

**Game of Thrones (Juego de tronos)**, also commonly known as **GoT**, is an American dramatic and fantasy television series created by producers and writers David Benioff and D.B. Weiss. It is based on the novel saga **A Song of Ice and Fire** by author George R.R. Martin.

The show premiered in 2011 and concluded in 2019, with a total of 8 seasons and 73 episodes broadcast on HBO, the channel through which Game of Thrones can be watched.

The show has become a reference series and a true phenomenon. Despite the passage of time, it continues to arouse the interest of many people around the world.

From comparisons with the books, admiration or repulsion for some of its characters, the aspects and themes of the series, to its unexpected ending – any element can be a reason to love or hate this series. But what *is* Game of Thrones about? Who are its characters? What are the Seven Kingdoms? What themes does it address?

Let's explore the details of this highly successful show.

### **Synopsis of Game of Thrones**

In a fantastical world within a medieval context, several noble families vie for power to dominate the fictional territory of Westeros and take control of the Seven Kingdoms from the Iron Throne, where the king wields power.

While a civil war rages for control of the throne, the dead, lurking behind the Wall that divides Westeros from the northern lands, threaten to wage a war against the living.

Meanwhile, Daenerys Targaryen, the daughter of the former king, returns to Westeros to reclaim her birthright and avenge the death of her ancestors in the previous civil war.

### **Warning: Spoilers Ahead!**

### **Season Summaries**

#### **Season 1**

The Seven Kingdoms are ruled by House Baratheon, with King Robert sitting on the Iron Throne.

The Baratheon family visits the Starks in Winterfell, where Robert proposes to his friend Ned, the patriarch of the Stark family, that he become his Hand and advisor.

During the visit, Bran Stark, one of the younger Stark children, discovers Cersei and Jaime Lannister, siblings, engaged in incestuous relations. Jaime attempts to silence Bran by throwing him from a tower, resulting in paralysis.

Ned accepts Robert's offer and becomes Hand of the King. He travels with his daughters, Sansa and Arya, to King's Landing. There, Ned betroths Sansa to Joffrey, King Robert's son.

Meanwhile, Jon Snow, Ned's bastard son, enlists in the Night's Watch and journeys to the Wall.

Viserys Targaryen, the son of the Mad King, offers his sister Daenerys to the leader of the Dothraki tribe in marriage, an act that ultimately costs him his life. Daenerys is widowed and loses her child, but in return, she becomes the Mother of Dragons, hatching three dragons.

At the end of the season, King Robert dies, and the Lannisters frame Ned as a traitor. Joffrey ascends to the throne and orders Ned Stark's execution.

## **Season 2**

Following Robert's death, his brothers, Renly and Stannis Baratheon, fight for the Iron Throne.

Robb Stark declares war on the Lannister family and, with the support of his mother, proclaims himself "King in the North." He captures Jaime Lannister as an act of vengeance.

In King's Landing, Joffrey tortures Sansa. Her younger sister, Arya, escapes the city with the help of Gendry, King Robert's bastard son. During her travels, Arya meets Jaqen H'ghar, who speaks of the Faceless Men.

Daenerys travels with her advisors and dragons to the city of Qarth.

In Winterfell, Theon Greyjoy betrays the Starks, ordering the deaths of Robb and Rickon, the younger Stark brothers, though he fails to kill them.

The "Battle of Blackwater" ensues, where Stannis attacks King's Landing, but Tyrion successfully defends the city.

## **Season 3**

Joffrey forces Tyrion Lannister, his uncle, to marry Sansa Stark, while he becomes betrothed to Margaery Tyrell.

Jon Snow ventures beyond the Wall, encountering the Wildlings and falling in love with Ygritte.

Daenerys travels to the city of Astapor, where she frees the enslaved people and creates an army of Unsullied, earning her the title "Breaker of Chains."

Robb Stark, along with his mother and pregnant wife, are betrayed and murdered during the infamous "Red Wedding."

#### **Season 4**

Joffrey and Margaery's wedding takes place, but the young king is poisoned and dies. Cersei accuses her brother Tyrion of the murder and sentences him to a trial by combat.

Sansa escapes King's Landing with the help of Littlefinger, who promises to take her to her family. Arya travels to the city of Braavos. Bran Stark journeys to the Wall with Hodor, eventually reaching the cave of the Three-Eyed Raven.

The Wildlings attack the Night's Watch, and Ygritte, Jon Snow's lover, dies in battle.

Tyrion escapes with the help of his brother Jaime, killing his father and his lover before fleeing.

#### **Season 5**

Tommen, Cersei's youngest son, becomes the new king, and Margaery Tyrell becomes his queen. Cersei is accused of incest and imprisoned by a religious group, who subject her to a humiliating punishment: a walk of atonement through the streets to the Red Keep.

Jaime travels to Dorne, where his daughter Myrcella is being held captive. Sansa is given to Ramsay Bolton, a sadistic young man who rapes her on her wedding night.

Arya trains in Braavos to become a Faceless Man. Jon Snow forges an alliance with the Wildlings, but his Night's Watch brothers betray him and stab him to death.

#### **Season 6**

Melisandre resurrects Jon Snow. After escaping Ramsay, Sansa reunites with Jon. Jon's primary goal is to protect Westeros from the White Walkers.

Arya avenges the deaths of her brother Robb and her mother by killing those responsible.

Bran, as the Three-Eyed Raven, discovers a secret about Jon Snow's lineage: Jon is not Ned Stark's son, but the son of Lyanna Stark and Rhaegar Targaryen.

The "Battle of the Bastards" takes place, where Ramsay is defeated and killed by his own dogs. Jon is proclaimed King in the North.

Cersei destroys the Sept of Baelor with wildfire, killing everyone inside, including Margaery Tyrell. Tommen, upon learning of Margaery's death, commits suicide by jumping from a window.

### **Season 7**

Daenerys travels to Dragonstone, continuing her quest for the Iron Throne, a goal Cersei will not relinquish. However, the Lannisters are running out of allies.

Melisandre visits Daenerys, urging her to ally with Jon Snow. Jon is concerned about the impending war between the living and the dead and seeks an alliance with Daenerys to fight the White Walkers. Daenerys agrees, with conditions, and they eventually become romantically involved.

Jon ventures beyond the Wall to capture a White Walker. He is rescued by Daenerys, but one of her dragons is transformed into a White Walker in the process.

Arya returns to Winterfell, reuniting with Sansa and Bran. Together, they execute Littlefinger, who attempted to divide their family.

### **Season 8**

Jon and Daenerys arrive at Winterfell with their armies. The White Walkers breach the Wall, and the Night King advances, decimating the population.

Jon Snow learns of his true parentage: he is the son of Rhaegar Targaryen and Lyanna Stark. Daenerys discovers Jon's true identity, which jeopardizes her plans.

The Battle of Winterfell against the Army of the Dead takes place. Daenerys and Jon attempt to defeat the Night King with their dragons. Arya, defending Bran from the Night King, manages to kill him with a Valyrian steel dagger, destroying the entire Army of the Dead.

After the defeat of the Army of the Dead, Arya and Sansa learn the truth about Jon's lineage.

Daenerys sets her sights on King's Landing to seize the Iron Throne. She demands Cersei's surrender.

Jon increasingly attracts support for his claim to the Iron Throne, but he is unwilling to betray Daenerys.

When Cersei refuses to surrender, Daenerys attacks King's Landing, destroying the city with her dragon fire and indiscriminately killing civilians. Jaime and Cersei are also killed.

Jon, horrified by Daenerys's actions, assassinates her, preventing her from claiming the throne. The lords and ladies of Westeros choose Bran as the new king, and Tyrion becomes his Hand.

The North gains its independence from the Seven Kingdoms, and Jon chooses to live beyond the Wall with the Wildlings.