

Lights, Camera, Literacy! High School Edition

Course Description

Lights, Camera, Literacy! High School (LCL! HS) is a hands-on student-centered moving image course that helps build/reinforce key literacy concepts and skills through the study and making of films. The focus in this course is the study of the outsider as depicted in films. Students watch and analyze a variety of short and feature length films, including Edward Scissorhands. As they learn new literacy concepts, they create short films in small production groups incorporating those concepts. For example, students analyze the three-act plot structure and how characters face a series of escalating obstacles in most stories and films. They then incorporate these plot elements into their short film productions. Student projects get more challenging as the semester continues, culminating in an original four minute short film. Included in the coursework are writing and editing scripts, collaborating with peers, and working with digital video cameras, microphones, tripods and digital video editing software.

(Note: Each lesson in this course represents a week of class time.)