SCENE ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK

The following framework has been designed to help you analyze films. After you watch the movie segment, try to answer the following questions:

Setting

- Is the setting authentic or constructed? Support your answers.
- When and where does the scene take place?
- How does the director use color in the scene? Are there any colors that stand out? Support your answer.

Camera

- Where is the camera in the scene? Is it moving or fixed?
- What is the effect created by moving or positioning the camera in this way?

Objects

- Describe what elements you observe in this scene.
- Are all the elements treated in the same way, i.e., does the camera focus more on some elements than on others? Why?
- What emotion does the combination of all the elements in the scene evoke?

Characters

- What characters are involved in the scene?
- Briefly describe their function in the scene.

Mood

- What is the general mood of the scene?
- How do color, camera angles, and movement contribute to this mood?
- What emotions does the director want to convey? In your opinion is he successful?

Conclusion

• Would you eliminate any elements from this scene? Why?