

DVDs and DVD Extras That Help Teach The Language of Film

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This page is not intended to be an exhaustive, all-inclusive list, but rather a list of some DVDs that I am aware of and have watched that I think could be used in classes where “film literacy” and “film fluency” is being taught. There’s nothing like [reading a book about film](#), but viewing, analyzing and deconstructing are best when you have access to films, and extras, that will help your students better understand the languages of film. NOTE: many of these “extras” can now be founded streamed on YouTube.

General

Looking At Movies	Film, Form and Culture (CD Rom)	How to Read A Film: Multimedia Edition
The Art of Watching Films (CD Rom)	Making Movies Make Sense	A Movie Lover’s Guide to Film Language
American Cinema: 100 Years of Filmmaking	Moving Images Making Movies, Understanding Media	Moguls & Movie Stars: A History of Hollywood
Filmmakers on Film		

Acting/Casting

Matching Identities: Casting	Widescreen, The Bourne Supremacy
Building A Bad Actor (Title 2, Chapter 1)	Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events
A Collaboration of Spirits: Casting and Acting	The Color Purple, Two Disc Special Edition

Animation

Peering Through The Veil	Paranorman (Blu-ray DVD)
Miniatures in Motion: Bringing Frankenweenie to Life	Frankenweenie (2 Disc Combo Pack, Blu-ray-DVD)
The Animators: The Breadth of Life	Tim Burton’s The Corpse Bride, Blu-Ray Edition
Peering Through the Veil: Stop Motion Behind The Scenes	Paranorman, Blu Ray Disc

Art Direction: Set Design

Behind Hogwarts: Dumbledore's Office-Build a Scene	Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets (Widescreen Ed. 2 Disc)
Inside Elizabeth's World	Elizabeth: The Golden Age
Image Gallery: Production Design	Tristan + Isolde
Set Design/Exploring The Sets	Gangs of New York (2 Disc Edition)
Designing Middle Earth	The Lord of the Rings Extras, The Fellowship of the Ring

Art Direction: Storyboards

Storyboard Comparisons	A Beautiful Mind, Two Disc Awards Ed.
Storyboards and Pre-viz: Making Words & Images	The Lord of the Rings, New Line Platinum Series
LOTR: Storyboard to Film Comparison	The Lord of the Rings, Fellowship of the Ring
Storyboard Comparisons	Story Of Movies, To Kill a Mockingbird
Introduction to Animatics	Star Wars: The Phantom Menace
State of the Art: Pre-visualization of Episode II	Star Wars: Attack of the Clones
Storyboard Pitch Deleted Scenes	Shrek
Previsualization	War of the Worlds, Two Disc Limited Edition
Storyboard To Film Comparison	West Side Story, Special Ed Collector's Set

Audio (see also **Score** listed below)

Breaking Barriers: The Sound of Hitchcock	Rear Window: Special Edition
Through the Ears of Forrest Gump: Sound Design	Forrest Gump, Special Collector's Edition
Animation Sound Design: Building Worlds From The Sound Up	Wall E 3 Disc Special Edition
The Sound & Music of A.I. (Sound Design; Music)	A.I. Artificial Intelligence Two Disc Special Edition
Third Trimester; Sound Design	The Curious Case of Benjamin Button The Criterion Collection
Voices from the Underworld; The Voices Behind the Voice	Tim Burton's The Corpse Bride, Blu-Ray Edition
Designing the Sounds of Middle Earth	The Lord of the Rings, The Two Towers, Full Screen, -Two Disc
The Science of Sound	Spiderman 3, 2 Disc Special Edition

Cinematography

[Visions of Light: The Art of Cinematography](#)

James Wong Howe: Cinematographer	Sweet Smell of Success (Criterion Collection)
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Costumes

The Look of a Geisha	Memoirs of a Geisha, 2 Disc Full Screen Special Edition
The Costumes Are The Sets: The Design of Eiko Ishioka	Bram Stoker's Dracula Collectors Edition, Blu Ray
Costumes featurette	Gangs of New York (2 Disc Edition)
Costuming The Aviator: The Work of Sandy Powell	The Aviator: 2-Disc Widescreen Edition
Second Trimester; Costume Design	The Curious Case of Benjamin Button The Criterion Collection
Costume Design	The Lord of the Rings, Fellowship of the Rings

Directing

[Century of Cinema: A Personal Journey with Martin Scorsese Through American Movies](#)

[The Eastwood Factor](#)

[Spielberg on Spielberg](#)

[Stanley Kubrick: A Life in Pictures](#) [A Talk With Hitchcock](#)
(1964)

Directors: Life Behind The Cameras (pt 3 [Hollywood's Best Directors Choose Their Best Movies](#))

Design (The World is Watching Making The Hunger Games)	2 Disc DVD + Digital Copy The Hunger Games
Chronicle of a Director	The Chronicles of Narnia The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe- Special 2 Disc Collector's Ed.
Making of The Godfather The Godfather Supplements: Behind The Scenes	The Godfather – The Coppola Restoration
Noah Baumbach Interviews Brian De Palma	Blow Out: The Criterion Collection
The Master's Touch: Hitchcock's Signature Style	North By Northwest , 50th Anniversary Edition, Disc 2
In The Master's Shadow: Hitchcock's Legacy	Psycho Special Edition: Universal Legacy Series

Editing

The Cutting Edge: The Magic of Movie Editing	included in Bullitt , the Two Disc Special Edition
The Magic of Editing	Harry Potter And The Order of the Phoenix , Two Disc Special Edition
3 Scene Editing Workshops	MIB, Men in Black , Limited Edition
Film Editing Demonstration	Traffic The Criterion Edition

Makeup

Gringotts & Goblins	Blue-Ray Disc, Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows, Pt 2
Kate Winslet on The Art of Aging Hanna Schmitz	Blue-Ray Disc, The Reader
The Magic of Makeup	Forrest Gump, Special Collector's Edition
The Age of Glamour: The Hair & Makeup of The Aviator	The Aviator : 2-Disc Widescreen Edition

Marketing

Poster & Cover Art	Mirror Mask
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Music (see also Score)

Lights, Action, Music (a documentary directed by Dan Lieberstein)	Introduction (via YouTube)
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On Location

Spotlight on: Location (Title 4,Chapter 1)	October Sky
Featurette: Setting The Scene	The Water Horse Legend of The Deep . 2 Disc Sp Ed

Post Production

Putting It All Together: The Magic of Post Production	Twilight, Disc 2, Three Disc Edition Twilight, Disc 2, Two Disc Special Edition
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Pre Production

The Partnership: A Look at Pre-Production	Twilight, Disc 2, Three Disc Edition Twilight, Disc 2, Two Disc Special Edition
Charting the Return: A Preproduction Diary	Pirates of the Caribbean, Dead Man's Chest Two Disc, Special Edition
Videomatics (pre-production)	Titanic, Three Disc, Special Collector's Ed
Within a Minute: The Making of Episode III	Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith (Widescreen Edition)

Production Elements

Anatomy of a Scene: The Explosive Bridge Chase Scene	The Bourne Supremacy
The Making of Mirror Mask Day 16 Production Flight of the Monkeybirds	Mirror Mask
Production Stories (Chapter 1, Title 3 :includes cinematography, locations, set design, props, wardrobe)	The Untouchables, Special Collector's Ed

Seeing Is Believing	Forrest Gump, Special Collector's Edition
Fx On The Universe	Across the Universe, 2 Disc Deluxe Ed.
Capturing The Action: A Look at Production	Twilight, Disc 2, Three Disc Edition
First Trimester; Tech Scouts	The Curious Case of Benjamin Button The Criterion Collection
Shadows of Suspense (Film Noir)	Double Indemnity, Universal Legacy Series (2 Disc Ed)

Score (aka Soundtrack)

Scoring Wonderland	Alice in Wonderland , Disc 2, Blu Ray
Scoring the Film: Interview, Hans Zimmer	Gladiator , Signature Selection
Scoring the Film	A Beautiful Mind : Two Disc Awards Edition
Scoring The Aviator: The Work of Howard Shore	The Aviator: 2-Disc Widescreen Edition
Danny Elfman Interprets the Two Worlds	Tim Burton's The Corpse Bride, Blu-Ray Edition

Scriptwriting

From Script to Screen (entire screenplay)	Pleasantville , New Line Platinum Series
Script-to-Scene	Back To The Future, The Complete Trilogy
Script to Screen Comparisons	Crash, Two Disc Director's Cut Edition
Inside A Scene: Location Scout Notes Notes to Actors; Read the Script; View the Scene	The Insider
Reflections on Writing: Batman Begins	Batman Begins, Blue-Ray DVD
Screenplay; Original Screenplay Notes	Hellboy, 2 Disc Special Edition

Special Visual Effects

Visual Effects	Flags of Our Fathers 2 Disc Special Ed, Blu Ray
Visual Effects (Blue Screen)	The Others Collector's Edition, 2 Disc DVD
Effects (The World is Watching Making The Hunger Games)	2 Disc DVD + Digital Copy The Hunger Games
Effecting Wonderland	Alice in Wonderland , Disc 2, Blu Ray
Special Effects: High Speed Compositing Reel	Contact, Special Edition
Visual Effects (green screen and more)	Titanic, Three Disc, Special Collector's Ed
Pan and the Fairies (prosthetic & visual effects)	Pan's Labyrinth, 2 Disc Platinum Series
ILM and Minority Report	Minority Report Widescreen

Featurette: Water Work: Creating the Water Horse	The Water Horse Legend of The Deep , 2 Disc Special Edition
Visual Effects	Die Hard With A Vengeance, Special Edition

Stuntwork

Double Dare	various clips available via YouTube
Stunts of Wonderland (Alice In Wonderland)	