

# The Lion King



# Vocabulary

**Garner:** to gather or collect.

**Score:** the music composed for a film or play.

**Heir:** a successor or inheritor.

**Usurp:** to take over illegally or by force.

**Lure:** to tempt or attract.

**Stampede:** a sudden panicked rush of a number of animals.

**Exile:** the state of being barred from one's native country, typically for political or punitive reasons.

**Stumble (upon somebody/something):** to discover unexpectedly.

# The Film

The Lion King was directed by Roger Allers and Rob Minkoff. It was produced by Walt Disney Feature Animation, and widely released to theaters on June 24, 1994 by Walt Disney Pictures. The Lion King is the 32nd Disney animated feature film.

The plot of the film is heavily influenced by William Shakespeare's play Hamlet, and is believed to have been inspired by Osamu Tezuka's 1960s Japanese anime series Kimba the White Lion.

