

Media Studies







Course Guide and Summer Work

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+Summer Work

Task 1: Moving Image Review

Taskl: Understanding Audiences

Select a sequence from a film and write a short **analysis** addressing the following question:

How is representation constructed within the extract?

You should consider the placement of camera, the sound, the setting & lighting, costume, and the editing. You may include screenshots to illustrate your points if you wish. Try to include technical media terms. A terminology guide is included within this pack. If you have not studied media at GCSE you should be able to analyse the sequence and its meanings, like you would a novel or poem for your English GCSE. At the end of your response also consider the following questions.

Also consider these questions:

- What are the typical conventions for each genre?
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of the film?
- List 3 things from the film? drama that you might use in your own production.

Use the glossary at the back of this booklet to help you.



+ Summer Work Task 2: Create a Fragrance Advert

Draft an advert for a fragrance that appeals to a specific audience. What would be the messages in your advert? You could try to make a modern advert that breaks typical conventions.

We would like to display this work, so please make it as large (suggested size A3) and as colourful as possible. Remember to include everything that you explored in the textual analysis task. You can create your draft advert in any way that you choose, for example

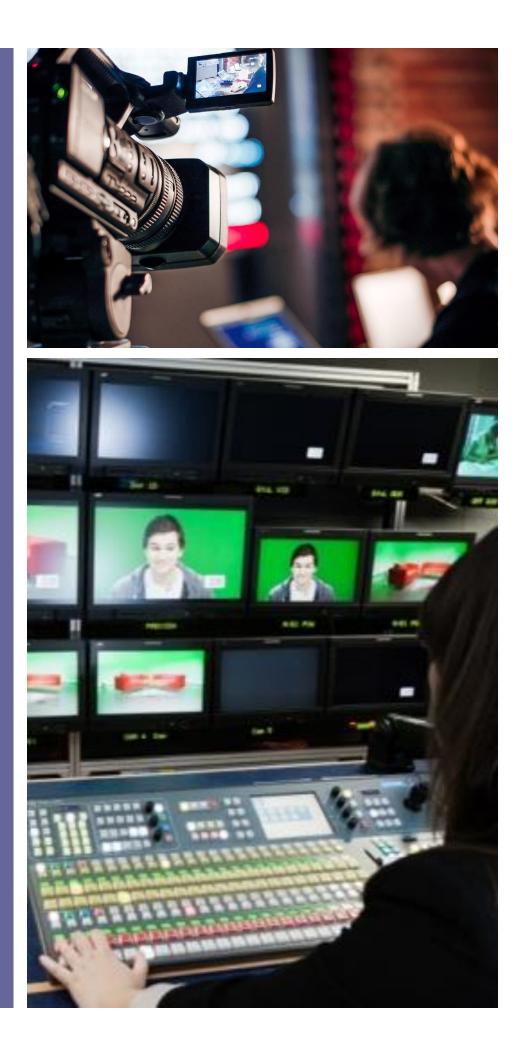
- In pencil and pen
- As a **collage** of images found in magazines
- Using software such as
 Photoshop or Canva
- Any combination of the above!



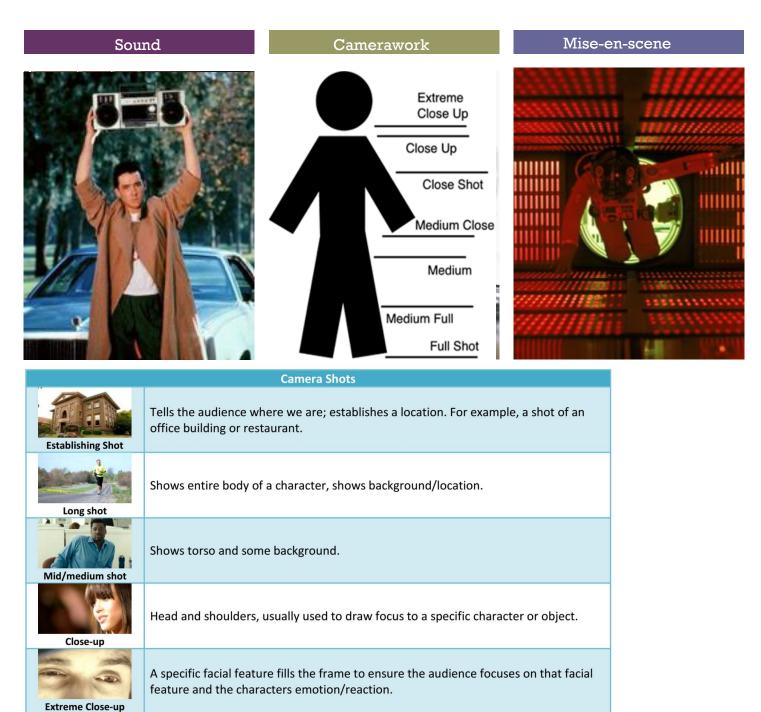


Required Knowledge and skills

You should have a genuine interest in media texts and industries. Excellent written analysis skills and an aptitude for independent working, together with creative ideas and practical skills (for example using photo manipulation software and video editing) will be developed on this course.



Key Terminology Key word that you need to know



Extreme close-up

Point-of-view shot

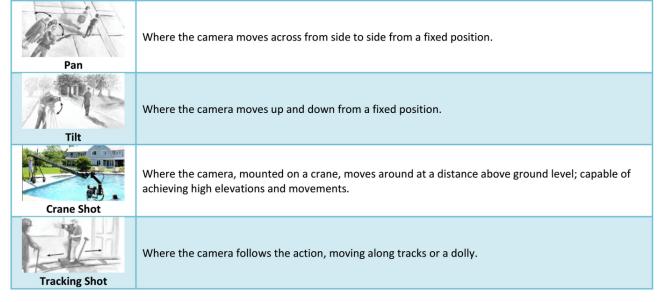
Helps us to see the action from a character's viewpoint and thus empathise with them.

Two characters fill the frame.

Camera Angles		
Eye-level	The audience is at the same height/level as the actors/characters.	
High angle	The camera is higher than most of the actors, and looks down on a character/actor. This can show the audience difference in height, power, etc.	
Low angle	The camera is lower than most of the actors, and looks up on a character/actor. This can show the audience difference in height, power, etc.	
Canted angle	The camera is at an awkward angle to show the audience something is "off" in the scene. To make the audience feel uneasy, confused, or build tension in a scene.	
Birds-eye View (Aerial)	The view from high above, as if you were looking from the perspective of a bird.	
Worms-eye View	As if the camera was on the ground, and you were looking through the eyes of an insect/worm from the ground.	

Camera Movements

In the same way that framing can be used to enhance our involvement in the film action, the way in which a camera is moved can be used to direct our attention to emphasise a particular viewpoint. Camera movements include:



Sound		
Diegetic sound	Sound which has a source on-screen. For example: dialogue.	
Non-diegetic sound	Sound which does not have a source on-screen. For example: music or voiceover.	
Sound bridge	The sound from one scene continuing to the next or the sound from the next scene being used before the audience see the relevant images. It gives the sense that the film is 'linked' together.	
Synchronous sound	Sounds which are expected with what is viewed. For example in a birthday party you expect to hear laughter, singing and music	
Asynchronous sound	Sound which does not match or is unexpected with the images on the screen. Can be used to build tension, suspense or emotion.	
Voiceover	Non-diegetic sound of a person speaking over a scene.	

Editing

The term editing refers to the changing shots within a piece of film. The speed with which this happens has important role in creating atmosphere. For instance, if there is a car chase on screen, the editing will be rapid, making us excited. A countryside picnic scene, on the other hand, will probably feature slow editing; we relax and take in the details on the screen.

Continuity editing	The system of cutting used in most mainstream films. The intention is to establish the illusion of continuous action and keep the audiences' attention on the story.
Non-continuity editing	Use of editing style which draws the audience attention to the film making process to reveal that film is 'constructed', not 'natural'.
Shot-reverse-shot	This is when one character is shown looking at another character (often off-screen), and then the other character is shown looking "back" at the first character.
Cross-cutting	Cross-cutting is an editing technique most often used in films to establish action occurring at the same time in two different locations. In a cross-cut, the camera will cut away from one action to another action, which can suggest the simultaneity of these two actions but this is not always the case. It can be used to build suspense.
Fast-paced editing	When scenes are edited together using lots of shots cut together quickly. Has the effect the action is taking place quickly and can build tension.
Dissolve	The gradual transition from one image to another.
Cut	An abrupt transition from one shot to another. Usually it is used to maintain continuity editing.
Wipe	A transition from one image to another. One image is replaced by another with a distinct edge that forms a shape. For example a simple edge, an expanding circle, or the turning of a page. Makes the audience more 'aware' they are watching a film.
Fade	Transition generally used at the end of a scene to signify to the audience an end of action. Generally action will fade to black.
Jump cut	Two shots of the same subject are taken from camera positions that vary only slightly. It causes the subject to appear to 'jump' in an abrupt way, drawing the audiences' attention to the editing.
CGI	Computer generated imagery. Any still or moving image created using software.
Slow motion	A post-production effect in which time seems to slow down.

General		
Convention	A common set of standards used to make texts easily identifiable.	
Connotation/connotates	What you associate with an image or the deeper or hidden meanings and associations. For example: The use of a spaceship set, green lighting and make-up which makes the actors look like aliens connotates to the audience that this is a science-fiction film.	
Signify/signifies	The associations that a sign or symbol refers to. For example: The antagonist has a gun which signifies he is violent.	
Mise-en-scene	 This term is used in film to describe what is in the frame/scene and why. There are several areas to consider when talking about mise-en -scène: Setting & location Props Costume and make-up Character performance (Body language and facial expression) Blocking (character location & positioning in relation to other characters or objects) Lighting 	
Lighting	Lighting quickly creates an atmosphere on screen. If it is dark and shadowy we might be made to feel uneasy, as in a thriller; if the lighting is bright we feel happy and confident. The filmmaker can use lighting to draw our attention to a person/object or equally, to hide them.	
Hybrid Genre	When the films could be categorised as more than one film genre. For example an action/adventure comedy or an action/adventure sci-fi.	
Protagonist	The hero	
Antagonist	The villain	



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