

Chapter 2 - History of Film - Quiz

1. Explain how and why Muybridge shot his short film?

Muybridge shot his first short film by setting up over 40 cameras and using trip wires to catch the images of the running horse. This was used to settle a bet for the governor of California.

2. How did sound synchronization affect the film industry?

Sound synchronization affected the film industry in many ways. The first impact was in 1926 with the Vitaphone. The Vitaphone was a disc that played simultaneously with the film on the screen. This affected the film industry by replacing directors and actors with more stage experience. This brought to life many musicals and gangster films.

3. How and why did the Golden Age of Hollywood end?

The Golden Age of Hollywood took place in the late 1930's and early 1940's. Out of this, realistic war movies were made for preparation of the wars and fantasy movies were made as an escape. Sadly, the Golden Age of Hollywood came to an end because of many difficulties, one being the competition of television. This led to the industry using big stunts to get people's attention again.

4. What is the significance of the French New Wave?

The French New Wave was a result of the audience evolving its taste for films. America started looking to France for more films which, like stated before, started the French New Wave. The significance of this was that, out of this, came fresh new films and a new style of filmmaking.

5. Define Genre and explain why it is important.

Genre is the categorization of art. It is how to tell the same story many different ways. Directors are most successful when they stick to the genre they know. Tarantino does violence, Scorsese does mob, Spielberg does epic, etc.

6. Compare and contrast Drama and Comedy.

The two basic type of genre are comedy and drama. All other genres branch out from one of those two. Drama is focused more on in-depth characters and emotional themes when comedy is more focused on characters that find themselves in difficult, yet funny situations. Drama is trying to make you cry while camera is trying to make you laugh. But, they can be similar in the sense of comedy films having touching moments and drama films having humorous moments as well.

7. Explain why Romance films always show the protagonist going through pain and rejection initially.

Romance always shows the protagonist going through pain and rejection because, like drama, romance movies always have well developed characters. When we see these characters go through rough times, it helps us as an audience to care and sympathize with them more.