

Before you watch**1 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Answer the questions.

- 1 Who are your favourite film and book characters? Why?
- 2 Do you know any of Charles Dickens's books? If so, which ones?
- 3 Have you seen any James Bond films? If yes, which ones?

Comprehension check**2** Watch the DVD clip. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 Charles Dickens lived in the last century. **true / false**
- 2 James Bond was originally a character in a Charles Dickens novel. **true / false**
- 3 Ian Fleming came from a rich family. **true / false**
- 4 He worked as a journalist during the Second World War. **true / false**
- 5 Sean Connery played James Bond in the first Bond film. **true / false**

3 Watch again. Choose the correct words.

- 1 Charles Dickens had **a long beard / long hair**.
- 2 The DVD clip shows the Charles Dickens **Library / Museum** in London.
- 3 Ian Fleming was born in a large **terraced / detached** house in London.
- 4 At Eton College, students wear old-fashioned black **suits / shirts**.
- 5 Goldeneye, Fleming's house in Jamaica, is by **the beach / the mountains**.
- 6 Fleming wrote his novels **by hand / on a typewriter**.

4 Watch again. Number the events (A–H) in the order that they happened.

- A ___ Goldeneye was built in Jamaica.
- B ___ The Second World War started.
- C ___ Fleming went to Eton College.
- D ___ Fleming died.
- E ___ *Casino Royale* was published.
- F ___ Fleming became a journalist.
- G ___ Fleming joined the British secret service.
- H ___ The first Bond film was made.

Round up**5 SPEAKING** Work in groups. Answer the questions.

Have you seen the latest James Bond film? If so, did you enjoy it? If not, would you like to see it? Why? / Why not?

Vocabulary

6 RECYCLE Complete the text with the words below.

created dramas directed novels plays wrote

Wolf Hall

Some critics are already saying that *Wolf Hall* is the one of the best TV ¹ _____ ever made. It was based on the ² _____ that Hilary Mantel ³ _____ about the life of Thomas Cromwell, who was one of Henry VIII's most important advisors. Damian Lewis, who you might recognise from the American TV series *Homeland*, ⁴ _____ King Henry. Peter Kosminsky ⁵ _____ the series, and along with the actors, designers and crew, he has ⁶ _____ a brilliant, atmospheric drama which is going to become a classic.

7 Complete the sentences with the words below.

adaptations blockbuster influenced phenomenon released

- 1 There have been lots of excellent TV _____ of the Sherlock Holmes stories.
- 2 His new novel was _____ by the experience he had in the army.
- 3 The next James Bond film will be _____ later in the year.
- 4 The Harry Potter series was a huge _____ in the book world.
- 5 Benedict Cumberbatch stars in the new _____, *Doctor Strange*.

Extension

8 Work in pairs. Think of a film that you have seen recently, do some research about it and then make a presentation about it. Include the following:

- information about the director, actors, locations
- a summary of the story
- your opinion of the film
- who you would recommend it to

9 Give your presentation to the class. Use the key phrases for stating an opinion and introducing a preference.

Stating an opinion

I'm a big fan of ...
I'm really keen on ...
I really can't stand ...
I'm not a big fan of ...

Introducing a preference

I must say, ...
To be honest, ...
To be frank, ...
Personally, ...