

Sixth Form Enrolment Task

Subject – A-Level Film Studies

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Independent Learning Task

Due to be handed in on: First lesson back in September. Some tasks will be used as part of class discussion to begin the course, others will be used to assess your current attainment and creative flare, so completion is vital.

Learning Objectives:

1. Explore your own knowledge of Film
2. Explore the skills needed to read a film analytically
3. Explore the skills needed to think creatively when producing Film

Success Criteria:

1. Students will reflect on their current subject knowledge
2. Students will analyse a film trailer and complete an analytical write-up
3. Students will create a piece of film which fits into a specific brief

Explanation of tasks:

1. Mind map the skills that you believe are required to read a film analytically.

Some ideas to include:

- How is this different from just watching a film?
- What external factors change the way we experience a film?
- What previous knowledge of Film do you have?

2. Watch the film trailer for 'Captain Fantastic':

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1kH4OMIOMc> and make notes on how it engages an audience to go and see it.

Things to consider:

- What information the trailer provides about the plot
- How it uses certain clips from the film
- The general 'look' of the film (including sound)
- Anything else you find yourself reacting to.

3. Write 500-700 words in answer to the following question:

How is the trailer for 'Captain Fantastic' used to engage an audience and encourage people to watch it?

4. Create a Trailer for a Film entitled 'A Day in the Life'. Aim for around 1-2mins.

Consider how you will engage your audience – both visually and through audio. You may wish to have a little bit of dialogue, or a voice over, or just some exciting music. Have fun with it.

Resources to support your work:

Captain Fantastic Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1kH4OMIOMc>

D4Darious on Youtube – Start with this video on cinematography:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=clvGRytmRaw>

This work is important because it leads to building the foundation knowledge and skills that we will use throughout the course.

If you do this you will then be able to develop your analytical responses more quickly and effectively, and provide me with a baseline assessment of your practical skills.