

# Outline of film

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The following outline is provided as an overview of and topical guide to film:

**Film** – refers to motion pictures as individual projects and to the field in generalThe name came from the fact that photographic film (also called filmstock) has historically been the primary medium for recording and displaying motion pictures.

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## What *type* of thing is film?

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Film can be described as all of the following:

- Art – aesthetic expression for presentation or performance, and the work produced from this activity
  - One of the arts – as an art form, film is an outlet of human expression, that is usually influenced by culture and which in turn helps to change culture. Film is a physical manifestation of the internal human creative impulse.
    - One of the visual arts – visual arts is a class of art forms, including painting, sculpture, photography printmaking and others, that focus on the creation of works which are primarily visual in nature.
    - One of the performing arts – art forms in which artists use their bodyvoice, or objects to convey artistic expression. Performing arts include a variety of disciplines but all take the form of performance in front of an audience.
    - Fine art – in Western European academic traditions, fine art is art developed primarily for aesthetics, distinguishing it from applied art that also has to serve some practical function. The word "fine" here does not so much denote the quality of the artwork in question, but the purity of the discipline according to traditional Western European canons.
  - Show business – a means of providing employment for actors, screenwriters, artisans and technicians, regardless of whether the finished film was produced as for-profit enterprise or as not-for-profit public service.

## Other names for film

- Movies
- Motion pictures
- Pictures
- Celluloid

- Flicks (or flickers)
- Photoplays
- Picture shows
- The cinema
- The silver screen (talkie era); the silver sheet (silent era)
- Videos

## Essence of film

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- Filmmaking – process of making a film. Filmmaking involves a number of discrete stages including an initial story idea, or commission, through scriptwriting, casting, shooting, editing, and screening the finished product before an audience that may result in a film release and exhibition. Filmmaking is both an art and an industry. Films were originally recorded onto plastic film which was shown through a movie projector onto a large screen (in other words, an analog recording process). The adoption of CGI-based special effects led to the use of digital intermediates. Most contemporary films are now fully digital through the entire process of production, distribution, and exhibition from start to finish.

## Cinematic genres

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### Film genre

#### By setting

- Biography - portrays a real-life character in his or her real-life story
- Crime - places its character within realm of criminal activity
- Fantasy - films set in imaginary worlds, often with swords and sorcery theme
- Film noir - portrays its principal characters in anihilistic and existentialist realm or manner
- Historical - taking place in the past
- Science fiction - placement of characters in an alternative reality, typically in the future or in outer space
- Sports - sporting events and locations pertaining to a given sport
- War - battlefields and locations pertaining to a time of war
- Westerns - colonial period to modern era of the western United States

#### By mood

- Action - generally involves a moral interplay between "good" and "bad" played out through violence or physical force
- Adventure - involving danger, risk, and/or chance, often with a high degree of fantasy
- Comedy - intended to provoke laughter
- Drama - mainly focuses on character development
- Erotic - sexuality or eroticism and sex acts, including love scenes
- Horror - intended to provoke fear in audience
- Mystery - the progression from the unknown to the known by discovering and solving a series of clues
- Romance - dwelling on the elements of romantic love
- Thrillers - intended to provoke excitement and/or nervous tension into audience

#### By format

- Biographical - a *biopic* is a film that dramatizes the life of an actual person, with varying degrees of basis in fact
- Documentary - a factual following of an event or person to gain an understanding of a particular point or issue
- Experimental (*avant-garde*) - created to test audience reaction or to expand the boundaries of film production/story exposition then generally at play
- Musical - a film interspersed with singing by all or some of the characters
- Silent - a film with no synchronized recorded sound, especially with no spoken dialogue

## By production type

- Live action - film using actors
- Animation - illusion of motion by consecutive display of static images which have been created by hand or on a computer
- Television - a film that is produced for and originally distributed by a television network

## By length

- Short - may strive to contain many of the elements of a "full-length" feature, in a shorter time-frame
- Serial - similar to shorts, but forms a constant story arc
- Feature film - film that is "full-length"

## By age

- Children's film - films for young children; as opposed to family film, no special effort is made to make the film attractive for other audiences
- Family - intended to be attractive for people of all ages and suitable for viewing by a young audience; examples of these are Disney films
- Teen film - intended for and aimed towards teens although some teen films, such as the High School Musical series; may also be a family film; not all of these films are suitable for all teens, as some are rated R
- Adult film - intended to be viewed only by an adult audience, content may include violence, disturbing themes, obscene language, or explicit sexual behaviour This includes various forms of exploitation films Adult film may also be used as a synonym for pornographic film

## Cinema by region

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## History of film

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### History of film

- Block booking
- Camera obscura
- Thomas Edison
- Intertitle – prior to the days of sound film, intertitles (cards with text inserted into the scene) represented dialogue or descriptive/narrative material
- Magic lantern
- Motion Picture Patents Company
- Phantasmagoria
- Silent film
- Zoetrope – one of several pre-film animation devices which produced the illusion of movement, most popular in the mid- to late 1800s

## General film concepts

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### Film theory

- Academy Awards – an American awards show hosted by the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences which recognizes excellence in cinematic achievement, as voted for by the Academy itself. The statuettes handed out to winners are nicknamed "Oscars".
- Actor
- American Film Institute
- B movie
- Film director
- Film studio

- [Movie projector](#)
- [Photography](#)
- [Set construction](#)
- [Sound stage](#)

## Film formats

- [List of film formats](#)

## Films

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- [List of films by title: #, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J-K, L, M, N-O, P, Q-R, S, T, U-V-W, & X-Y-Z](#)
- [List of years in film](#)

## Films by genre

- [List of action films](#)
- [List of adventure films](#)
- [List of animated feature-length films](#)
- [List of biographical films](#)
- [List of character-based movie franchises](#)
- [List of cinematic genres](#)
- [List of comedy films](#)
- [List of comedy-drama films](#)
- [List of crime films](#)
- [List of drama films](#)
- [List of disaster films](#)
- [List of fantasy films](#)
- [List of films featuring extraterrestrials](#)
- [List of films noir](#)
- [List of gangster movies](#)
- [List of historical drama films](#)
- [List of horror films](#)
- [List of lesbian, gay bisexual or transgender-related films](#)
- [List of mystery films](#)
- [List of punk movies](#)
- [List of racism-related movies](#)
- [Lists of science fiction films](#)
- [List of sports films](#)
- [List of thriller films](#)
- [List of war films](#)
- [List of Western films](#)

## Films by origin

- [List of films by region and country of origin](#)

## Films by setting location

- [Lists of films based on location](#)

## Films by cost

- [List of most expensive films](#)
- [List of most expensive non-English-language films](#)

## Films by success

- [List of films considered the best](#)
- [List of highest-grossing films](#)
- [List of films considered the worst](#)
- [List of Academy Award-winning films](#)
- [Lists of box office number-one films](#)

## Films by movement

- [Absolute film](#) (1920s)
- [Budapest school](#) (1972 - 1984)
- [Cinéma du look](#) (1980s)
- [Cinema Novo](#) (1960 - early 1970s)
- [Czechoslovak New Wave](#) (1960s)
- [Dogme 95](#) (1995 - 2005)
- [Free Cinema](#) (1956 - 1959)
- [French New Wave](#) (1958 - late 1960s)
- [German Expressionism](#) (1913 -1920s)
- [Grupo Cine Liberación](#) (1969 - 1971)
- [Hong Kong New Wave](#) (1979 - early 1990s)
- [Italian neorealism](#) (1944 - 1952)
- [Japanese New Wave](#) (1956 - 1976)
- [Kammerspielfilm](#) (1920s)
- [L.A. Rebellion](#) (1967 - 1989)
- [Mumblecore](#) (2002 - )
- [New French Extremity](#) (1999 - 2003)
- [New Hollywood](#) (1966 - 1982)
- [New Nigerian Cinema](#) (2006 - )
- [New Queer Cinema](#) (1990s)
- [No Wave](#) (1976 - 1985)
- [Parallel Cinema](#) (1952 - 1976)
- [Poetic Realism](#) (1930s - 1940s)
- [Polish Film School](#) (1955 - 1963)
- [Pure Film Movement](#) (1910s - 1920s)
- [Remodernist film](#) (2004 - )
- [Surrealist Cinema](#) (1920s)
- [Third Cinema](#) (1969 - 1978)
- [Yugoslav Black Wave](#) (1963 - 1972)

## Film companies

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- [List of film production companies](#)
- [List of film production companies by country](#)
- [List of film distributors by country](#)

## Film studios

[Major film studios](#)

## Majors (Big Six)

- [20th Century Fox](#)– American film studio owned by [21st Century Fox](#), founded in 1935
- [Walt Disney Studios](#)– American film studio owned by [the Walt Disney Company](#), founded in 1923
- [Columbia TriStar Motion Picture Group](#)(a subsidiary of [Sony Pictures Entertainment](#)) – American film studio owned by [Sony](#), founded in 1924
- [Paramount Pictures](#)(a subsidiary of [Viacom](#)) – American film studio owned by [Viacom](#), founded in 1912
- [Universal Studios](#)(a subsidiary of [NBC Universal](#)) – American film studio owned by [Comcast](#), founded in 1912
- [Warner Bros.](#) (another subsidiary of [Time Warner](#)) – American film studio owned by [Time Warner](#), founded in 1923

## Others

- [Lions Gate Entertainment](#)
- [New Line Cinema](#)(a subsidiary of [Time Warner](#))
- [The Weinstein Company](#)
- [MGM/UA Entertainment Co.](#) (another subsidiary of [Sony Pictures Entertainment](#))

## Awards and festivals

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- [List of film awards](#)
- [List of film festivals](#)
- [List of Academy Awards ceremonies](#)
- [AFI 100 Years... series](#)
- [List of Golden Globe Awards ceremonies](#)

## Notable people from the film industry

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- [Show business families](#)
- [Soundtrack composers](#)

## Film theorists

- [Rudolf Arnheim](#)
- [André Bazin](#)
- [Sergei Eisenstein](#)
- [Siegfried Kracauer](#)
- [Lev Kuleshov](#)
- [Vsevolod Pudovkin](#)

## Famous film producers

### [Notable film producers](#)

- [George Lucas](#)
- [David O. Selznick](#)
- [Jerry Bruckheimer](#)

## Famous directors

### [Notable film and television directors](#)

- [Woody Allen](#)
- [Kathryn Bigelow](#)
- [James Cameron](#)

- [Yash Chopra](#)
- [Joel and Ethan Coen](#)
- [Francis Ford Coppola](#)
- [Michael Curtiz](#)
- [David Fincher](#)
- [Victor Fleming](#)
- [Werner Herzog](#)
- [Alfred Hitchcock](#)
- [Peter Jackson](#)
- [Alejandro Jodorowsky](#)
- [Stanley Kubrick](#)
- [Fritz Lang](#)
- [Sergio Leone](#)
- [Sidney Lumet](#)
- [David Lynch](#)
- [Christopher Nolan](#)
- [Martin Scorsese](#)
- [Steven Spielberg](#)
- [Quentin Tarantino](#)
- [Billy Wilder](#)
- [Sam Wood](#)
- [William Wyler](#)
- [Satyajit Ray](#)

## Famous actors

### Notable actors

- [Humphrey Bogart](#)
- [Marlon Brando](#)
- [James Cagney](#)
- [Russell Crowe](#)
- [Denzel Washington](#)
- [Tom Cruise](#)
- [Bette Davis](#)
- [Shah Rukh Khan](#)
- [Leonardo DiCaprio](#)
- [Alec Guinness](#)
- [Tom Hanks](#)
- [Audrey Hepburn](#)
- [Katharine Hepburn](#)
- [Amitabh Bachchan](#)
- [Anthony Hopkins](#)
- [Christopher Lee](#)
- [Jack Lemmon](#)
- [Daniel Day Lewis](#)
- [Walter Matthau](#)
- [Al Pacino](#)
- [Edward G. Robinson](#)

## See also

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- [Film industry](#)
- [Filmmaking](#)

- [Independent film](#)
- [List of film festivals](#)
- [List of motion picture production equipment](#)

## External links

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- [Movies at Curlie](#)
  - [Allmovie](#) - information on films: actors, directors, biographies, reviews, cast and production credits, box office sales, and other movie data
  - [Film Site](#) - reviews of classic films
  - [Rottentomatoes.com](#)- movie reviews, previews, forums, photos, cast info
  - [The Internet Movie Database \(IMDb\)](#)- information on current and historical films and cast listings
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