## 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
frame left


## Aspect Ratio


a.k.a. $16 \times 9$


## 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.)



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

## long shot (l.s.)



## long shot (I.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.)

## extreme close up (e.c.u.)

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## PROXEMICS

| SHOT SIZE | ENVIRONMENT IS EMPHASIS OR PROVIDES CONTEXT | BODY IS EMPHASIS OR GESTURES AND ATTITUDE READABLE | FACIAL <br> EXPRESSIONS ARE <br> SEEN OR ARE <br> EMPHASIS | CHARACTER INTIMACY \& IDENTIFICATION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EXTREME LONG SHOT |  |  |  | Very Remote |
| LONG SHOT |  |  |  | Remote |
| MEDIUM LONG SHOT |  |  |  | Neutral |
| MEDIUM SHOT |  |  |  | Somewhat close |
| MEDIUM CLOSE UP |  |  |  | Very clase |
| CLOSE UP |  |  |  | Extremely close |
| EXTREME CLOSE UP |  |  |  | Remote |

The darker the colser, the more the thot emphasizes that particular element of the frame.

# basic cinematic vocabulary 

## other common shots

## over the shoulder shot (ots)

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# over the shoulder shot (ots) 

over the shoulder shot (ots)
two shot


## two shot



## two shot




## 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



## deep frame



## deep frame



## deep frame



## deep frame



## Open Frame



## Closed Frame (clip)



## Rule of 3rds (static)



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## Rule of 3rds (motion)



Breaking Rule of 3rds

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## Hitchcock's Rule



## Hitchcock's Rule (clip)



