

Foundations of Film Studies

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1. Which device is often credited with the first successful demonstration of projected moving images to a paying audience?

- A) The Kinetoscope
- B) The Zoopraxiscope
- C) The Cinématographe
- D) The Magic Lantern

2. The Lumière brothers' first public film screening, featuring short films like 'Workers Leaving the Lumière Factory', took place in which city?

- A) London
- B) New York
- C) Paris
- D) Berlin

3. Who is widely regarded as a pioneer of early cinema, known for experiments with narrative and special effects in films like 'A Trip to the Moon'?

- A) D.W. Griffith
- B) Sergei Eisenstein
- C) Georges Méliès
- D) Fritz Lang

4. The film 'The Great Train Robbery' (1903) is significant for its early use of which cinematic technique, advancing narrative storytelling?

- A) Deep focus cinematography
- B) Cross-cutting (parallel editing)
- C) Color tinting
- D) Synchronized sound

5. What was the name of the first major Hollywood studio, founded in 1911, that would become a titan of the film industry?

- A) Paramount Pictures
- B) Warner Bros.
- C) Universal Pictures
- D) Columbia Pictures

6. The advent of 'talking pictures' is largely marked by the release of which 1927 film, which included synchronized dialogue sequences?

- A) Metropolis
- B) Sunrise: A Song of Two Humans
- C) The Jazz Singer
- D) Citizen Kane

7. German Expressionism, a prominent early film movement, is characterized by its emphasis on what?

- A) Realistic portrayals of everyday life
- B) Subjective perspectives and distorted visuals
- C) Bright, naturalistic lighting
- D) Focus on large-scale historical events

8. Which director is famously associated with the development of montage editing in Soviet cinema, as seen in films like 'Battleship Potemkin'?

- A) Andrei Tarkovsky
- B) Dziga Vertov
- C) Sergei Eisenstein
- D) Vsevolod Pudovkin

9. The Hays Code, officially the Motion Picture Production Code, was established in the 1930s primarily to enforce what?

- A) Standardized film running times
- B) Censorship of controversial content
- C) Uniform distribution rights
- D) Mandatory use of specific camera equipment

10. Which Italian film movement, emerging after World War II, focused on realistic stories of ordinary people and often filmed on location with non-professional actors?

- A) Surrealism
- B) Neorealism
- C) Fascism
- D) Futurism

11. The French New Wave (Nouvelle Vague) movement of the late 1950s and 1960s was known for its innovative techniques and often featured what kind of narrative approach?

- A) Strict adherence to classical Hollywood structure
- B) Experimental storytelling and auteur theory
- C) Emphasis on grand spectacle
- D) Detailed historical accuracy

12. What technological development in the mid-20th century significantly impacted television's ability to compete with cinema and later led to its integration with filmmaking?

- A) The introduction of digital projection
- B) The widespread adoption of color broadcasting
- C) The invention of the motion picture camera
- D) The development of home video recorders