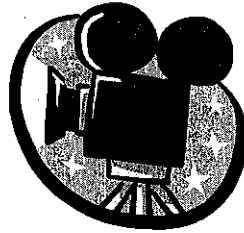


MOVIE MAKING



- Search your public, school, and classroom libraries and at home for any books about movie making. Also search for information on the Internet. Read and research all you can about movie making. Keep a bibliography of all the books you read and the Internet sites you visited. Record this information on your "Hollywood Walk" chart.
- Write a 1-2 page story that could be used as a basis for a movie. The story should have only 2-3 characters; this will allow greater plot development. Your story should be very descriptive when referring to the location. It should also have enough action to keep the reader's (and eventually viewer's) interest.
- Interview a movie critic. First prepare a list of interview questions, and then practice them with a friend. Finally, contact a local movie critic and arrange a time to talk in person or by phone.
- Read several movie reviews in the local newspapers or watch a movie critic on television. Rent several different types of age appropriate movies, and then write 2 movie reviews of your own.
- Research the early history of movies. Make a flip chart movie based on your research.
- Using a video camera, make a one minute "claymation" movie. Kits are available for purchase that will help you make a claymation movie.
- Create a survey and interview 5-10 people about their top five movie picks. Be sure to ask why they picked the films they did. After you have gathered your information, analyze your data. Are there any common films listed? Even if the movie titles are different, were any of the reasons people gave for picking their movies the same?



- Arrange to visit a projection booth at a local movie theater. Independent movie houses may be more willing to let you visit. Draw a diagram of the projection booth and the projectors. Explain how the projectors work. Explain what a projectionist does.
- Write a script based on the story idea you created earlier. Use your script to create a storyboard. Your storyboard will identify the location, the entrances and exits, the blocking, the non-verbal action, and costume and prop suggestions. Your piece should be approximately 5–7 minutes in length. Rehearse and film a 5-7minute movie based on your script and storyboard.
- Create a poster and newspaper advertisement for your movie. Make a list of all the information that needs to go on the poster. Plan your space carefully and design a poster that will get people excited about coming to your movie performance. Produce your poster! Examine several different movie ads in a local newspaper; what does your ad need to contain to get people interested in viewing your movie?

