

Discuss Line Producing and the importance of staying on budget.

Line producer is the person responsible for staying on schedule and on budget. If a film goes over budget it will have to do that much better at the box office to make any money. It is easy to go over budget and not nearly as easy to make a successful and profitable film.

Discuss the Wachowski's career and why they 'Needed a hit'.

The Wachowski's created *The Matrix* and their subsequent sequels, the later films failed commercially as well as their *Speed Racer* reboot. They literally needed a hit so as not to fall into obscurity.

What was the creative process for the Blair Witch Project and why was it so successful?

The script for Blair Witch had a simple framework of a story, the actors were asked to improvise their dialogue. The film was made from a record budget of \$20,000 and grossed nearly 300 million dollars.

How did Tom Cruise prove that he was still commercially viable when he "needed a hit"?

Tom cruise made fun of himself as Les Grossman in Tropic Thunder.
