

5.4 Reading a Movie on Three Levels

Literary

Dramatic

Cinematic

DRAMATIC

Definition:

- The things that films share with live drama.

actors

dialogue

costumes

makeup

sets (background, location)

directors

props

Viewer: _____ **KEY** _____
How to Read a Movie at the **Dramatic** Level

DRAMATIC

Answer the following questions about a film (or film clip):

- What actors or actresses do people want to see in this movie?
- What is the acting like? Be specific.
- What are the costumes and makeup like?
- What makes the set/location effective or unusual?
- Sometimes we notice dramatic events because of a flaw in a film. What acting, sets, makeup, or costumes attracted your attention because they were flawed in some way? (Continuity errors.)