

Middle School Film Studies Basics

Film Studies · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. What type of camera shot focuses tightly on a character's face to display detailed facial expressions?

- A) Long shot
- B) Close-up**
- C) Aerial shot
- D) Medium shot

2. What is the term for sound that exists within the world of the film, such as dialogue or a ringing phone that characters can hear?

- A) Non-diegetic sound
- B) Diegetic sound**
- C) Voiceover narration
- D) Background score

3. Which film crew member creates sound effects in post-production using everyday physical objects?

- A) Foley artist**
- B) Gaffer
- C) Boom operator
- D) Screenwriter

4. Which camera angle places the camera below the subject looking upward to make them appear powerful or intimidating?

- A) High angle
- B) Eye-level angle
- C) Low angle**
- D) Bird's-eye view

5. What is a storyboard in filmmaking?

- A) A list of actors' salaries
- B) A series of drawings showing planned camera shots**
- C) The final written script with dialogue
- D) A contract signed by the director

6. What editing technique cuts back and forth between two scenes occurring at the same time in different locations?

A) Cross-cutting

- B) Fade out
- C) Match cut
- D) Jump cut

7. In a standard three-point lighting setup, which light is the main and brightest source of illumination on the subject?

- A) Fill light
- B) Back light

C) Key light

- D) Ambient light

8. Which role is primarily responsible for directing the actors and guiding the creative vision of a film?

- A) Producer

B) Director

- C) Sound Designer
- D) Location Scout

9. Which animation style physically manipulates real objects frame-by-frame to create the illusion of motion?

- A) CGI animation

B) Stop-motion animation

- C) Rotoscoping
- D) Vector animation

10. What document contains the full written story, dialogue, visual descriptions, and stage directions for a film?

A) Screenplay

- B) Storyboard
- C) Call sheet
- D) Press kit

11. What camera movement involves swivelling the camera horizontally from left to right on a fixed tripod?

- A) Tilting

B) Panning

- C) Zooming
- D) Tracking

12. What French term refers to everything that appears in front of the camera, including set design, props, costumes, and lighting?

- A) Montage
- B) Mise-en-scène**
- C) Storyboard
- D) Continuity

13. What is non-diegetic sound in a movie?

- A) Dialogue spoken by a character on screen
- B) Sounds created by objects in the scene
- C) Background music added for the audience that characters cannot hear**
- D) Noise recorded directly on set during filming

14. Which stage of filmmaking involves writing the script, planning budgets, casting actors, and choosing filming locations?

- A) Pre-production**
- B) Post-production
- C) Distribution
- D) Principal photography

15. What principle describes how the human eye and brain perceive a series of rapidly displayed still images as continuous movement?

- A) Persistence of vision**
- B) Depth of field
- C) Chromatic aberration
- D) Motion blur