

CBC FILM STUDIES GUIDE - SCHOOL OF ROCK - SLIDESHOW ONE

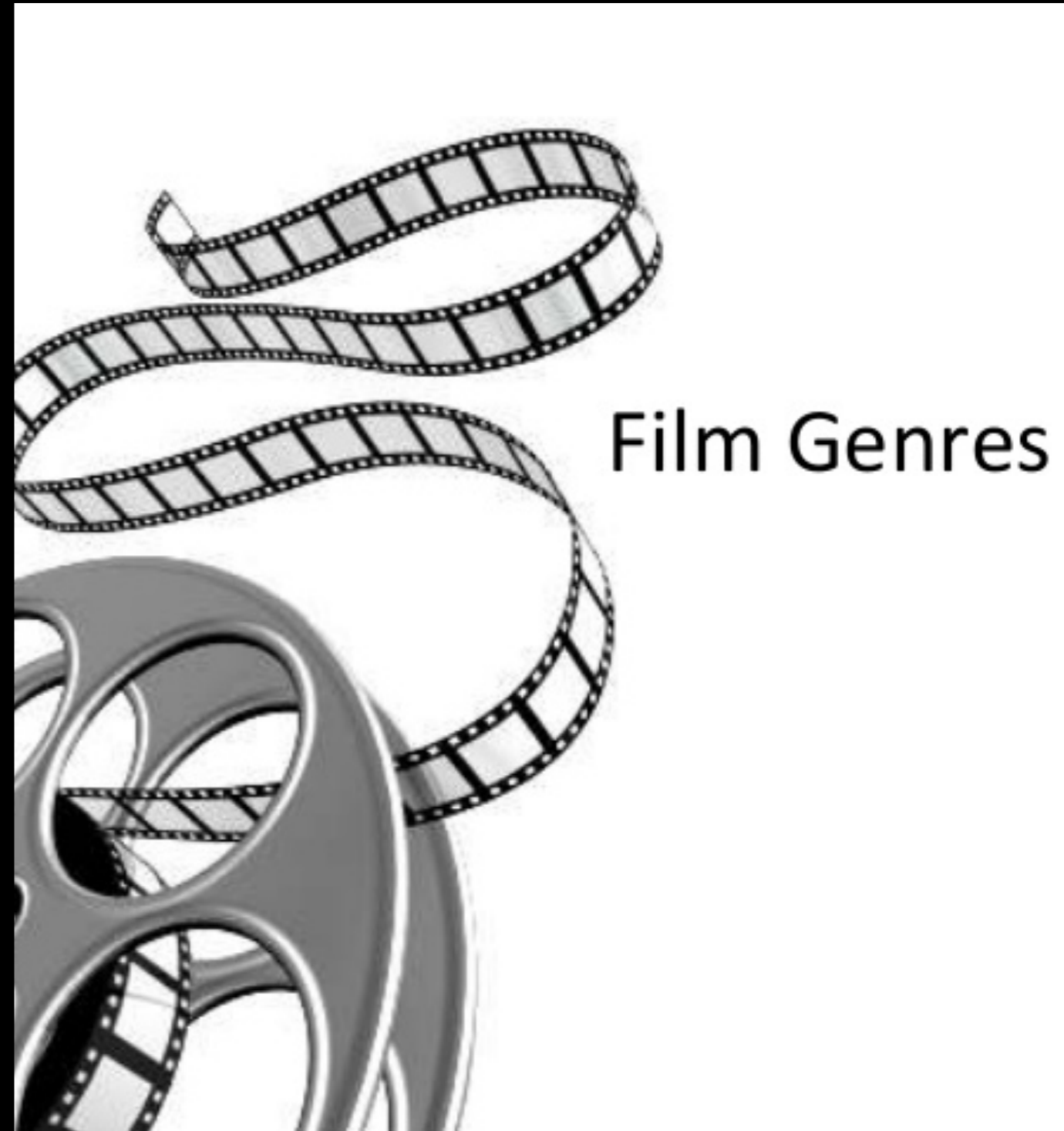
FILM GENRES

SCHOOL OF ROCK - OPENING

CREDITS

SOME
FILM GENRES (GENRE
MEANS 'STYLE' OR
'CATEGORY')

- Action / Adventure
- Comedy
- Horror
- Science Fiction
- War
- Westerns



WHICH GENRE?

- James Bond
- Pirates of the Caribbean
- Dracula
- Mr Bean
- Star Wars
- True Grit



WHY ARE OPENING CREDITS IMPORTANT?

- Tell us the names of the most important people (director, principal actors)
- Give a strong indication of the genre of the film
- Create atmosphere
- Intrigue the audience
- May introduce us to the principal character or characters in the film by showing them behaving in a certain way

GODZILLA - WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8CULI2Efjys>
- How are we given the impression that Godzilla-like monsters have existed for hundreds of years?



- How could we not know about this? Note the way certain words are 'redacted' in the credits. This is something that is done to highly sensitive documents to hide important information.
- Did you sense the increasing tension in the music?
- What words are brought to our attention in the typed pages and what impression do they give us of the film?

School of Rock Opening Credits

[HTTPS://VIMEO.COM/22958368](https://vimeo.com/22958368)



OPENING SCENE

- What are the first images we see?
- How do the opening credits engage the viewers?



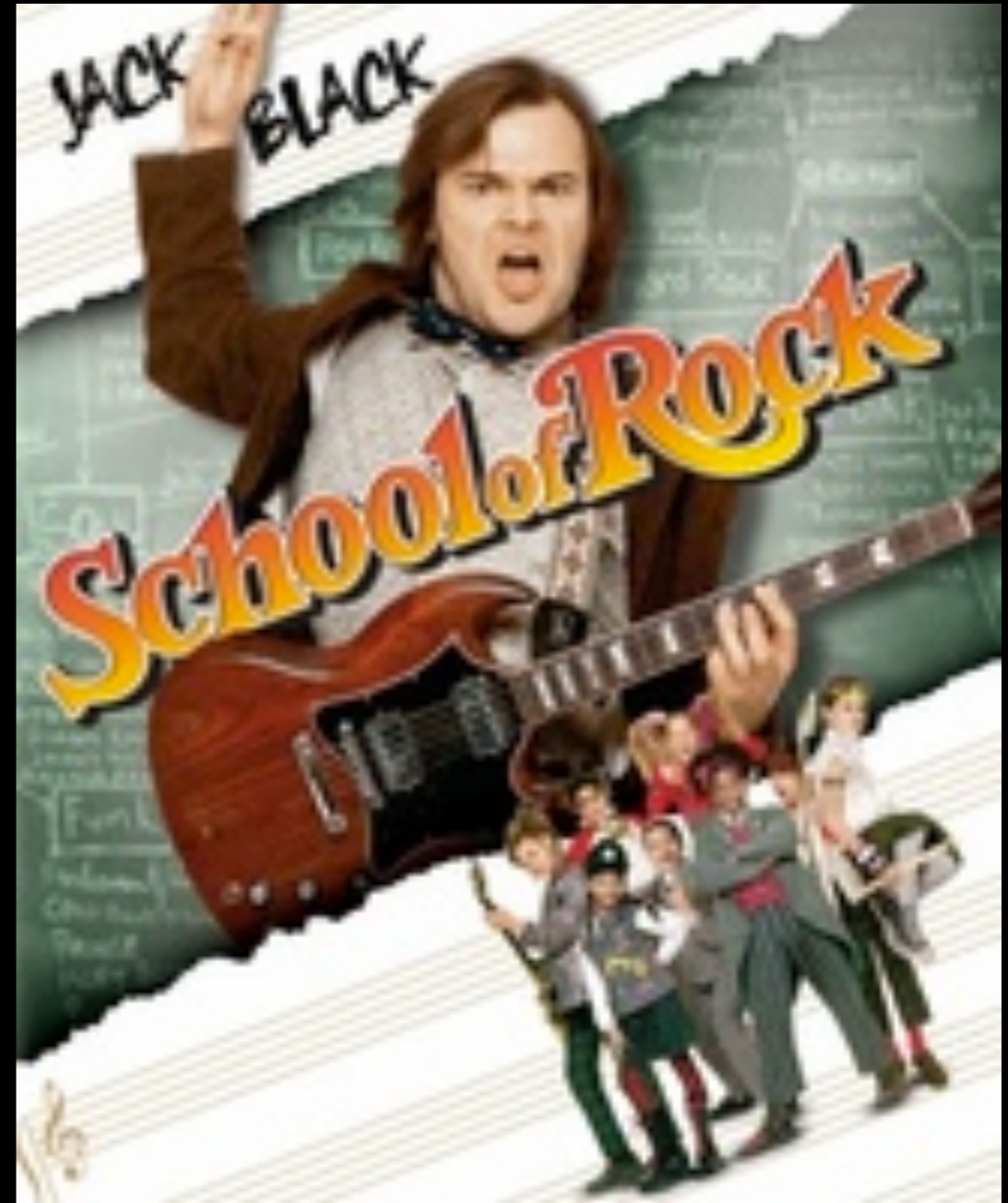
SOUNDTRACK, LIGHTING

- How would you describe the soundtrack? Could you make out any of the lyrics and if so, what did they tell you about the band's attitude?
- What expectations have you on the film based on the opening soundtrack?
- Does the lighting create a certain mood or atmosphere?



GENRE

- How would you classify this film? Based on what you have seen, do you think it is likely to be a romantic film, a horror or a comedy, for example?
- Why do you think this?



INTRODUCTION TO CHARACTER

- The camera zooms in on Dewey Finn (Jack Black)
- How do the other members of the band react to him? Study their facial expressions.
- How does he appear when he rips off his shirt?



CROWD SURF FAIL...

- How does the audience in the venue respond to him?
- Why do you think nobody catches him when he dives off the stage?
- Do you think the use of a high-angle shot to show Dewy lying on the floor is effective?
- What words would you use to describe Jack Black's character at this stage in the film?

