“Alone at the Movies” Questions

1. Explain why you think the narrator associates the theatre with the Death Star?
2. The narrator states, “I was using the movie as a place to hide.” What was he hiding from and why does he feel the need to hide?
3. The narrator states, “[I] would never watch [a movie] in the broken fashion I used to, although I suspect that I learned something about the construction of narratives from the habit.” How can film be used to understand the construction of narratives?
4. The narrator develops his connection with film to overcome the adversity of his mother’s death. What are some other common strategies for overcoming adversity? (Explain 3 common strategies)
5. Do you think the description of the narrator’s theatre experience has changed since the 1970’s? How so?
6. Would you ever be a solitary moviegoer? Why or why not?
7. Star Wars was a box office success and continues to be extremely prevalent in today’s pop culture. Which films from the last two years do you predict will continue to be popular for generations to come?