

# film studies.

A Level Preparation Pack



## Overview

The Film Studies department are looking forward to giving you a warm welcome. We have a very experienced team of teachers who are passionate about film and cannot wait to find out about the films that you love. In order to support you in your preparation for sixth form study, we have collated a list of informative and interesting resources for your perusal. Enjoy exploring

these thought-provoking texts in preparation for your studies.



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## Podcasts

Kermode and Mayo film review - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00lvdrj>

The Empire film podcast - <https://podbay.fm/podcast/507987292>

The BFI film podcast - <https://www.bfi.org.uk/bfi-film-podcast>

This Guy edits - <https://thisguyedits.com/>

## Activities

### FILM TASK

<https://www.bfi.org.uk/greatest-films-all-time>

Choose a film from this list that you have never seen before. Watch it and answer the following questions.

1. What genre is the film and which conventions were used?
2. How was gender shown? Did the film play on traditional ideas about femininity and masculinity?
3. What did you notice about the use of 'mise en scene'?
4. How might the audience respond to the film?
5. Did you enjoy it? How did it make you feel?

## Films



Watch any of these films and think about how the characters have been portrayed and how the audience might respond.

- Children of Men (2006)
- The Godfather (1972)
- Raging Bull 1980
- Alien (1979)
- Cinema Paradiso (1988)
- Rear Window (1954)

## Websites



- Sight and Sound: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZjFXfEd9esBg3lObeTyIYw>
- Filmmaker IQ - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSFAYaIj2Q7Tm\\_WmLgetmeg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSFAYaIj2Q7Tm_WmLgetmeg)
- Fandor - <https://www.youtube.com/user/Fandorific>
- The Nerdwriter - <https://www.youtube.com/user/Nerdwriter1/videos>
- Every frame a Painting - [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=every+frame+a+painting](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=every+frame+a+painting)
- Cinema Tyler - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7GV-3hrA9kDKrren0QMkMg>
- The Cinema Cartography - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL5kBjmbUVFLYBDiSiK1VDw>

## Suggested Reading & Podcasts



### Books

How to Read a Film: The World of Movies, Media, Multimedia: Language, History, Theory (Paperback) by James Monaco

### Magazines- follow them on social media

- Sight and Sound
- Total Film
- Variety

## Course Specifications



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