

Theatre Department

BOX ELDER HIGH SCHOOL

CINEMA

Teacher: Mrs. Day

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Course Description

This course is designed to assist the student in developing an awareness of the power of motion picture and the intent of the film maker. Students will gain an understanding of the influential role of film on our society.

Course Goals:

- Students will identify structure, camera angles and genres within film
- Students will be able to explain (orally or in writing) the evolution of the “movie camera” and the cinematic transition from silent to soundExposure to classic films
- Students will be able to express in words and images cinematic connections to culture, society, and history.
- Students will be able to express and support in writing meaningful cinematic thoughts and opinions
- Students will produce a 2-5 min stop motion film implementing angles, structure and genre.

Materials Needed Daily

- Writing instrument

Classroom expectations

Be Actively engaged in your education

Although the class will consist of a lot of film viewing, it is NOT a Passive class. There will be in-class activities and discussions that will require the student's participation daily, only part of that participation is the film viewing itself **Note: the student will not be allowed to sleep, talk, use their phone or do other class work during the film viewing and instruction.**

Be Punctual

This includes punctually attending class and going to the restroom between class periods, in addition to timely completion of activities and assignments. Many of the films that we will view in class are not locally obtainable, so attendance is very important.

Be Prepared

This includes choosing to learn. You are expected daily to bring needed materials and assignments to class. The student will be required to express his/her opinion in regards to film both orally and in writing.

Be Respectful

You and your classmates have a right to learn and the instructor has a right to teach. Listen and follow the directions of the instructor and maintain honesty and integrity.

Cell phones are to be in your back pack and not visible. Cell phone use is by invitation only.

Be Positive

Do your best work always.

Compliance with the above expectations will lead to a successful experience for everyone in the classroom. Failure to meet the expectations will affect your grade, citizenship, and possible removal. class.

Grading:

Points will be earned for completing in class assignments, vocabulary, projects, papers, quizzes, and tests. The student will be required to express his/her opinion in regards to film both orally and in writing. (Note: because this is a Theatre class the student will be required to be in front of the class on occasion.) The points will be converted to percentages and the percentages will be assigned a letter grade according to the school grading policy. All assignments are due at the beginning of the period the day specified. Please check grades online regularly so we can fix errors or mistakes in a timely manner.

Citizenship:

Citizenship is done according to BE policy and is separate from your letter grade. This also includes appropriate audience etiquette.

Make up work:

The student will only have until the next film is finished to make up work from a film missed. Only extended illness with doctor's note will allow this rule to be stretched. If you miss a film shown during class time, it will be the student's responsibility to watch it on their own BEFORE testing on the film missed. Only 75% credit will be given to any film watched at home. (15/20 possible points)

The following requirements need to be met to successfully complete this course:

- Successful completion of all in class assignments including guided notes
- Film Viewing
- Successful knowledge and integration of vocabulary
- Successful viewing and film reviews of 3 films of choice outside of class

Questions or Problems

Many answers can be found at behstheatre.weebly.com. If a question or problem arises beyond this resource please get in touch with me as soon as possible. I cannot attempt to fix a problem or answer a question if I do not know that one exists. Also, I need to know about the problem while there is still time to correct it. Calling the last day of the trimester will not fix many issues.

How to contact Mrs. Day:

Students: BEE time provides an excellent opportunity for questions and extra assistance. Before and after school is often a difficult time to reach me due to auditorium events or rehearsals for productions, so e-mail is a great form of communication. Please email me with any questions. **Melanie.Day@besd.net**.

Parents: Please use the email provided above as well. If you need to speak to me, please call the school and leave your name, the student's name, and the numbers where you can be reached. I will do my best to return your calls and email as soon as possible. An open line of communication is very important.

CINEMA DISCLOSURE

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN BEFORE March 8

Student's Name
(Printed neatly)

_____ Circle your class period 5th 6th

Film viewing will include the following films. Not all films will be shown in their entirety.

FILM HISTORY	Sherlock Jr.NR/Great Train Robbery NR/Birth of a NationNR Modern Times NR/Hugo PG/A Trip to the Moon NR/The Kid NR
SILENT TO SOUND GENRES/ANGLES	Singing in the Rain NR/Steamboat Willie NR/Jazz Singer NR Citizen Kane NR/Raiders of the Lost Ark PG/ Best of Westerns/ Best of Sci Fi/ Best of Romance/Best of Action/Best of Comedy/ Best of Drama /Best of Musicals High Noon PG/The Birds PG-13
MOVIE GREATS	Wizard of Oz G/King Kong NR/ Jaws PG/Gone with the Wind G Casablanca PG/ Rebel Without a Cause PG-13/ Space Odyssey 2001 G/ Star Wars PG/ Back to the Future PG/Jurassic Park PG-13
MIS EN SCENE FILM MAKING	Empire of the Sun PG/ Cars G/Toy StoryG /Wall ET /Up G/Inside Out G/Lego shorts/ Wallace and Grommet G/ Coralline PG/Corpse Bride PG Fantastic Mr. Fox PG/ Chicken Run G/ Shaun the sheep G /Box Trolls PG
ANIMATION	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs G/Pixar Shorts/

3 films of choice will be viewed by students outside of class

Best picture award winner

Film featuring a famous star from the golden age of cinema (list provided in class)

Current release

I have thoroughly reviewed the disclosure statement online for the Mrs. Day's class. I am aware of and will support the film viewing, academic grading standards, citizenship grading standards, and classroom policies and expectations as described.

Student's Signature _____ Date_____

Parent's Signature _____ Date_____

Parents contact information

Email address _____

Cell Phone Number_____ texting Y or N