

**WILLIAM A. SHINE
GREAT NECK SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
COURSE EXPECTATION SHEET**

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

COURSE: Rhetoric of the Moving Image
(Revised 6/09)

DESCRIPTION

In this one-semester course, seniors will *see* films, not *watch* movies, as they learn how to “read” and appreciate visual texts. Students will analyze numerous full-length and short films from Germany, Italy, France, Ireland, Britain, China, Hong Kong, Japan, and the U.S.

FILMS

Selections will be made from the following list:

<u>Double Indemnity</u>	<u>North By Northwest</u>
<u>Witness</u>	<u>M</u>
<u>La Strada</u>	<u>On the Waterfront</u>
<u>Chungking Express</u>	<u>Groundhog Day</u>
<u>High Noon</u>	<u>Dr. Strangelove</u>
<u>Jesus Camp</u>	<u>The Wages of Fear</u>
<u>Yojimbo</u>	<u>The Last of the Mohicans</u>
<u>The Diving Bell and the Butterfly</u>	<u>Jaws</u>
<u>Some Like it Hot</u>	<u>Elephant</u>
<u>Cinema Paradiso</u>	<u>Casablanca</u>
<u>Spirited Away</u>	<u>Run Lola Run</u>

WRITING

Through a variety of critical and imaginative assignments students will interpret films by exploring subtexts and motifs and conducting *mise-en-scene* analyses. Students will keep a journal where they will reflect on films shown in class and they will write a research paper on a director’s canon and style.

STUDENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Each student will be expected to meet regularly in writing conferences with his/her teacher. If the student and teacher do not share a mutually convenient period, it is the student’s responsibility to find a mutually convenient time (e.g. before or after school).

HOMEWORK/TESTS/GRADING

- A. Homework
Depending on the unit of study, long range and/or daily assignments will be given.
- B. Tests
Major tests will be given on English testing days. Unannounced quizzes may be given at any time.

C. Grades

1. The grade will be based on papers, tests, quizzes, homework, class participation and final exam.
2. It is the responsibility of absent students to arrange a time to make up missed work and tests.
3. Students will be responsible for all assignments on the date they are due, unless prior arrangements have been approved by the teacher. All unapproved late submission of work will be penalized by reduction in grade.

SPECIAL HELP

Students are encouraged to attend special help on the day before English testing day.

ATTENDANCE PHILOSOPHY

Regular attendance and punctuality are expected. Cutting is not permitted. If students intentionally absent themselves from a class without a legitimate reason, they will not be entitled to make up any assignments or exams missed during that period. Intentional absences are a clear message that students are not interested in doing their best. Excessive illegal absence or any cutting will result in parental notification and will have a negative impact on how class participation will be factored into quarter and final grades. Attendance/participation will count as much as 20% of a student's grade.

PLAGIARISM STATEMENT

Plagiarism is defined as processing the thoughts, writings, and ideas of other people as one's own.

Integrity of the academic process requires that credit be given where credit is due. Accordingly, it is unethical to present as one's own work, the ideas, representations or words of another or to permit another to present one's own work without customary and proper acknowledgement of sources.