

# DVDs and DVD Extras That Help Teach The Language of Film

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This page is not intended to be an exhaustive, all-inclusive list, but rather a list of some DVDs that I am aware of and have watched that I think could be used in classes where “film literacy” and “film fluency” is being taught. There’s nothing like [reading a book about film](#), but viewing, analyzing and deconstructing are best when you have access to films, and extras, that will help your students better understand the languages of film. NOTE: many of these “extras” can now be founded streamed on YouTube.

## General

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| <a href="#">Looking At Movies</a>                        | <a href="#">Film, Form and Culture</a> (CD Rom)                  | <a href="#">How to Read A Film: Multimedia Edition</a>           |
| <a href="#">The Art of Watching Films</a> (CD Rom)       | <a href="#">Making Movies Make Sense</a>                         | <a href="#">A Movie Lover’s Guide to Film Language</a>           |
| <a href="#">American Cinema: 100 Years of Filmmaking</a> | <a href="#">Moving Images Making Movies, Understanding Media</a> | <a href="#">Moguls &amp; Movie Stars: A History of Hollywood</a> |
| <a href="#">Filmmakers on Film</a>                       |  |  |

## Acting/Casting

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| Matching Identities: Casting                   | Widescreen, <a href="#">The Bourne Supremacy</a>                |
| Building A Bad Actor (Title 2, Chapter 1)      | <a href="#">Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events</a> |
| A Collaboration of Spirits: Casting and Acting | <a href="#">The Color Purple, Two Disc Special Edition</a>      |

## Animation

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| Peering Through The Veil                                | <a href="#">Paranorman</a> (Blu-ray DVD)                       |
| Miniatures in Motion: Bringing Frankenweenie to Life    | <a href="#">Frankenweenie</a> (2 Disc Combo Pack, Blu-ray-DVD) |
| The Animators: The Breadth of Life                      | <a href="#">Tim Burton’s The Corpse Bride, Blu-Ray Edition</a> |
| Peering Through the Veil: Stop Motion Behind The Scenes | <a href="#">Paranorman, Blu Ray Disc</a>                       |

## Art Direction: Set Design

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| Behind Hogwarts: Dumbledore's Office-Build a Scene | <a href="#">Harry Potter &amp; the Chamber of Secrets</a> (Widescreen Ed. 2 Disc) |
| Inside Elizabeth's World                           | <a href="#">Elizabeth: The Golden Age</a>   |
| Image Gallery: Production Design                   | <a href="#">Tristan + Isolde</a>  |
| Set Design/Exploring The Sets                      | <a href="#">Gangs of New York</a> (2 Disc Edition)                                |
| <a href="#">Designing Middle Earth</a>             | The Lord of the Rings Extras, The Fellowship of the Ring                          |

## Art Direction: Storyboards

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| Storyboard Comparisons   | <a href="#">A Beautiful Mind, Two Disc Awards Ed.</a>         |
| <a href="#">Storyboards and Pre-viz: Making Words &amp; Images</a> | The Lord of the Rings, New Line Platinum Series               |
| <a href="#">LOTR: Storyboard to Film Comparison</a>                | <a href="#">The Lord of the Rings, Fellowship of the Ring</a> |
| Storyboard Comparisons   | Story Of Movies, <a href="#">To Kill a Mockingbird</a>        |
| Introduction to Animatics  | <a href="#">Star Wars: The Phantom Menace</a>                 |
| State of the Art: Pre-visualization of Episode II                  | <a href="#">Star Wars: Attack of the Clones</a>               |
| Storyboard Pitch Deleted Scenes                                    | <a href="#">Shrek</a>   |
| Previsualization   | <a href="#">War of the Worlds, Two Disc Limited Edition</a>   |
| Storyboard To Film Comparison                                      | <a href="#">West Side Story, Special Ed Collector's Set</a>   |

## Audio (see also **Score** listed below)

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| Breaking Barriers: The Sound of Hitchcock                                 | <a href="#">Rear Window: Special Edition</a>                                    |
| Through the Ears of Forrest Gump: Sound Design                            | <a href="#">Forrest Gump, Special Collector's Edition</a>                       |
| <a href="#">Animation Sound Design: Building Worlds From The Sound Up</a> | <a href="#">Wall E 3 Disc Special Edition</a>                                   |
| The Sound & Music of A.I. (Sound Design; Music)                           | <a href="#">A.I. Artificial Intelligence Two Disc Special Edition</a>           |
| Third Trimester; Sound Design   | <a href="#">The Curious Case of Benjamin Button</a><br>The Criterion Collection |
| Voices from the Underworld; The Voices Behind the Voice                   | <a href="#">Tim Burton's The Corpse Bride, Blu-Ray Edition</a>                  |
| <a href="#">Designing the Sounds of Middle Earth</a>                      | The Lord of the Rings, The Two Towers, Full Screen, -Two Disc                   |
| The Science of Sound  | <a href="#">Spiderman 3, 2 Disc Special Edition</a>                             |

## Cinematography

### [Visions of Light: The Art of Cinematography](#)

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| James Wong Howe: Cinematographer | <a href="#">Sweet Smell of Success</a> (Criterion Collection) |
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## Costumes

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| <a href="#">The Look of a Geisha</a>                                  | Memoirs of a Geisha, 2 Disc Full Screen Special Edition                         |
| <a href="#">The Costumes Are The Sets: The Design of Eiko Ishioka</a> | <a href="#">Bram Stoker's Dracula</a> Collectors Edition, Blu Ray               |
| Costumes featurette   | <a href="#">Gangs of New York</a> (2 Disc Edition)                              |
| Costuming The Aviator: The Work of Sandy Powell                       | The Aviator: 2-Disc Widescreen Edition  |
| Second Trimester; Costume Design                                      | <a href="#">The Curious Case of Benjamin Button</a><br>The Criterion Collection |
| <a href="#">Costume Design</a>  | The Lord of the Rings, Fellowship of the Rings                                  |

## Directing

[Century of Cinema: A Personal Journey with Martin Scorsese Through American Movies](#)

[The Eastwood Factor](#)

[Spielberg on Spielberg](#)

[Stanley Kubrick: A Life in Pictures](#)    [A Talk With Hitchcock](#)  
(1964)

Directors: Life Behind The Cameras (pt 3 [Hollywood's Best Directors Choose Their Best Movies](#))

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| Design (The World is Watching Making The Hunger Games)                  | <a href="#">2 Disc DVD + Digital Copy The Hunger Games</a>  |
| Chronicle of a Director   | <a href="#">The Chronicles of Narnia The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe- Special 2 Disc Collector's Ed.</a> |
| Making of The Godfather<br>The Godfather Supplements: Behind The Scenes | <a href="#">The Godfather – The Coppola Restoration</a>   |
| Noah Baumbach Interviews Brian De Palma                                 | <a href="#">Blow Out: The Criterion Collection</a>  |
| The Master's Touch: Hitchcock's Signature Style                         | <a href="#">North By Northwest</a> , 50th Anniversary Edition, Disc 2   |
| In The Master's Shadow: Hitchcock's Legacy                              | <a href="#">Psycho Special Edition: Universal Legacy Series</a>   |

## Editing

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| <a href="#">The Cutting Edge: The Magic of Movie Editing</a> | included in <a href="#">Bullitt, the Two Disc Special Edition</a>                   |
| The Magic of Editing   | <a href="#">Harry Potter And The Order of the Phoenix, Two Disc Special Edition</a> |
| 3 Scene Editing Workshops                                    | <a href="#">MIB, Men in Black, Limited Edition</a>                                  |
| Film Editing Demonstration                                   | <a href="#">Traffic</a> The Criterion Edition                                       |

## Makeup

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| <a href="#">Gringotts &amp; Goblins</a>              | Blue-Ray Disc, Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows, Pt 2   |
| Kate Winslet on The Art of Aging Hanna Schmitz       | Blue-Ray Disc, <a href="#">The Reader</a>                 |
| The Magic of Makeup                                  | <a href="#">Forrest Gump, Special Collector's Edition</a> |
| The Age of Glamour: The Hair & Makeup of The Aviator | <a href="#">The Aviator</a> : 2-Disc Widescreen Edition   |

## Marketing

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| Poster & Cover Art | <a href="#">Mirror Mask</a> |
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## Music (see also Score)

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| <a href="#">Lights, Action, Music</a><br>(a documentary directed by Dan Lieberstein ) | <a href="#">Introduction</a> (via YouTube) |
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## On Location

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| Spotlight on: Location (Title 4,Chapter 1 ) | <a href="#">October Sky</a>                                       |
| Featurette: Setting The Scene               | <a href="#">The Water Horse Legend of The Deep</a> . 2 Disc Sp Ed |

## Post Production

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| Putting It All Together: The Magic of Post Production | Twilight, Disc 2, Three Disc Edition<br>Twilight, Disc 2, <a href="#">Two Disc Special Edition</a> |
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## Pre Production

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| The Partnership: A Look at Pre-Production  | Twilight, Disc 2, Three Disc Edition<br>Twilight, Disc 2, Two Disc Special Edition      |
| Charting the Return: A Preproduction Diary | <a href="#">Pirates of the Caribbean, Dead Man's Chest</a><br>Two Disc, Special Edition |
| Videomatics (pre-production)               | <a href="#">Titanic, Three Disc, Special Collector's Ed</a>                             |
| Within a Minute: The Making of Episode III | <a href="#">Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith</a> (Widescreen Edition)         |

## Production Elements

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| <a href="#">Anatomy of a Scene: The Explosive Bridge Chase Scene</a>                                     | The Bourne Supremacy                                     |
| The Making of Mirror Mask Day 16<br>Production Flight of the Monkeybirds                                 | <a href="#">Mirror Mask</a>                              |
| Production Stories (Chapter 1, Title 3 :includes cinematography, locations, set design, props, wardrobe) | <a href="#">The Untouchables, Special Collector's Ed</a> |

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| Seeing Is Believing                             | <a href="#">Forrest Gump, Special Collector's Edition</a>                       |
| Fx On The Universe                              | <a href="#">Across the Universe, 2 Disc Deluxe Ed.</a>                          |
| Capturing The Action: A Look at Production      | Twilight, Disc 2, Three Disc Edition  |
| First Trimester; Tech Scouts                    | <a href="#">The Curious Case of Benjamin Button</a><br>The Criterion Collection |
| <a href="#">Shadows of Suspense</a> (Film Noir) | Double Indemnity, Universal Legacy Series (2 Disc Ed)                           |

## Score (aka Soundtrack)

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| Scoring Wonderland                            | <a href="#">Alice in Wonderland</a> , Disc 2, Blu Ray          |
| Scoring the Film: Interview, Hans Zimmer      | <a href="#">Gladiator</a> , Signature Selection                |
| Scoring the Film                              | <a href="#">A Beautiful Mind</a> : Two Disc Awards Edition     |
| Scoring The Aviator: The Work of Howard Shore | The Aviator: 2-Disc Widescreen Edition                         |
| Danny Elfman Interprets the Two Worlds        | <a href="#">Tim Burton's The Corpse Bride, Blu-Ray Edition</a> |

## Scriptwriting

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| From Script to Screen (entire screenplay)   | <a href="#">Pleasantville</a> , New Line Platinum Series |
| Script-to-Scene   | <a href="#">Back To The Future, The Complete Trilogy</a> |
| Script to Screen Comparisons  | <a href="#">Crash, Two Disc Director's Cut Edition</a>   |
| Inside A Scene: Location Scout Notes<br>Notes to Actors; Read the Script;<br>View the Scene | <a href="#">The Insider</a>                              |
| Reflections on Writing: Batman Begins   | <a href="#">Batman Begins, Blue-Ray DVD</a>              |
| Screenplay; Original Screenplay Notes   | <a href="#">Hellboy, 2 Disc Special Edition</a>          |

## Special Visual Effects

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| Visual Effects  | <a href="#">Flags of Our Fathers 2 Disc Special Ed, Blu Ray</a> |
| Visual Effects (Blue Screen)                            | <a href="#">The Others Collector's Edition, 2 Disc DVD</a>      |
| Effects (The World is Watching Making The Hunger Games) | <a href="#">2 Disc DVD + Digital Copy The Hunger Games</a>      |
| Effecting Wonderland                                    | <a href="#">Alice in Wonderland</a> , Disc 2, Blu Ray           |
| Special Effects: High Speed Compositing Reel            | <a href="#">Contact, Special Edition</a>                        |
| Visual Effects (green screen and more)                  | <a href="#">Titanic, Three Disc, Special Collector's Ed</a>     |
| Pan and the Fairies (prosthetic & visual effects)       | <a href="#">Pan's Labyrinth, 2 Disc Platinum Series</a>         |
| ILM and Minority Report                                 | <a href="#">Minority Report Widescreen</a>                      |

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| Featurette: Water Work: Creating the Water Horse | <a href="#">The Water Horse Legend of The Deep</a> , 2 Disc Sp Ed |
| Visual Effects                                   | <a href="#">Die Hard With A Vengeance, Special Edition</a>        |

## Stuntwork

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| <a href="#">Double Dare</a>                                | various clips available via YouTube |
| <a href="#">Stunts of Wonderland</a> (Alice In Wonderland) |                                     |