A. In the beginning of Star Wars, we see a giant, imposing imperial battle cruiser flying across the screen; it is the sort of image that can produce the following effects in a deeply geeky kid: awe, stunned amazement, and joy.

B. When Star Wars came out in 1977, my brother took my sister and me to see the film, and both my sister and I have this memory from that moment: standing out in the rain, waiting to see the film that everyone at Helman Elementary School, located in Ashland, Oregon, was talking about.

C. My sister and I received light saber toys for Christmas in 1978, and the gift was received with great joy; I particularly loved the idea of finally having a toy that would allow me to legitimately beat on my sister.

D. When the Empire Strikes Back came out, my sister and I decided to see it in the first week; a decision which let us do the following: see the move each week that followed its release for the next three weeks.

E. Because I was a Star Wars geek, I bought every action figure I could get my hands on, and, if I had not been a destructive ten-year-old, then I might have been able to clear thousands of dollars on ebay, bid.com, or at the annual Comicon conference.