightsabers on Tatooine, the desert homeworld of the Skywalkers, Rey adopted their surname and set out to finally restore the Jedi Order without the shadows of the Sith looming over her. Trending nowVote on These ListsThe 40+ Best New & Recent Teen Movies, RankedHorrorThe 100+ Best New & Recent Horror Movies, RankedVote on These ListsThe 90+ Best Recent Thriller Movies, RankedVote on These ListsThe 55+ Best Recent Romantic Movies, RankedWatchworthyThe Best Stalker Movies Where the Villain Is Female When we were first introduced to a galaxy of mystical forces and lightsabers in the original Star Wars: A New Hope, the Jedi Order was all but extinguished. However, when the prequel movies rolled around (and made Midi-chlorian canon), we finally got a glimpse of what the Jedi were like at full strength. With over a thousand generations of Jedi knights, each a beacon of peace and justice, it's no surprise that there would be an extensive list of Star Wars Jedi characters. A Comprehensive List of Star Wars Jedi Characters The Jedi have served as the galaxy's defenders of good and light. They are pledged to safeguard the Republic's citizens. Let's take a look at this full-blown list of Jedi characters throughout Star Wars history. Aayla Secura Star Wars Aayla Secura, a Rutian Twi'lek, was a Jedi Master and Grand Army of the Republic Jedi General during the Clone Wars. Before the Clone Wars, Secura served as a Padawan under Jedi Master Quinlan Vos, learning the ways of the Force. During the Battle of Geonosis, Aayla Secura was one of the Jedi who rescued Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, and Padme Amidala. She went on to become a general in the Clone Wars before being slain by her own forces when Order 66 was carried out on Felucia. Adi Gallia Marvel During the Galactic Republic's last years, Adi Gallia was a Tholothian Jedi Master and a member of the Jedi High Council. She was a Jedi General in the Grand Army of the Republic during the Clone Wars, and she engaged in various engagements throughout the Republic–Separatist struggle, until Darth Maul's brother Savage Opress assassinated her. Her cousin Stass Allie replaced her on the Council as a result. Agen Kolar Star Wars Agen Kolar, a member of the Jedi Council prior to the Clone Wars, took part in the First Battle of Geonosis, which launched the Clone Wars between the Galactic Republic and the Separatist Alliance. Kolar was a member of the Jedi assault squad put up by fellow Jedi High Council member Mace Windu to save Obi-Wan Kenobi, Anakin Skywalker, and Padmé Amidala from the Separatists' execution. He was one of the Jedi assassinated by Darth Sidious when Mace Windu sought to apprehend the Sith Lord. Ahsoka Tano Star Wars Ahsoka Tano was a Togruta former Jedi Padawan who helped organize a network of rebel cells against the Galactic Empire following the Clone Wars. Jedi Master Plo Koon discovered Tano on her homeworld of Shili and took her to the Jedi Temple on Coruscant to undertake Jedi training. After the Clone Wars broke out, Jedi Grand Master Yoda appointed Tano to be the Padawan pupil of Jedi Knight Anakin Skywalker, who dubbed her "Snips" when she joined him at the Battle of Christophsis. During the Clone Wars, Ahsoka Tano deserted the Order after falsely accusing the Jedi Temple. Anakin Skywalker Star Wars Anakin Skywalker, so close to being a Jedi master name, if only he could have managed his emotions. The chosen one produced through midi-chlorians who grew up to become a superb Jedi, only to be tempted by the Dark Side, aid in the Order's annihilation, and become the despised Sith Lord Darth Vader. Asajj Ventress Star Wars Asajj Ventress is a Dathomirian who has worked as a slave, a Jedi Padawan, a Sith assassin, a Nightsister, and a bounty hunter throughout her existence. Ventress' coven was forced to hand her up to the criminal Hal'Sted when she was young, and he whisked her away from her sisters to the war-torn world of Rattatak, where she was reared as a slave in his service. When Weequay pirates slew her owner, she was orphaned, but she was subsequently recovered by Jedi Knight Ky Narec, who was trapped on Rattatak and fighting the pirate marauders. Ventress, however, went to the Dark Side and Count Dooku after he was dead. She did redeem herself and her lover Quinlan Vos in an act of sacrifice that cost her life. Barriss Offee Star Wars Barriss Offee was a Jedi Knight from Mirial. She was a Padawan under Jedi Master Luminara Unduli and wielded a blue lightsaber. Offee took part in the Clone Wars' first battle, the Battle of Geonosis, and remained with Unduli throughout the conflict. She would abandon her fellow Jedi when she realized the Order was on the wrong side of the fight. She eventually orchestrated the Temple's explosion, which resulted in the deaths of numerous Jedi. Ben Solo Star Wars Until Kylo Ren fell to the Dark Side, Luke Skywalker taught his nephew Ben Solo and a "new generation" of Force-sensitives the teachings of the Jedi. Amidst this list of famous Star Wars Jedi character names, Ben Solo needed to jump on board and assumed the name Kylo Ren and betrayed his uncle and other Padawans under the influence of Supreme Leader Snoke. Bolla Ropal Star Wars During the Clone Wars, Bolla Ropal was a Rodian who served as a Jedi Master and Jedi General in the Jedi Order. During the conflict, Ropal was the curator of the Kyber memory crystal, which housed information on the identities of Force-sensitive youngsters all around the galaxy. Coleman Kcaj Star Wars Coleman Kcaj was a Ongree Jedi Master who served the Jedi Order during the Galactic Republic's last years. During the Clone Wars, Kcaj was elected to the Jedi High Council and survived the Great Jedi Purge for years. Coleman Trebor Star Wars Coleman Trebor was a Vurk Jedi Master who served on the Jedi High Council before the Clone Wars and was a member of the Jedi High Council. Trebor attempted to fight Count Dooku during the First Battle of Geonosis but was shot and killed by bounty hunter Jango Fett. Count Dooku Star Wars Count Dooku was a Jedi Master who turned to the evil side of the Force and became Darth Tyranus, the Dark Lord of the Sith, during the Galactic Republic's dying years. During the Clone Wars, he served as Head of State of the Confederacy of Independent Systems after abandoning the Jedi Order. He was Darth Sidious' second apprentice, and his plan to rule the galaxy hinged on Dooku organizing a pan-galactic separatist campaign against the Republic. As a result, Dooku immersed himself in the dark side and worked diligently to further his and his master's objectives, but he eventually lost that treachery was the Sith's way of life, and he also forgot that he was merely a pawn of his master. Depa Billaba Star Wars Depa Billaba was a Jedi Master who served on the Jedi High Council during the latter years of the Jedi Order. She was born on the planet Chalacta and joined the Jedi Order as a child, where she was trained by Jedi Master Mace Windu. Billaba was subsequently nominated to the Council with her old master, and she was there when Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn introduced the Chosen One, Anakin Skywalker, to the governing body. After the Jedi Master was slain during the Battle of Naboo, she attended Jinn's burial. Eekar Oki Star Wars During the Clone Wars, Eekar Oki served as a Jedi for the Galactic Republic. Oki attended a conference of Jedi Order members after being contacted by Confederate General Grievous during his detention of Jedi Master Eeth Koth, and later that year in the Galactic Senate Building. Eeth Koth Star Wars Eeth Koth served on the Jedi High Council in the Galactic Republic's last years. During the Clone Wars, he served as a Jedi General. Koth was abducted by General Grievous and used as bait to draw other Jedi into a trap after surviving the initial combat on Geonosis that initiated the conflict. Even Piell Star Wars Prior to the Clone Wars, even Piell was born on Lannik. During a struggle with militants on his home planet, Piell lost his left eye. Piell rose through the ranks of the Jedi Order to become a Jedi Master and a member of the Jedi High Council. However, he was captured during the Clone Wars and became a prisoner of war and was eventually slain. Halsey Star Wars During the Clone Wars, Halsey, a Roonan Jedi Master, fought with Clone Commander "Trauma" and his Padawan Knox during the Republic's defense of the Temple of Eedit on the planet Devaron. Savage Opress, Darth Maul's brother, ultimately killed him during the struggle. Ima-Gun Di Star Wars During the Clone Wars, Ima-Gun Di was a Jedi Master who served as a General for the Jedi Order. While assisting in the rescue of Ryloth's people, he was slain by Separatist droid soldiers. Jocasta Nu Star Wars Jocasta Nu was a Jedi Master who served as the Chief Librarian of the Jedi Archives during the Galactic Republic's last years. Nu's major responsibility in this capacity was to look after the vast Archives, assisting her fellow Jedi in finding the information they required while also managing access to various restricted vaults and relics. Ki-Adi-Mundi Star Wars During the Galactic Republic's latter years, Ki-Adi-Mundi was a Cerean Jedi Master and a member of the Jedi High Council. Mundi rose through the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic to become a Jedi General during the Clone Wars. Kit Fisto Star Wars Kit Fisto, an amphibious creature, was a Jedi Council member who could combat the Clone Wars on both dry and wet planets. Fisto became increasingly active on the High Council after the Mon Cala campaign. Anakin Skywalker confessed to Mace Windu that Chancellor Palpatine was a Sith Lord as the war's conclusion approached. To arrest Palpatine, Windu led Fisto and fellow Masters Agen Kolar and Saesee Tiin to Palpatine's office. Kolar and Tiin were swiftly dispatched by the Dark Lord, while Fisto survived just a few seconds longer before succumbing to Sidious' ultimate power, with Windu joining them shortly after. Luke Skywalker Star Wars Probably the most famous of all Star Wars Jedi characters is. Luke Skywalker. A Tatooine farm child who inherited his father's Force sensitivity, he didn't know about his true origins until he met Obi-Wan Kenobi. Luke Skywalker was exposed to the Force by the elderly Jedi, and he would go on to become a brilliant knight, a Rebel Alliance hero, and the only person who could return Anakin Skywalker to the lightside of the Force. Luminara Unduli Star Wars Luminara Unduli was a Mirialan Jedi Master. Lena was the 41st Elite Corps commander and Barriss Offee's master. Unduli was horrified when Offee betrayed the Jedi Order by bombing the Jedi Temple. Unduli fought in the Battle of Kashyyyk. After Palpatine abolished the Jedi Order, she was captured and killed. To lure and destroy any Jedi who escaped Order 66, the Empire used her corpse. Kanan Jarrus and the Ghost crew were duped into thinking Unduli was alive and imprisoned on Stygeon Prime. They went on a rescue operation only to find out it was a Grand Inquisitor trap. The rebels escaped with the news that Unduli had died, avoiding any further deaths in her name. Unduli's voice was heard many years later by Rey Skywalker when she met Darth Sidious on Exegol, encouraging her to find the light. Mace Windu Marvel During the Clone Wars, the purple lightsaber wielder Mace Windu was the most senior member of the Jedi Council, aside from Yoda .During the dark days of the Republic, he was the greatest advocate of the Jedi Order and its old traditions. When the Separatist Crisis led to the Confederacy of Independent Systems and the Clone Wars, Windu and the Jedi led the Grand Army of the Republic to defend the Republic. Windu served the Jedi and the Republic in numerous positions throughout the war — on the battlefield commanding the clone army, on Coruscant overseeing the war effort and advising Supreme Chancellor Palpatine, and even as a diplomat visiting contested worlds. Windu was wary of Palpatine's objectives when the battle ended, noticing Palpatine's near-dictatorial rule over the Galactic Senate, and the rise of the dark side in the galaxy. Windu defeated Palpatine and intended to kill the chancellor owing to his power over the government, but Anakin Skywalker's interference led to Windu's demise. Nahdar Vebb Star Wars Nahdar Vebb was a Mon Calamari Jedi Knight. He was taught as a Jedi by the Nautolan Jedi Master Kit Fisto, but when Fisto was called away, Vebb had to finish his training on his own. He passed his Jedi Trials and became a skilled Force healer. Unfortunately, he was assassinated by General Grievous not long after achieving full Knighthood. Obi-Wan Kenobi Star Wars This Jedi Master went from having one of the best Jedi names, Obi-Wan Kenobi, to Ben Kenobi in a surprisingly successful attempt to elude the Empire's authority. During his exile, the famed Jedi Master played a key part in the galaxy's fate during the Galactic Republic's final days. He was master to two of the most famous Jedi Star Wars characters, Anakin and Luke Skywalker, teaching them the ways of the Force. He had a lengthy and turbulent career that influenced the galaxy's destiny. Oppo Rancisis Marvel During the High Republic Era, the Invasion of Naboo, and the Clone Wars, Oppo Rancisis was a Force-sensitive Thisspiasian Jedi Master who sat on the Jedi Council. He was regarded as one of the Council's smartest members. He was a survivor of the Great Jedi Purge and was revered for his calm knowledge and commitment to the Force. Ord Enisence Star Wars Ord Enisence was a Jedi Master who Cad Bane assassinated before the event with Bolla Ropal. During their raid on the Jedi Temple, Bane's colleague bounty hunter, the shapeshifting Cato Parasitti, impersonated Enisence. Plo Koon Star Wars Plo Koon was a Kel Dor Jedi Master and member of the Jedi High Council during the Galactic Republic's last years. During the war, he led his 104th Battalion on several difficult operations and because of his Kel Dor physiology, this Council member needed to wear a mask when in oxygen environments. Qui-Gon Jinn Star Wars Qui-Gon Jinn, a Jedi name that has gone down in history, was a Force-sensitive Jedi Master who lived during the Galactic Republic's last decades and was most famous for uncovering Anakin Skywalker, and bringing him into the Jedi Order. Jinn, a follower of the Living Force, was always present in the moment, and he frequently battled with and openly challenged the Jedi High Council. Quinlan Vos Star Wars Quinlan Vos was a Kiffar Jedi Master who lived during the Galactic Republic's demise. Born on Kiffu, he was a Jedi who liked to break the rules. He was known for his retrocognition (perceiving memories of people when touching items) making Vos a skilled tracker. He was often sent into the criminal underbelly. On one one these missions, he encountered Aayla Secura and made her as his Padawan. Rey Skywalker Star Wars Rey was a Jedi Master who fought alongside the Resistance against the First Order in the Star Wars universe. Her life was affected by the turbulent events of the New Republic Era, since she was a former scavenger from the planet Jakku. However, through a series of adventures that spanned the galaxy, she eventually took on the most famous of Jedi names in Star Wars history, becoming Rey Skywalker. Rig Nema Star Wars Rig Nema was a Halaisi Consular Jedi medic and during one violent battle, Grand Master Yoda became one of Doctor Nema's patients, hearing the disembodied voice of late Master Qui-Gon Jinn, much to the dismay of the Jedi Council. Saesee Tiin Star Wars Saesee Tiin, an Iktotchi from the moon Iktotch, was a Jedi Master who served on the Jedi High Council during the Galactic Republic's last years. Tiin served as a Jedi General of the Grand Army of the Republic during the Clone Wars, and was a competent lightsaber combatant and starfighter pilot. Shaak Ti Star Wars Shaak Ti was a member of the Council and a commander throughout the wars, and directed the Clone Trooper training on Kamino for a while. She was a great warrior and a committed follower of the Jedi teachings. Ti served as a general in the Grand Army of the Republic during the Clone Wars, a galaxy-wide struggle between the Republic and the Confederacy of Independent Systems. Ti was killed at the Siege of the Jedi Temple by fallen Jedi Anakin Skywalker during the Great Jedi Purge. Sifo-Dyas Star Wars Sifo-Dyas, a Jedi from the Cassandran Worlds, served on the Jedi High Council before the Naboo Invasion. He predicted a galaxy-wide battle and felt the Galactic Republic would need an army to win. But the Jedi Council rejected his ideas, and he was expelled. Nonetheless, he proceeded his plans in secret, contacting Kaminoan cloners and claiming Council and Galactic Senate approval to develop an army for the Republic. So he unwittingly put himself in the path of the Sith, who sought to take over his cloning effort. Stass Allie Star Wars Stass Allie, a Tholothian female Jedi Master, lived during the Galactic Republic's dying years. She was Adi Gallia's cousin. When Gallia was slain, Allie became a Jedi General in the Grand Army of the Republic and a member of the Jedi High Council. Allie would not last long on Saleucami during the Clone Wars. Clone Commander CC-8826 opened fire on Allie, killing her instantaneously. Tera Sinube Star Wars Tera Sinube was a Cosian Jedi Master who lived during the Galactic Republic's glory days. The High Republic marshal of a Jedi station on Derra, Sinube served on the Jedi High Council before Naboo's invasion. During the Clone Wars, Sinube helped Ahsoka Tano retrieve her stolen lightsaber from a thief called Bannamu. He taught Jedi arts to younglings in the Coruscant temple. Tiplar Star Wars Tiplar was a yellow-skinned Mikkian female Jedi Master and Grand Army of the Republic General during the Clone Wars. Tiplar, along with her twin sister Tiplee, headed a clone soldier battalion under Clone Commander Doom. The three of them worked together with Jedi General Anakin Skywalker's 501st Legion to evict the Confederacy of Independent Systems from Ringo Vinda's orbit. Due to a glitch in his inhibitor chip, 501st clone trooper Tup executed Tiplar by shooting her in the head during the campaign. Tup's alleged act of treachery spurred a high-profile inquiry that led ARC soldier Fives to discover the presence and operation of the clones' inhibitor chips. Tiplee Star Wars Tiplee was a red-skinned Mikkian Jedi Master who served the Jedi Order and the Galactic Republic alongside her twin sister Tiplar. She and her sister were Jedi Generals in the Grand Army of the Republic and fought at Ringo Vinda. During the campaign, Tiplar was slain by clone trooper CT-5385, nicknamed "Tup," due to a defect in the clone's behavioral modification biochip that prompted clones to kill Jedi as traitors. Tiplee was there and saw her sister die. Tu-Anh Tu-Anh was a Jedi Master who perished while investigating a Separatist scheme on Utapau at the conclusion of the Clone Wars. Locals found her body and showed it to Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi. Yaddle Star Wars Yaddle was a female Jedi Master and member of the Jedi High Council during the Galactic Republic's last years. She was a Force-sensitive female being of the same species as Grand Master Yoda and Grogu and served on the High Council by the time of the Naboo Invasion. Yaracl Poof Star Wars Yaracl Poof, a Quermian Jedi Master, is known for more than his exceptionally long neck, two brains and extra set of arms — but also his mastery over Jedi mind tricks and illusions. He would sit on the Jedi High Council during the High Republic Era and Galactic Republic's last years. Yoda Star Wars Yoda, a mystery Force-sensitive creature, was a renowned Jedi Master and also respected as the best lightsaber wielder. He was a key figure in the Clone Wars, the revival of the Jedi via Luke Skywalker, and the discovery of the secret to immortality, having lived through nine centuries of galactic history. Yoda, one of the most influential Jedi characters in Star Wars, was a little man with great wisdom and power, educated generations of Jedi and eventually became the Grand Master of the Jedi Order. And there you have it, the entire list of Jedi characters. For more of the latest entertainment rumors and Star Wars news, keep it here at the Direct! Trending nowIndiana Jones FranchiseThe Actual, Real World Value Of All The Artifacts Indiana Jones FindsHorrorThe Best Characters In Slasher MoviesFantasyThe Luckiest Characters In The 'Harry Potter' Film FranchiseHistoryFictional Political Candidates You'd Cast Your Ballot ForTotal Nerd15 Movie Protagonists Who Are Actually Just The Sidekick The Jedi Order's origins can be traced back to the Dai Bendu, a Force cult that preceded the Jedi and believed in balance rather than the light or dark side. The first Jedi Temple was believed to be on Ahch-To, even though the Dai Bendu were associated with Coruscant. This suggests that the Jedi Order may have originated from outside the galaxy. The Jedi Order went through significant changes, dedicating themselves to the light side of the Force and developing new lightsaber forms to adapt to conflicts with the Sith. The history and timeline of the Jedi Order is still something of a mystery in Star Wars, but here's everything that has been revealed to date. When George Lucas introduced viewers to the Star Wars galaxy, he deliberately chose to give everything a lived-in aesthetic and a sense of history. According to Obi-Wan Kenobi, the Jedi had been guardians of the Republic for a thousand generations. The Star Wars galaxy has expanded a great deal since then, of course (and Ahsoka even went beyond the confines of this galaxy). Canon stories have been set across the timeline, and countless Jedi and Sith artifacts have been recovered. The actual dawn of the Jedi is expected to be told in James Mangold's upcoming Jedi origin movie, but a surprising amount has already been revealed or implied. Here's the full timeline of the Jedi Order, from their origin over 25,000 years ago to what was believed to be the final defeat of the Sith a thousand years before the Skywalker saga. All dates are provided in BBY (Before the Battle of Yavin), the main marker in the Star Wars calendar. 13 The Dai Bendu Were The Precursor Of The Jedi Order Little is known about the Force cult that became the Jedi According to the Star Wars: Force & Destiny sourcebook Unlimited Power, a group known as the Dai Bendu were the precursor of the Jedi Order. The name comes from George Lucas' earliest plans for the Jedi - he originally called them Jedi Bendu - and little is known about them in canon. They are confirmed to have still been active in the Star Wars galaxy just a thousand years before the Skywalker saga, so they must have coexisted with the Jedi. They may also have been tied to a mysterious creature called the Bendu encountered in Star Wars Rebels, who considered himself an agent of balance rather than the light or dark side. There are some indications the same was true of the Dai Bendu in canon. Lightsabers may be associated with the Jedi Order and the Sith, but the Star Wars: Force & Destiny sourcebook Knights of Fate hints they predated the Jedi. The first official lightsaber form, Shii-Cho - sometimes called the Determination Form or the Way of the Sarlacc - is believed to have been adapted from existing techniques. "These traditional maneuvers primarily focused on direct blows intended to kill or maim, and their results were amplified by the unprecedented efficacy of the lightsaber." Related What's the best way to watch Star Wars? Here's everything you need to know to watch in release or timeline order, and how to include the TV shows. 12 The Prime Jedi Established The Jedi Order The birth of the Jedi Order - c.25,025 BBY Luke Skywalker and the Prime Jedi mural in The Last Jedi. There have been strong hints the founder of the Jedi Order was an agent of balance, rather than a devotee of the light side of the Force. In Star Wars: The Last Jedi, Luke Skywalker is seen beside a mural of the Prime Jedi that showed this mysterious being as the light in the darkness, and the darkness in the light. Cavan Scott's audiobook Dooku: Jedi Lost contains an ancient Jedi mantra that may well date back to these early days, when the Jedi considered balance an aspect of the Force like light or dark: "We call upon the three — light, dark, and balance true. One is no greater than the others. Together, they unite, restore, center, and renew. We walk into the light, acknowledge the dark, and find balance within ourselves. The Force is strong." This mantra gives a fascinating glimpse into the philosophy of the early Jedi Order, and it's very different to the one seen in the Star Wars prequel trilogy. 11 The First Jedi Temple Is Thought To Have Been On Ahch-To The seeds of the Jedi spread across the galaxy - c. 25,025 BBY Rey in the Jedi Temple on Ahch-To in The Last Jedi. The first Jedi Temple is believed to have been established on the remote planet Ahch-To in the Unknown Regions. This is rather odd, because the Dai Bendu - precursor of the Jedi - are associated with Coruscant in the Galactic Core. Ahsoka recently confirmed that ancient Force groups traveled between the galaxies long before recorded history, and this oddity raises the possibility the Jedi Order is extragalactic in origin too, with both the Dai Bendu and the Jedi spreading across the galaxy at speed. This corresponds well with an ancient Jedi text described in the Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker junior novelization, which refers to the Seeds of the Jedi being sown throughout the galaxy. The first Jedi used the Force to navigate. One such ability is known as Wayfinding, which allows a Jedi traveling through space or hyperspace to focus on a Force vergence - a planet rich in the Force - and navigate toward it. There have also been records of hyperspace powers that may have been useful, such as "hyperspace tripping," in which a Jedi's mind becomes unmoored from their body during travel through hyperspace and they receive visions of events and locations elsewhere in the galaxy. These early Jedi discovered worlds such as Ilum, Ossus, Jedha Xenxiar, and Tython. Jedha actually became known as a Jedi world for millennia, although there's as yet no information about how that fits into the Star Wars timeline. 10 Huyang Was Activated To Train Younglings In Building Lightsabers Huyang is activated - c. 25,020 BBY Huyang Inspects Sabine's Lightsaber in the Ahsoka show Introduced in Star Wars: The Clone Wars, and most recently appearing in Ahsoka, the droid Huyang is one of the oldest beings in the Star Wars galaxy. According to Star Wars: Timelines, Huyang was powered up 25,020 years before the Battle of Yavin, and began training Younglings in the delicate art of lightsaber construction. He continues to serve the Jedi Order throughout their long history. The Jedi Order's philosophy changed - by c. 24,025 BBY The Star Wars: Force & Destiny sourcebook Knights of Fate subtly hints that the Jedi Order devoted itself to the light side of the Force during its first millennium. The Jedi became concerned about the aggressive nature of lightsaber conflict, fearing it embraced aggression and anger, and they committed themselves to what became the first