Film Adaptation

Before Viewing the Film

1. Who are the characters in your scene?

2. What is the setting and time period of your scene?

3. What is the mood or your scene?

4. What themes are present in your scene?

After Viewing Your Scene

5. What was similar or different about the film and your Storyboard?

6. Is this how you imagined the scene in your head? Explain.

7. Is this how you pictured the characters in your head? Explain.

8. What did you like about the film adaptation?

9. What did you dislike about the film adaptation?

10. What challenges did you scene present when adapting it for film?
Class Discussion

11. It is estimated that a third of all films ever made have been adapted from novels. Why is that?

12. What are some of the difficulties of adapting your partner’s text?

13. What are the strengths and weaknesses of storytelling in novels?

14. What are the strengths and weaknesses of film adaptations?

15. Why do filmmakers or screenwriters make major changes in adapting literary work to film?

16. A common cliché is that after viewing a film adaptation, viewers remark that the “book was better”. Have you ever said this? Do you have any examples that agree or disagree with this statement? Please explain.