

LA VIDA DE PI [LIFE OF PI]



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El dossier que os hacemos llegar contiene una serie de actividades para trabajar con el alumnado dentro del aula antes o después de la proyección. Estas actividades son opcionales, dejando a vuestro criterio, a partir del conocimiento real que tenéis de vuestro alumnado, la manera de trabajar el film. Dirección y concepción gráfica: Cine para estudiantes Actividades y adaptación de textos: Abel Gálvez y José Pica	Ficha técnica y artística; sinopsis English Activities - The plot 4 - 5 - Who is who in the film 6 - Names of animals 7 - Prepositions of place 8 - 9 - Tiger info graphic 10 - Famous castaways in the movies 11 - 12 - Reorder sentences and exercises with <i>there is / there are</i> 13 - Reading: Survival at sea 14 - 15 Pensamiento y creencias del protagonista, Pi Patel (en castellano) - “Sincretismo religioso” 16 - Fe, fuerza de voluntad y convicción en sí mismo 17 - 18 -	

FITXA TÈCNICA I ARTÍSTICA

Direcció: Ang Lee. **Interpretació:** Suraj Sharma (Pi Patel), Irrfan Khan (Pi adult), Tabu (Gita Patel), Rafe Spall (Hussein (pare de Pi), Gérard Depardieu (Culm Magne; basat en la novel·la homònima de Producció: David Womark, Gil Netter i Ang Lee. **Dànica:** Fotografia: Claudio Miranda. **Muntatge:** Disney de producció: David Gropman. **Gènere:** USA. Any: 2012. **Durada:** 127 min.

SINOPSI

A *La Vida de Pi* coneixem Pi Patel, fill del propietari de la ciutat de l'Índia on viuen. La seva família de Canadà, però una tempesta fa naufragar el vaixell. Pi aconsegueix salvar-se gràcies a una barcassa de fusta i un altre "passatger", un tigre de Bengala. Intentarà domar per poder sobreviure. Pel·lícula basada en la novel·la del canadenc Yann Martel.

ENGLISH ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY ONE - THE PLOT

Life of Pi is a fantastic movie telling the amazing adventures of Pi Patel at sea.

Read the plot of the film and then choose the correct option in the comprehension questions.

Looking for an idea for his second book, a writer visits a famous Indian storyteller, Pi Patel, in Montreal, Canada. Patel has an amazing tale that will make the writer believe in God. Patel is delighted to tell his story.

He was born in India in the territory of Pondicherry. His father was a zoo owner and named his son Piscine Molitor after a swimming pool in France. Piscine is bullied at school with cries of "Fissing Patel". Religion fascinates Pi, an unusual child, and he decides to add Christianity and Islam to his family's Hindu faith. He is also fascinated by one of the zoo's animals, a Bengal tiger which, like him, has a strange name, "Richard Parker".

Economic and political problems push Pi's father into selling the zoo and deciding to emigrate to Canada, with his wife, Pi and Pi's elder brother, plus a number of animals. The 16-year-old Pi boards a Japanese cargo ship with his family and most importantly Richard Parker.

As the family argue for a meal in the ship's kitchen one day, the cook insults

ACTIVITY FOUR - PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE

Prepositions are words which relate one noun (or pronoun) to another, in time or space, such as "before" (school starts before 9 am), "with" (I went to the cinema with him), "by" (the house was destroyed by the earthquake) and so on.

Prepositions are very important in English, and their use is different from other languages. Catalan



ACTIVITY THREE - NAMES OF ANIMALS

Pi's family owns a Zoo in Pondicherry, India. When they move to Canada, they board all the animals onto a cargo ship.

Animals are very important in this film. Please, try to reorder these letters to form correct animal names.

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EXTREME SURVIVAL TACTICS

- Collect seawater in a large container. Place a smaller container within this one, and cover both with plastic wrap. Place a small weight in the centre of the plastic wrap. Evaporation will cause the water to collect on the plastic, and drain inward, leaving the salt behind.
- Catch fish using a curved piece of metal or plastic on a string. The shadow of the raft will attract fish, even further out at sea. If you have a net, you may try using this instead. Prepare the fish by removing all the guts (where parasites are most likely to be).

Adapted from: <http://www.whiblow.com/Survive-If-Lost-at-Sea>

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- Who visits Patel in Montreal? a) his father b) Richard Parker c) a writer
- Patel has got... a) an amazing treasure b) an amazing story c) an amazing map
- Patel was born a) in Vietnam b) in India c) in Thailand
- He was named after a... a) swimming pool b) an actor c) a king
- He is fascinated by a) astronomy b) ancient gods c) religion
- How many religions does Pi have? a) one b) three c) two
- Pi also loves... a) the zoo b) a tiger c) his mum
- His family decides to emigrate to... a) Canada b) France c) Britain
- Who insults Pi's mum on the ship? a) the cook b) a sailor c) Richard Parker
- How many people survive the shipwreck? a) Pi and Richard Parker b) Pi and his brother c) Pi and his mother
- How many animals are there in the lifeboat? a) four b) three c) two



ACTIVITY TWO - WHO IS WHO IN THE FILM

Here, you have the pictures of the protagonists of the film. Re-read the plot and try to write the names of the characters.



...been ...turkeys, some ...which you can see here.

THE BLUE LAGOON (1980)

It was a risqué romantic adventure, which cost \$4.5 million and took an incredible \$50 million at the box office. Two young children are marooned on a tropical island paradise. They grow up and fall in love. The actress was only 14 and had to testify in Congress that body doubles were used in her nude scenes.



SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON (1960)

This is a Disney adaptation of a 1912 German novel. A family sailing to New Guinea is attacked by pirates and then shipwrecked on a deserted tropical island, where they create a home in a huge tree house. Filmed in Tobago, where there was little local wildlife, the studio imported animals from around the world.

CAST AWAY (2000)

Tim Hanks played 23 kilos for this film to make him look like an overweight, middle-aged man. After the "fat" scenes were filmed, Hanks had a year's break to lose the extra kilos before filming began again. A "workaholic" business executive is marooned on an island after his plane crashes into the ocean.



LORD OF THE FLIES (1963)

It was a brilliant adaptation of Nobel Prize-winner William Golding's classic novel. A group of English schoolboys are evacuated from the country in the middle of a war by plane; the plane is shot down near a remote island. The children become savages after reaching land. Most of them had not read the book, so the result was highly improvised.

TV SERIES LOST (2004-2010)

More recently, the latest boom of TV fiction created one of the best series of all time, *Lost*. This series is about the misfortunes of the survivors of a plane crash who find themselves on a mysterious tropical island. The series was a huge critical and popular success, and the last episode was watched worldwide.



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PENSAMENT I CREENCES DE PI, EL PI

1. SINCRETISME RELIGIÓS

"Vaig a explicar-te una història que (Pi Patel a l'escriptura

Una de les característiques de la societat combinació d'elements de diferents cultures, que avui dia hi ha entre totes transculturització i mestissatge entre diferents cultures. En el sincretisme religiós, el protagonista, en les reflexions filosòfiques, intenta explicar-se.

D'entrada, el protagonista és originari de el sistema de creences hindu. En aquestes diverses deïtats, els animals són tractats com a divinitats, i els humans, el déu amb cap d'elefant.

"No has de utilitzar el teu cos donat per Déu per matar altres criatures de Déu, ja siguin humans, animals o el que sigui."
(Yajur Veda", 12.32)



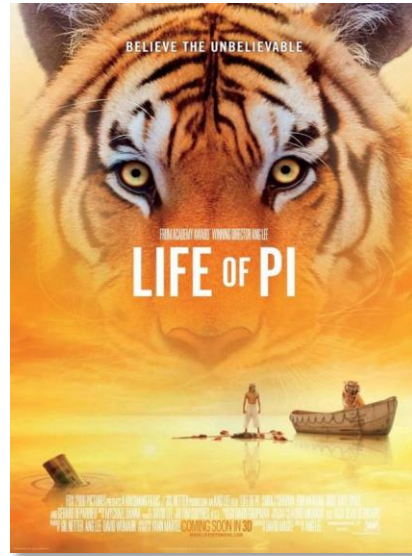
Imatge de Ganesha, el déu amb cap d'elefant

* El Yajur Veda és un dels quatre Vedes (les escriptures sagrades més antigues de l'Índia).



Ang Lee (director del film) i Suraj Sharma (Pi Patel) amb Richard Parker, el tigre

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