

- Camera Techniques - Video Production I

Forward: Students will be receiving instructions on the basics of camera operation and shot composition prior to exercise.

Team Members: _____

Note: Each group member will be evaluated on their camera operation abilities and the composition of their shots in terms of smoothness of camera operation, focus, required elements, framing of their subjects, etc...

Directions:

1. Each group will receive a camera, tripod and tape and a list of required shots.
2. Each group will take 5 minutes to review the shot list and develop a strategy to complete the list.
3. Each group needs to be respectful of the code of the building and "keep a controlled fire".
4. Each group will locate desired shots.
5. Each group member will tape at least 3 shots (members will alternate shots).
6. All objects must be real (no pictures or photos).
7. No "2 for 1" shots (combinations).
8. Groups will return to classroom at least 5 minutes before the end of class to put back equipment.

Video I Activity-Camera Techniques –

Shot List

School Ext.

- 2 Establishing shots of school exterior
 - pan
 - static shot

School Int.

- Actor inside building doorway (start shot from an extreme close up -then zoom out)
- Random students walking down the hallway (angle of your choice - used for a cutaway shot)
- Actor walks into the Library (rear angle follow shot)

Library Int.

- Librarian at their desk (angle of your choice used for cutaway shot) 5 seconds
- Actor walks to computer and sits down (full profile track)
- Actor in seat on computer using approved game (over the shoulder shot) 4 seconds
- Students working on tables in a section away from Actor's computer (your choice 4 seconds)
- Actor smiles (medium close up)
- Librarian walks over to student (track)
- (Point of view shot of game) 3 seconds
- Librarian in stern voice "you are in violation of our computer policy...report to the office" (worms eye angle) record for 4 seconds after librarian says last word
- Clock on wall (close up)

Main Office Int.

- Establishing shot of main office (wide)
- Actor walks into the main office (Front Full Shot) 2 second pause before door opens
 - Student walks into the main office (canted angle aka Dutch angle)
- Actor walking to secretary's desk (full profile)
- Secretary in stern voice "you have been found guilty by a jury of your peers and banished to the courtyard for the remainder of the school year" (worms eye angle)

Courtyard Ext.

- Establishing shot (choose. but make sure it doesn't include the bench)
- Actor takes a seat on a bench (Three-Quarter Angle)
 - Same Student takes a seat on a bench (angle of your choice)
- Same Actor frowns and scowls on the bench (close up)
 - Same Actor frowns and scowls on the bench (birds eye)
 - Same Actor frowns and scowls on the bench (choose what the actor says) (angle of your choice)
- Actor on bench (full shot) 3 seconds
- Actor on bench (medium long shot) 3 seconds
- Actor on bench (long shot) 3 seconds