

Foundations of Film Studies

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1. Which early film pioneers are credited with inventing the cinematograph and holding the first public film screening?

- A) Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton
- B) Alfred Hitchcock and Orson Welles
- C) The Lumière Brothers
- D) Walt Disney and Steve Jobs

2. What is the term for the continuous movement of a camera on a horizontal plane, often used to reveal scenery or follow action?

- A) Zoom
- B) Dolly
- C) Tilt
- D) Pan

3. Widely regarded as one of the greatest films ever made, which 1942 film is famous for its protagonist, Charles Foster Kane?

- A) Casablanca
- B) Citizen Kane
- C) The Godfather
- D) Psycho

4. What genre of film typically features superheroes, elaborate action sequences, and often deals with themes of good versus evil?

- A) Romance
- B) Horror
- C) Comedy
- D) Superhero

5. Who is the director famous for his suspenseful thrillers, often featuring 'MacGuffins' and innovative camera techniques, known as the 'Master of Suspense'?

- A) Steven Spielberg
- B) Quentin Tarantino
- C) Alfred Hitchcock
- D) Martin Scorsese

6. What is the name of the iconic studio that was once a dominant force in Hollywood, known for its lavish musicals and contract players?

- A) Paramount Pictures
- B) Warner Bros.
- C) Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM)
- D) 20th Century Fox

7. The 'French New Wave' was a significant cinematic movement. Which director is often considered a key figure, known for films like 'The 400 Blows'?

- A) Jean-Luc Godard
- B) François Truffaut
- C) Agnès Varda
- D) Alain Resnais

8. What is the term for the editing technique where the camera moves between two or more different locations, implying simultaneous action?

- A) Montage
- B) Cross-cutting
- C) Jump cut
- D) Fade-in

9. Which animated film, released in 1937, was the first feature-length animated film produced in the United States?

- A) Pinocchio
- B) Bambi
- C) Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
- D) Fantasia

10. What is the term for the art and craft of lighting a scene or film?

- A) Sound Design
- B) Editing
- C) Cinematography
- D) Screenwriting

11. The 'Western' genre is famously associated with the American frontier. Which actor is most iconic for his roles in Westerns, often playing stoic heroes?

- A) Humphrey Bogart
- B) Cary Grant
- C) John Wayne
- D) Marlon Brando

12. What does the acronym 'MMPA' stand for in relation to film ratings in the United States?

- A) Motion Picture Producers Association
- B) Motion Picture Management Association
- C) Movie Media Producers Association
- D) Motion Picture & Television Producers Association

13. Which iconic science fiction film from 1927, directed by Fritz Lang, is known for its groundbreaking visual effects and dystopian cityscapes?

- A) 2001: A Space Odyssey
- B) Blade Runner
- C) Metropolis
- D) Star Wars

14. What is the term for the deliberate manipulation of time in a film's narrative to create a specific effect or convey information?

- A) Mise-en-scène
- B) Chiaroscuro
- C) Diegetic Sound
- D) Non-linear narrative

15. Which actress is famously known for her iconic role as Holly Golightly in the 1961 romantic comedy 'Breakfast at Tiffany's'?

- A) Marilyn Monroe
- B) Elizabeth Taylor
- C) Audrey Hepburn
- D) Grace Kelly