

FILM KS5



What are the core elements of film studies and how do I use these?

What are the key elements of film form?
 How is meaning and response generated within films?
 What are the contexts of film: social, cultural, political, historical and institutional, including production?
 What are representation & Aesthetics?
 What are the codes and conventions of genres in films?
 What are hybrid genres?
 How do I analyse a film sequence using the key elements of film form?
 What is semiotics and how do I apply it to film analysis?

What is British film from 1995 onwards?

Film: Shaun of the Dead

What is the British Film industry?
 What is the history of the zombies and its representation in horror films?
 What are the key features of Edgar Wright films?
 How do I write about the key elements in Shaun of the Dead?
 How do I write about specific sequences from the film using film form to analyse the meaning and response?
 What are the codes and conventions of the genre?

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How do I film and edit a 1 minute sequence without words? What is short film?

How do I film my film sequence?
 How do I edit my film sequence?
 How do I research a film genre?
 What are the codes and conventions of a film genre?



Film: Trainspotting

How do I write about the key elements in Trainspotting?
 How do I write about specific sequences from the film using film form to analyse the meaning and response?
 What are the codes and conventions of the genre?



What are critical approaches to narrative?

What is narrative theory when applied to film?
 What is the formalist conception of narrative based on the distinction between story and plot?
 What is the structuralist conception of narrative based on binary oppositions?
 How do I apply these to British films?

How do I create a short film for non examined assessment?

How do I analyse the narrative structure of a short film and apply it to my own work?
 How do I plan my film sequence?
 How do I film my film sequence?
 How do I edit my film sequence?
 How do I evaluate and analyse my film and the influences I have used?

What is ideology?

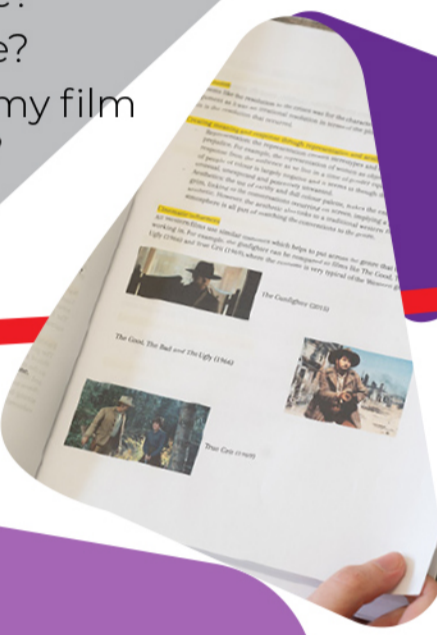
What is the dominant ideology of the society I live in? How is the represented in Shaun of the Dead and Trainspotting?



What is a European film?

Film: Pan's Labyrinth

What are the contexts of film: social, cultural, political, historical and institutional, including production?
 What is the Spanish Civil War?
 How are fascism and the catholic church represented within the film?
 How are different genders represented in the film and why?
 What are the aesthetics of the film?
 How are the elements of film form used to create aesthetic effect in this sequence?
 Does the beauty of this moment in the film also propel the narrative forward?



What is global film?

Film: House of Flying Daggers

What is the global film industry?
 What are the contexts of film: social, cultural, political, historical and institutional, including production?
 What is wuxia?
 What is the cultural revolution and how does this affect films made in China?
 Who are the fifth generation directors?
 How are different genders represented in the film and why?
 What are aesthetics in film and how do we apply this to film?

What is documentary?

Film: Amy by Kapdia

What is the history of documentary film making?
 How has documentary film making developed since the early days of film?
 How has contemporary documentary film changed in style and form to make use of its place in cinema?
 What is the significance of digital technology in film?
 How do film makers create different approaches to documentary film and filmmaking?



What is silent film?

Film: Buster Keaton shorts

How does film develop from its starting point in 1880s to silent film?
 Why is silent film important and what were the major stylistic movements in silent cinema?
 What is modernism?
 What are the contexts of film: social, cultural, political, historical and institutional, including production?
 What is American silent film comedy and how can we define it?
 Who is Andre Bazin and why is his criticism of film movements so important?
 What is the critical debate around realism and expressionism and how can you apply this to silent films?

What is experimental film?

Film: Pulp Fiction

What is postmodernism?
 What is a postmodern film?
 How does Pulp Fiction play with narrative and other cinematic conventions?
 How can it be boldly experimental while remaining entirely accessible to its audience?
 What is auteur theory?



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How do I compare two US Films?

Films: Vertigo and Blade Runner

What is a 2 film comparison?
 How do 1950s films differ from those made in the 1980s?
 What is the Classical Hollywood studio system?
 What is New Hollywood?
 What is auteur theory and can this be applied to both directors?
 What is the relationship between the contexts and films?
 How can be explored through the key elements of film, the structural elements of film, aesthetic and representation issues?

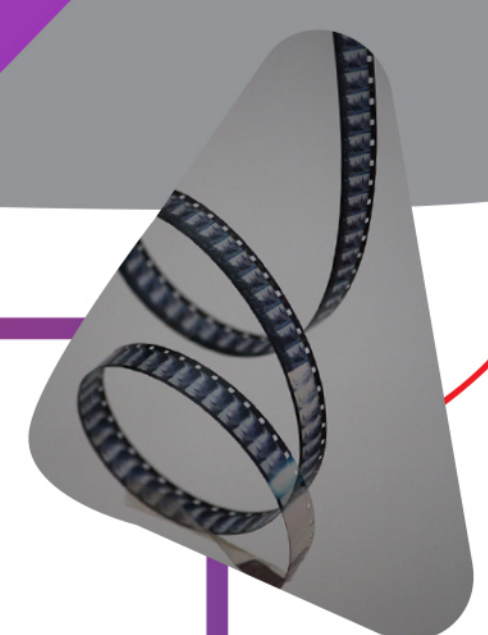
What is American film since 2005?

Film: Inception

How can audience theories help us to understand passive and active spectatorship?
 What is spectatorship theory and how to I do apply this to films?

Film: Captain Fantastic

What are recognition, alignment, allegiance and how does a spectator use these?
 How does a spectator's social, cultural and ideological viewpoint affect their reading of a given film?
 How does spectatorship work with in ideological framework?



Coursework preparation and completion

How can I make sure my notes are effectively organised for this subject?
 How do I recall and apply knowledge to the task?
 How do I maximise marks in this subject's coursework?
 What are the gaps in my knowledge and how can I address them before the deadline date?
 How do I approach coursework tasks in this subject to ensure I reach the highest grade?
 How do I approach exam questions in this subject to ensure I reach the highest grade?
 What do I need to do to prepare myself for university courses?
 What do I need to do to prepare myself for employment?

