

Video Project Idea 1: Silent Film

There should be an introduction to and a discussion of the history of silent films before this project is introduced. Silent films, short ones, should be viewed to help the students understand what will be expected of them.

The purpose of this project is to teach students to tell a story through video without dialogue.

The challenge is to see if the story can be told and understood solely with the use of video and intertitles.

It is best to use a short story that can be told in five to ten minutes.

Requirements:

Project length: 5 to 10 minutes.

Color or Black and White – the choice is yours.

Use Intertitles to set up scenes or to provide some unspoken dialogue.

The subject must be school appropriate.

Your peers will evaluate your video and give you feedback via a ratings form.

The form will include questions such as:

Was the story easy to follow?

Did you understand what the story was about?

Did the intertitles help you understand the plot?

Was the video well shot (angles, focus, shots (long, close-up, etc.)?)

What did you like most about this video?

What could be done to improve this video (constructive comments only)?

The project grade will be based in part on the responses received from your peers and your instructor.

Definition can be found here:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intertitle>

Examples can be found here:

<https://thefilmcricket.wordpress.com/2012/03/08/top-10-intertitles/>

Links you may find useful:

The History of Silent Movies and Subtitles: <http://www.vicaps.com/blog/history-of-silent-movies-and-subtitles/>

Silent Hall of Fame: <http://silent-hall-of-fame.org>

Silent Movie Title Card – Free Download:

<http://www.copycatfilms.com/bloggin/silent-movie-title-card-free-download/>

Intertitle Templates: <https://spot.thinkglobalschool.com/file/view/86696/silent-film-title-card-templates-and-jpegs>

Sources for Public Domain Movies:

Moving Images Archive: <https://archive.org/details/movies>

National Archives: <https://www.archives.gov>