# Mise-en-scène

All elements visible within the frame of a shot.

The "meaning" of the shot is determined by its content and the visual treatment of that content.

Denotation = what the image IS Connotation = how the storyteller treats that image to create an idea and narrative intention

# Elements of Mise-en-scène

Physical:

Locations, décor, props, actors, performances and character positioning, costumes, make-up, lighting.

Compositional: Shot size, camera angle and position, frame attributes, camera movement.

#### YOUNG ADULT CLIP









# basic cinematic composition

#### Dimensions of the Frame

top



left

bottom

## Aspect Ratio



#### a.k.a. 16 X 9



#### Aspect Ratio





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#### FIVE BASIC REASONS FOR CHOOSING A SHOT SIZE

FUNCTION: We choose a framing for utility.

EMOTION: To create a specific emotional response or connection with a character or situation.

IMPORTANCE: Size of object in the frame reflects its importance in the narrative (Hitchcock's Rule).

THEME or CONCEPT: To express something thematic or conceptual.

FORMAL: To create a graphically compelling, engaging or seductive image – dynamic framing which reflects a sense of STYLE.

## extreme long shot (e.l.s.)



#### extreme long shot (e.l.s.)



## extreme long shot (e.l.s.)



## long shot (l.s.)



# long shot (l.s.)



#### medium long shot (m.l.s.)



### medium shot (m.s.)



#### medium shot (m.s.)



## medium close up (m.c.u.)



#### medium close up (m.c.u.)



# close up (c.u.)



# close up (c.u.)



# close up (c.u.)









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# PROXEMICS

SHOT SIZE	ENVIRONMENT IS EMPHASIS OR PROVIDES CONTEXT	BODY IS EMPHASIS OR GESTURES AND ATTITUDE READABLE	FACIAL EXPRESSIONS ARE SEEN OR ARE EMPHASIS	CHARACTER INTIMACY & IDENTIFICATION
EXTREME LONG SHOT			A	Very Remote
LONG SHOT				Remote
MEDIUM LONG SHOT			0	Neutral
MEDIUM SHOT			4	Somewhat close
MEDIUM CLOSE UP				Very close
CLOSE UP			5	Extremely close
EXTREME CLOSE UP				Remote

The darker the color, the more the shot emphasizes that particular element of the frame.

# basic cinematic vocabulary

other common shots









#### two shot



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group shot

## low angle shot



## eye level shot



# high angle shot



## high angle shot



# eye level shot



## low angle shot



#### Balanced Frame



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## Using diagonals to create depth





### flat frame

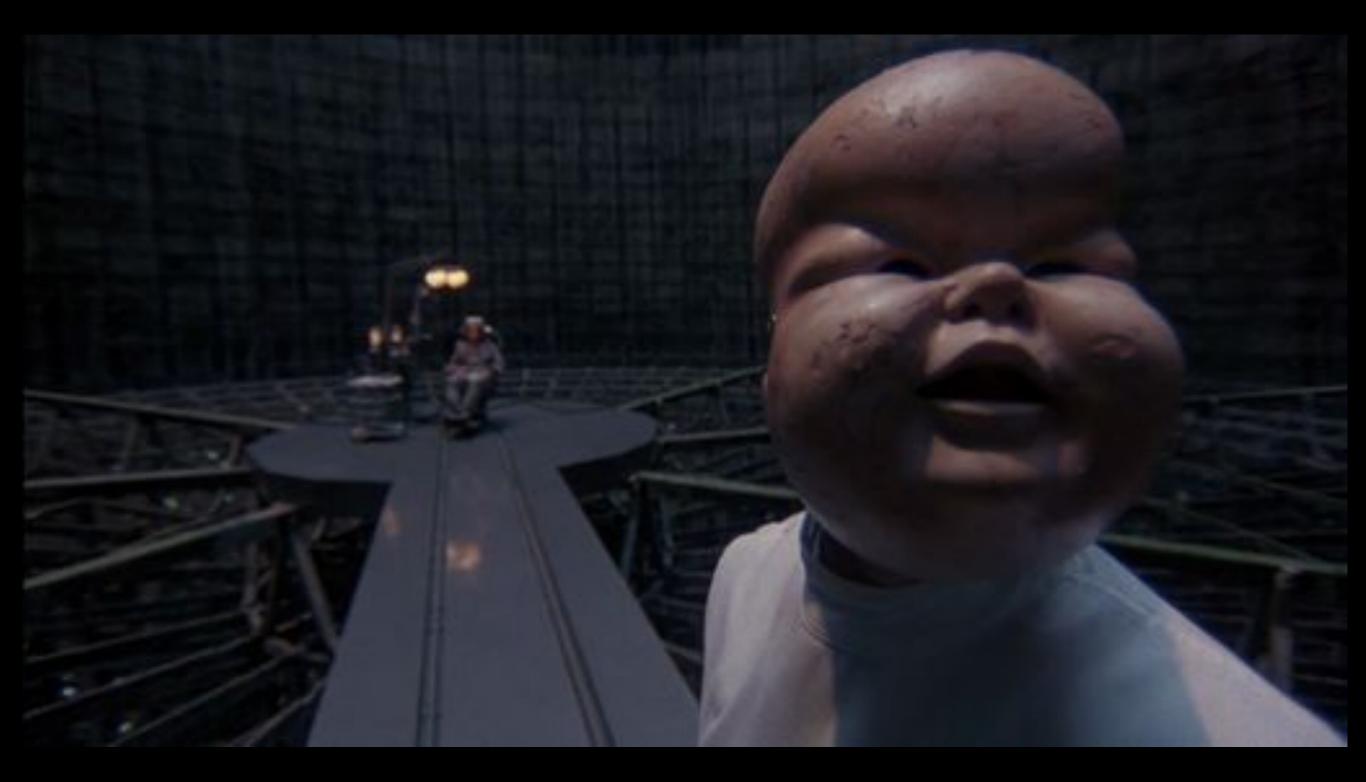


### flat frame









top



frame left

# Open Frame



# Closed Frame (clip)



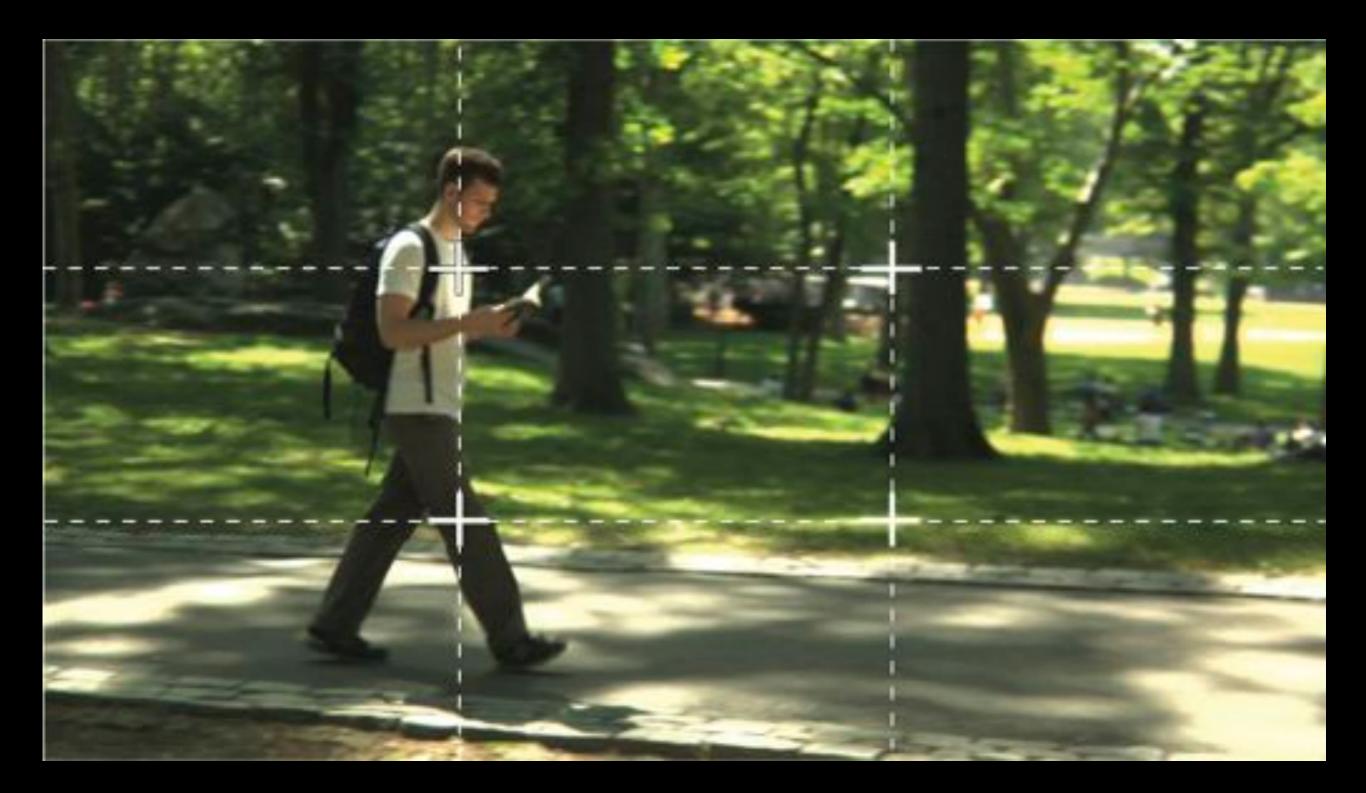








# Rule of 3rds (motion)











### Hitchcock's Rule



### Hitchcock's Rule (clip)

