Textual Analysis Exercise

Look at the **first ten minutes** of any film that you have not seen before. Think only about the media language.

Write quick notes under these seven headings:

- setting,
- lighting
- camera angles
- shot sizes
- costume
- make-up
- acting
- soundtrack
- editing.

What elements of media language does this film employ most?

For a horror film it may be make-up, lighting and the set but it also could be soundtrack, camera angles and acting.

Any successful analysis of media language will require specific examples and clear reference to the codes and conventions of the form and genre.

*(You will be doing this in your written exam next year)*