



Foundation Film Production Course Start

Complete this before September - bring your best first attempt

Welcome to Foundation Film Production. This is your Course Start task for the summer before college starts.

The task is simple: choose one media product you know or are interested in, find out about one company connected to it, and write a clear first attempt using the headings below.

You do not need to be an expert. You do not need perfect research. You just need to show that you have started, saved the work, and can bring it ready for September.

Make something. Upload it. Keep going.

What To Make

Create a document called:

Foundation Film Production Course Start - Your Name

Use these three headings:

- 1 The media product and company I have chosen
- 2 Who owns or runs the company
- 3 How the company works

You may not have Google Classroom access before term starts. That is fine. Make the work in Google Docs, Word or another document you can save. Your teacher will show you where to submit it in September.

Pick Something You Can Actually Research

Choose one film, TV programme, music video or video game released in the last 10 years.

Choose something you are interested in. Film is a good choice, but it does not have to be film if another example is easier for you to research.

Then choose one company connected to it. This could be a company that made it, released it, streamed it, published it or helped get it to audiences.

A Good First Attempt

If you find this difficult, start small. A good first attempt can be:

- one clear paragraph for each heading;
- the name of the product and the company;
- a few facts in your own words;
- links to the websites you used;
- a note about anything you could not find yet.

More detail is great, but a saved, honest first attempt is much better than bringing nothing.

Heading 1: The Media Product And Company I Have Chosen

Write 1-2 paragraphs. Include:

- the media product you chose;
- what type of product it is;
- the company you are researching;
- what the company did for the product;
- why you chose it.

Sentence starters:

- The media product I have chosen is...
- It is a film / TV programme / music video / video game.
- The company I am researching is...
- This company was involved because...
- I chose this because...

Heading 2: Who Owns Or Runs The Company

Find out who owns, runs or controls the company. Keep this simple.

Try to answer:

- Is it an independent company?
- Is it owned by a bigger company?
- Is it part of a larger group?
- Who are the important people or companies connected to it?

Sentence starters:

- The company is owned by...
- It is part of...
- It works with...

- This matters because...

Heading 3: How The Company Works

Explain what the company does. You do not need to know everything.

- A production company helps make media products.
- A distributor helps get films or programmes to audiences.
- A streamer, channel or publisher helps release the product.
- Some companies do more than one job.

Sentence starters:

- The company makes or releases...
- The company reaches audiences through...
- The company makes money by...
- The company's job in the media industry is...

Where To Look

Useful places to start:

- the company's own website;
- the official website for the film, programme, music video or game;
- IMDb for film and TV information;
- Wikipedia as a starting point, but not your only source;
- news articles, interviews or reviews that mention the company.

Write in your own words. Do not copy and paste large chunks of text.

Final Checklist

Before September, check that your document has:

- your name;
- the title of your chosen media product;
- the company you are researching;
- all three headings;
- at least one paragraph under each heading;
- links to the websites you used;
- the file saved somewhere you can find it again.

If You Get Stuck

Do one small step instead of stopping completely:

- choose a film, programme, music video or game you already know;
- find its IMDb, official website or Wikipedia page;
- write down one company name;
- write three sentences under Heading 1;
- save the document;
- bring it in and ask for help in September.

The most important thing is to bring something. We can help you improve a first attempt. It is much harder to help if there is nothing to look at.