

Get ready for Media Studies

About the subject

Media Studies looks at a broad range of texts from different media areas such as magazines, newspapers, TV programmes and music videos.

We investigate issues such as representation in the media and how media industries use language to sell products to specific audiences.

Your tasks

Depending on your experience of studying media, you have a choice from two tasks:

1) Choose a scene from a TV Programme (Fictional genre – drama, crime, horror etc). Analyse a 5 minute sequence from the programme considering some of the following –

Camera shots, editing, setting, lighting, costume/props, sound/music, storyline, characters.

If possible, illustrate your analysis with screen shots (500 words).

OR

2) Write a review of a TV programme (any genre) as if you are writing for a daily newspaper (500 words).

Essential reading

This is a really useful website that will help with analysing films & TV programmes:

<https://filmanalysis.yale.edu/> [<https://filmanalysis.yale.edu/>]

Useful websites and other resources

Exam board website:

https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/media-studies-as-a-level/#tab_overview
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