

Some fans felt a bit short-changed that Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) only appeared in one brief sequence at the very end of *The Force Awakens*, but obviously the legendary Jedi is going to have a much bigger part to play in Rian Johnson's still untitled *Star Wars: Episode VIII*, and it sounds like his relationship with Rey (Daisy Ridley) is going to be the central focus of the film. During an interview with *USA Today*, Johnson explains why he wanted to begin right where *The Force Awakens* left off, and he suggests that quite a lot of the story will play out on the deserted planet where Luke has been in exile, Ahch-to. "I don't want to skip ahead two years. I want to see the very next moment of what happens." How Rey and Luke relate to each other is the key relationship in *Episode VIII*, and Johnson says "a large part of the movie" will be spent addressing why Luke's there

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