



Media Tech. 9



Silent Movie

Assignment:

Create a Silent Movie (no spoken audio) on a subject of your choosing (though you will need to run your ideas past the teacher before you start) which includes the person, place and thing ideas given to your group.

The movie will be written and storyboarded by your film group. Each film group will use their *6 members to film their silent movie. After filming, the movie will be edited together (in pairs) with a background soundtrack, sound effects, opening title, The End title and credits as well as regular titles and “talking titles” (the best of the three will be shown to the class!).

Planning:

1. Story Outline
2. Shot List
3. Storyboards

1. Story Outline includes the following:
 - Your story starters and how you will use them.
 - Props & costumes needed
 - Characters
 - A brief outline of your story
2. Shot List – Scene by scene timeline of story events
3. Storyboards: minimum two pages double sided (more is always better!). Once your Storyboards are done they need to be approved by the teacher before filming can begin. I will make a photocopy just in case they get misplaced during filming.

Criteria:

- Story Outline & Shot List (complete before storyboarding begins)
- Storyboards: Each group will make a full storyboard of their scenes.
 - Recommend: 2 people per 2 sided storyboard
 - Storyboards are needed for filming
 - They are handed-in to the teacher at the end of the project (if changes are made – storyboards need to be updated) and used as a marking guide for the project.
- A background soundtrack to the film (music imported into premier and added to the film, preferably in mp3 format).
 - Background music from start to credits
 - Preferably no lyrics – music only!
 - 5 additional sound effects to enhance action.
- Introductory title at the start (black background with white or colored text) that tells us the name of the movie.
- Regular titles
 - Tell the audience what is about to happen
 - Minimum of 5
- “Talking” titles just after the people on the screen have talked
 - Must have “ quotations on both sides”
 - Minimum of 5
- The End or Fin title at the end of the movie (black background with white letters) just before the credits
- Credits at the end
 - The word Credits at the top, centered.
 - Actors : student name & character name
 - Filmed By...
 - Directed By....
 - Edited By....
- The film should not exceed 3 minutes. (about 1 min. per double sided storyboard)

Evaluation:

Groups will be evaluated on:

- The quality of their story (Writing and Storyboards)
- Filming techniques
- Editing

The groups will also do a self-evaluation on their film group members.

The best silent movie from each film group will be viewed by the class at the end of the project.