

The Crown: Listening Comprehension Task (Season 1 Trailer)

Before Watching:

1. **Genre:** What kind of show do you think The Crown is? (drama, documentary, comedy, etc.)
2. **Silent Film vs. Sound Film:** Briefly discuss the difference between silent films and sound films.

While Watching:

Pay close attention to the trailer and listen for information about these aspects of filmmaking and storytelling:

- **Technological Innovation:** How is technology changing the way films are made? (e.g., sound)
- **Cinematic Evolution:** How does the trailer hint at the development of film as an art form?
- **Cultural Impact:** What kind of impact do you think this series might have on viewers?

After Watching:

3. **Exposition:** What information does the trailer provide about the plot of the series?
4. **Characters:** Who are some of the main characters introduced in the trailer?
5. **Narrative:** What is the overall story or conflict hinted at in the trailer?
6. **Mise-en-scène:** Pay attention to the sets, costumes, and props. What do they tell you about the time period and the characters?
7. **Symbolism:** Are there any symbols or recurring images in the trailer? What do you think they might represent?
8. **Soundtrack:** How does the music contribute to the overall mood and atmosphere of the trailer?
9. **Editing:** How are different scenes put together in the trailer? What effect does this editing have on you, the viewer?

Silent Film Connection: Although The Crown is a television series, filmmakers sometimes use techniques that pay homage to earlier film eras. Can you identify any moments in the trailer that seem to reference silent films? (e.g., dramatic close-ups, lack of dialogue in certain scenes).

Bonus: Research the director of The Crown, Peter Morgan. Is he considered an auteur? Why or why not?