Camera Angles



Low Angle Shot

- Horizon is tilted
- Camera is at ground level looking up

High Angle Shot

- Horizon is tilted
- Camera looks down at subject from above









Wide Shot

- Includes complete subject
- Includes a strong sense of the scene

Medium Shot

- Includes partial subject, typically from waist up
- Includes some sense of the scene

Close-Up Shot

- Subject's face fills the frame
- Includes little sense of the scene, background blurred



Bird's Eye View

 Camera directly above subject, looking down

Worm's Eye View

 Camera directly below subject, looking up



Using Shots to Communicate Emotion and Character





Low Angle

- Positions the viewer in relation to the character
- Suggests power, strength, superiority

High Angle

- Positions the viewer in relation to the character
 - Suggests weakness, inferiority, fear

Using Shots to Create Drama

High Angle Shot

- The woman is waiting for someone
 - The shot emphasizes a sense of loneliness

Close - Up

- Isolates the character
- Focus is on expression

Wide Shot

- Conveys sense of action, setting, and tone
- Suggests the viewpoint of another character

Mid Shot

Conveys a sense of the relationship















Wide High-Angle Shot

- Isolates characters in empty space
- Lighting contributes to mood

Mid Shot

- Isolates the viewer
- Gives a sense of voyeurism

High Angle Close - Up

- Shows a reaction
- Establishes dominance of a character

Tight over-the-shoulder

- Focus is on emotion
- Conveys a sense of relationship

