

Film Studies Introduction:

Background context and history of film:

Find 3 films.

1 made before 1960.

1 made from 1980- 2000.

1 made recently (in the last 2 years)

For each one:

Do some background research.

When was it made?

Who directed the film?

Which company produced it?

What did it cost?

How much did it make?

What other notable features does it have? (star performers, unusual locations etc.)

If possible, watch the trailer for each one – write 250 words on this, what is foregrounded, how is the film being sold.

If you cannot find the trailer (which may be the case of the pre--1960 film) can you find posters or other advertising material? If so, again, how is the film being sold?

Finally – Watch the opening sequence of the film –

Write 250 words on what you see, you can be as descriptive as you choose.

What effect does this opening have?

Enjoy watching lots of films over your holidays!

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