## 5.6 Reading a Movie on Three Levels Literary Dramatic Cinematic

## CINEMATIC

## Definition:

 The things that make films different from books or plays.

How to Read a Movie at the Cinematic Level (reading a movie on three levels)

## **CINEMATIC**

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

- What types of shots are noticeable? What do they represent or symbolize?
- What camera angles stand out? What do they represent or symbolize?
- How does the camera move? What does its movement represent or symbolize?
- What duration do shots have? How do faster or slower shots affect the message or meaning of the scene?
- What editing or special effects are present?
- What are the sources of sound in the film? How does the soundtrack affect the mood?