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1. Intro to Genre

Assignment One

Ever since I was a kid I loved learning how things were made. I would spend days at a time with my grandparents just watching old movies, and started looking into all of the things that went into making them. That sparked my interest in cinematography and photography. I've been filming and editing videos ever since.

When I finish the program I hope to have a basic knowledge of everything I'll need to know to jump right into the industry. I like to learn everything involved in what I'm doing, but I'm most interested in cinematography and editing. I would also like to know more about writing scripts for movies. Writing has always been like a second passion to me, however I get discouraged easily because I'm not very good at it.

For the first several years I will need to work on film sets and with film productions, but eventually I would like to have my own film studio. Though that's more of a "where do you see yourself in ten years" kind of goal. Everyone in my family has their own company, so I guess I'm trying to follow in their footsteps. I would love to own a film studio, but I'm happy with just working at one. I want to be on set learning, and helping make films come to life. I will try to do every job on set at least a few times. I would also love to be a PA if I find someone who needs one. I have some experience as a personal assistant, but not for anything related to film. After I finish with my mentors and the school, I will try to find freelance work on sets wherever I can, and in my down time make short films with my friends for my YouTube channel. YouTube is a great video sharing site, and has grown a lot in the six years I've been using it; however I don't see it as a place to put everything I want to make in the future (at least as they are now; they are expanding to do some pretty amazing things with YouTube Red). When I get enough experience I hope to start making my own movies (and maybe a television series one day). "If it involves film, I'll be there." is a phrase I use often. I will be following it so I can learn and expand my knowledge as much as possible, as well as keeping up to speed on all of the new and ever changing things in the industry.