

Fantasy Genre Research

The image is a composite background. In the foreground, a black silhouette of a wolf is perched on a dark rock, howling towards the sky. The background is a deep blue space scene. On the right, a large, detailed blue planet with visible surface features curves across the frame. On the left, a portion of another celestial body is visible. The sky is filled with numerous stars, some of which are bright and have diffraction spikes. In the lower portion of the image, there are silhouettes of trees and tall grass, suggesting a forest or field at night.

What does 'Fantasy' mean?

The term fantasy is used to describe the specific genre that uses magic and uses other supernatural phenomena's as the main subject or the key element of the plot, theme or even setting for the theme.

- Films usually involving magic, supernatural events, make-believe creatures or strange exotic worlds.
- Many films within the genre take place in imaginary worlds where magic and magical creatures are common.
- Fantasy is generally distinguished from the genres of science fiction and horror although there is a great deal of overlap between the three.

Why I have chosen to research fantasy?

- I have chosen to research fantasy for a variety of different reasons, the main reason being that this was the genre for my personal film proposal.
- I also felt it was necessary to research into a genre in which I want my short film to fall into.

Typical Conventions:

- Usually low key lighting to create a very spooky and eerie atmosphere.
- This also makes everything mysterious and unknowing
- Mythical creatures or monsters, for example Vampires, Dragons, Goblins.
- The trailers aren't very revealing, and don't give away much of the storyline like trailers in other genres do. This intrigues the audience to watch the film and find out more for themselves.
- Action is usually shown in quick, fast snippets to avoid too much of the storyline being given away.

Fantasy Films: Three Trailers

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows –

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_EC2tmFVNNE&safe=active

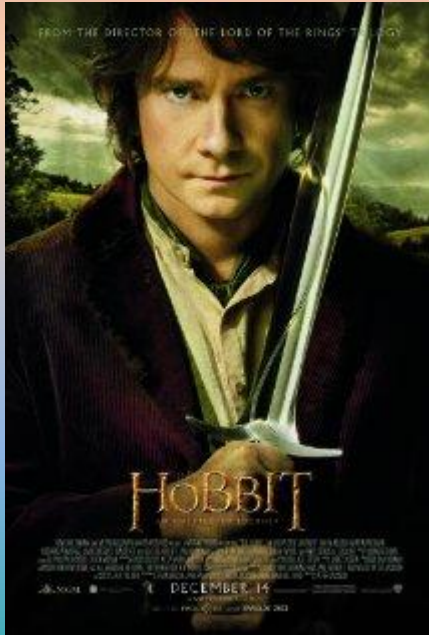
Twilight –

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxjNDE2fMjI&safe=active> -

Clash of the Titans –

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNlAlIJhrGQ&safe=active> -

Fantasy films you may recognize:



A surreal landscape featuring a sunset over a vast ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the water. In the sky, a massive, textured planet dominates the right side, and a smaller, cratered moon hangs in the upper center. A vibrant, ethereal aurora in shades of green and blue emanates from the sun. In the foreground, a small figure stands on a sandy beach, leaving a trail of footprints. The overall scene is dreamlike and expansive.

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