

Duchess - or Princess?

Summary completion

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Keira Knightley has _____ (denied) claims that her new film *The Duchess* _____ (is based on) the life of Princess Diana. The film tells the true life story of Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, who is _____ (caught) in a marriage to a man who is in love with his _____ (secret lover).

Many people think that this _____ (plot) mimics the experiences of Princess Diana, whose husband Prince Charles also had a _____ (affair) with another woman.

However, Keira Knightley has tried to _____ (underplay) the similarities in the stories and explained that the _____ (role) she plays in the film is interesting enough to _____ (deserve) a complete film about her.

Moreover, the 23-year-old actress _____ (insists) that she can't remember the story of Prince Charles and Princess Diana's _____ (hopeless) marriage, because she was only 11 years old when Diana died.

In any case, *The Duchess* provides a fascinating _____ (look) into personal relationships in a society where _____ (legal separation) was a taboo, whether the Diana _____ (link) exists or not.

Furthermore, the film shows the architecture and _____ (clothes) of 18th Century England down to the smallest detail.



True or false:

1. Keira Knightley and Princess Diana share a distant ancestor. T F
2. The film is set in the 1700s. T F
3. In the film Keira Knightley plays the mistress of an aristocrat. T F
4. Keira Knightley was 23 when Princess Diana died. T F
5. In the 18th Century divorce was seen as an acceptable action by most people. T F

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