

## History Of Cinematography

Cinema is much younger than theatre. It was born at the end of the 19th century. The first people who showed the first movies to a paying public were the Lumière Brothers of France. They did this on the 20th February 1896 at the Grand Café, Boulevard des Capucines, Paris. This was the first cinema show and it was quickly followed by many others in all parts of the world. All the 1996 we celebrated the hundredth

anniversary of cinematography.

The first films showed moving people and transport or newsreels of processions and wars, and short comedies. In 1901 France was the first country to produce a dramatic film, *The Story of a Crime*, which was followed by *The Great Train Robbery* in the United States in 1903.

At first, films were shown anywhere: in music halls, clubs and shops. By 1908, special film theatres were built to give regular programmes. At this time cinema rapidly developed in both the New and the Old World. Charlie Chaplin made his first film, *Making a living*, in 1914 in the USA. At that time the world was crazy about Charlie, that was created by Charlie Spencer Chaplin. His Charlie, small and clumsy yet kind-hearted, generous and brave, has attracted the hearts of simple people in different countries. Sometimes they stood in long queues to see a film with their favourite actor. The first films in the West were mainly melodramas or comedies.



Then, in 1927, Warner Brothers in Hollywood made the first film in which an actor sang and spoke. The film was called *Jazz Singer*. It opened a new era in films - the era of the "talkies". The film mostly told its story with titles, but it had three songs and a short dialogue. There were long lines of people in front of the Warner Theatre in New York. The

silent film was dead within a year. The first one hundred percent sound film, "Lights of New York", appeared in 1928.

The first colour films were made in the 1930s, but the black-and-white films are made even today.

### Exercises

#### 1. Match words with meaning

1. paying public	a) special date on which an event occurred in some previous year
2. to follow	b) people who pay for some activity
3. anniversary	c) to go or come after in the same direction
4. to appear	d) quickly
5. robbery	e) to like something very much
6. rapidly	f) to become available, be published
7. to be crazy about	g) a line of people waiting for something
8. clumsy	h) without noise and sounds
9. queue	i) act of stealing something
10. silent	j) lacking in skill or physical coordination, who falls very often

#### 2. Complete sentences with the words

#### **Follow, anniversary, silent, clumsy, queue, crazy, robbery, appear**

1. We have to be \_\_\_\_\_ when teacher's talking at the lesson.
2. Though Charley Chaplin was \_\_\_\_\_ and fell all the time, public loved him.
3. My friend loves Harry Potter, he is \_\_\_\_\_ about the first movie.
4. I don't like waiting in \_\_\_\_\_ at the supermarket, it takes so much time.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ of the bank is bad idea, you'll be caught by police.
6. We celebrated mom's 35 year \_\_\_\_\_ this year.
7. The first dramatic movie "The Story of a Crime" was \_\_\_\_\_ by "The Great Train Robbery".
8. The first cinema \_\_\_\_\_ in the USA in 1908.

#### 3. Answer the questions

1. When was the cinema born?
2. Who showed the first movie?
3. Where and when was the first movie shown?
4. What were the first films about?
5. Which country produced the first dramatic film?
6. When was the first cinema built?
7. Who is Charley Chaplin?
8. Who made the first "talkie" film?

9. When did the first 100% sound film appeared?

10. When did the first colour film appeared?

4. Fill in the gaps with the type of the film.

1. A movie that makes you laugh is a \_\_\_\_\_.

2. A movie that makes you scream is a \_\_\_\_\_.

3. A movie that is exciting with lots of guns and explosions is an \_\_\_\_\_ movie.

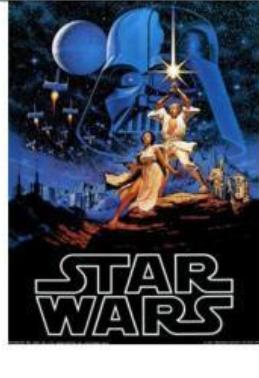
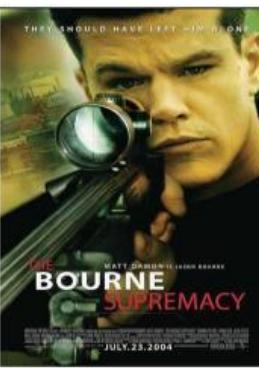
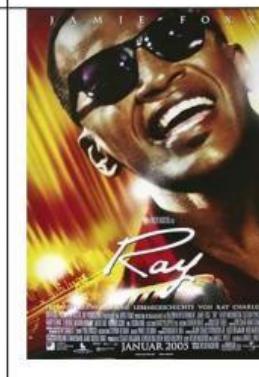
4. Movies about the future or space are known as \_\_\_\_\_ films.

5. A movie about real life is a \_\_\_\_\_.

6. An \_\_\_\_\_ film has cartoon characters.

7. A film about lots of travelling and exciting or dangerous events is \_\_\_\_\_.

8. A film about love is \_\_\_\_\_.

				
horror	romance/ love story/ soap opera	science fiction (sci-fi)	thriller	western
				
action	adventure film	animated film/ cartoon	biography/ biopic	documentary

5. Match the words:

alien

horror

laugh	fantasy
explore	romance
kiss	adventure
monster	action
wizard	science fiction
cowboy	comedy
explosion	western

5. Match the definitions with the right film type.

Definition	Film type
1. A short humorous film in which the characters are drawn.	a. Drama.
2. A film that is set in the future and there are some imaginary scientific developments.	b. Cartoon.
3. A film that combines comedy with a love story.	c. Horror.
4. A very exciting story that often involves a crime.	d. Science fiction.
5. A film that tries to make the audience laugh.	e. Costume drama.
6. A film that tells a true story, often shown on TV.	f. Romantic comedy.
7. The characters are computer- animated.	g. Animated film.
8. A film about a period in the past .	h. Documentary.
9. It frightens the audience.	i. Thriller.
10. A film that gives facts and information about a subject.	j. Comedy.

**Answers:** 1+... | 2+.... | 3+ | 4+.... | 5+.... | 6+ | 7+.... | 8+..... | 9+..... | 10+....

6. Match the words with their definitions.

Definition	Words
1. A famous actor.	a. Producer.
2. People who come to the cinema to watch a film.	b. Star.
3. The main character in a film or a book who is usually good.	c. Director
4. The person who is responsible for the business side of the film.	d. Audience.
5. a person who is in charge of a film and tells the actors how to play their parts.	e. Special effects.
6. Unusual sounds or images in films created artificially using new technology.	f. Pictures
7. An informal word for the cinema.	g. Hero/heroine.

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