AUDIOVISUAL INTERPRETATION OF REALITY

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IMPORTANCE OF THE END

AUTHOR'S SOLUTION

SEMANTIC GESTURE

The principle of shaping meanings and meaning (e.g. discursive, aesthetic, symbolic), by which author combines elements of his work into a meaningful unity, and which re-induces perception.

Jan Mukařovský

REALITY.....FILM REALITY

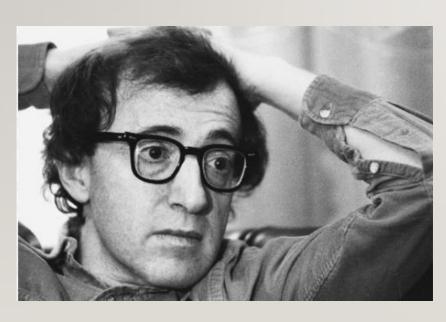
TRANSLATION





REALITY.....FILM REALITY

AUTHOR'S OBJECT/SUBJECT







crochet

The essential need for creation

knitting







JOY OF CREATION

A MAGICAL TOUCH







Josef Čapek Černošský král 1920



Josef Čapek Studie hlavy 1914



Josef Čapek Harmonikář 1913







Josef Čapek Hlava 1914 - 1915

Josef Čapek Námořník 1917



Josef Čapek
Děti v zahradě
1928



Josef Čapek Oheň 1938

Josef Čanek,

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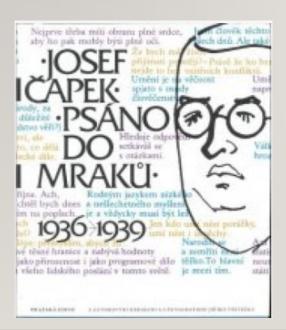


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JOSEF ČAPEK: WRITTEN TO THE CLOUDS (1946)

"The artist is given the rarest of human possibilities: **to define himself in his work**".



"The artist is **whole** in his work."

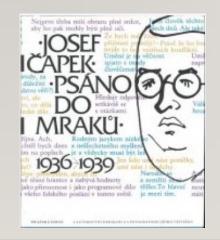
"I am not an observer, but a participant."

"I'm not in front of phenomena, I'm in reality"

JOSEF ČAPEK: WRITTEN TO THE CLOUDS (1946)

"The creative means that the artist uses must be gifted with an ability that is absolutely not imitative, but fundamentally expressive."

"Not mastery but mystery is what makes a high work of art."



"Kitsch is artisanal, art essential. Kitsch is a product, art is an expression. Kitsch is a commodity, art is a person."

The basic question:

WHAT'S MY POSITION IN THEME/TOPIC?

SELF-POSITIONING IN THE TOPIC

The reason for creation

Dialog?
Monolog?
Convince someone?
Convince yourself of your own truth?
Manipulate?

The author cannot be completely omitted

At the same time, creation is an elusive and complex activity

What does the creative process actually consist of?

1. FINDING A TOPIC
2. JUSTIFICATION OF TOPIC CHOICE
3. SELF-POSITIONING IN TOPIC
4. DETERMINING THE GOAL WHAT WE WANT TO
COMMUNICATE/EXPRESS
5. SURVEY AND MATERIAL COLLECTION

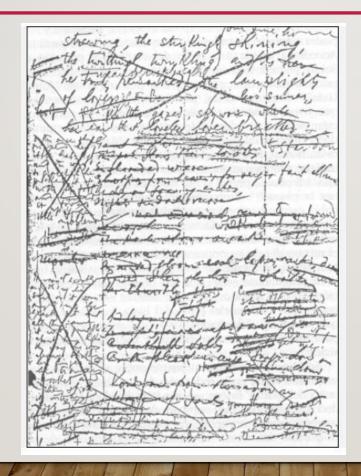
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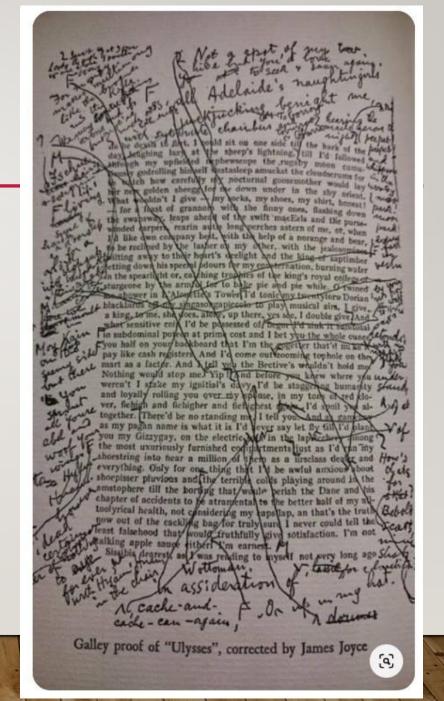
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LOOKING FOR THE IDEAL SHAPE

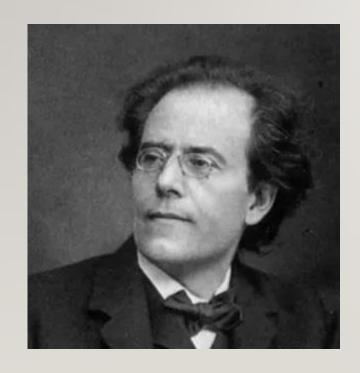
TAKING SHAPE (FIGHTING FOR THE SHAPE)

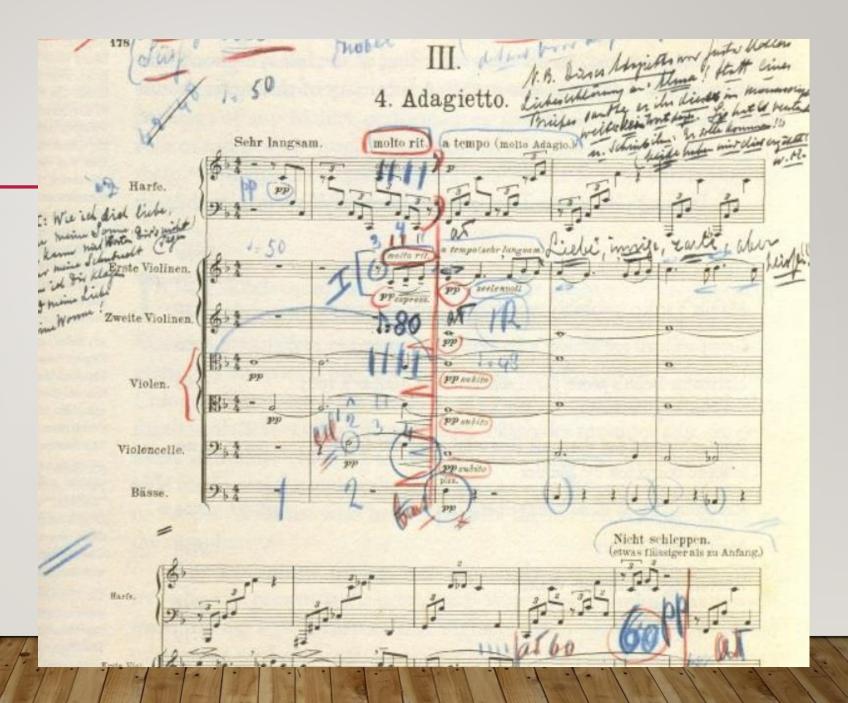
JAMES JOYCE (1882-1941)



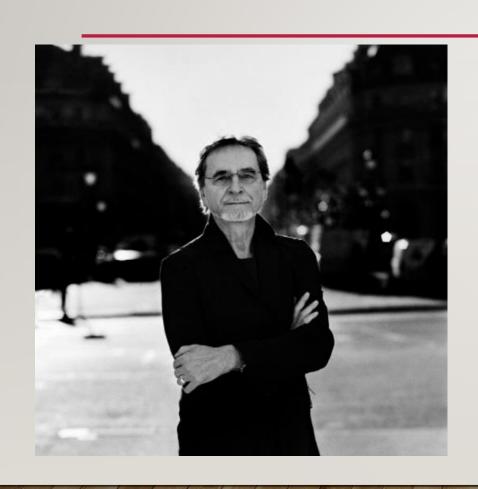


GUSTAV MAHLER(1860-1911)





JIŘÍ KYLIÁN (1947)





EXTRACT I

Jiří Trnka Dir.: Jiří Lehovec, Krátký film, 1967

EXTRACT II

Live your life
Dir.: Evald Schorm,
Krátký film, 1964

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LOOKING FOR THE IDEAL SHAPE

TAKING SHAPE
(FIGHTING FOR THE SHAPE)

SEEKING THE SHAPE MEANS: PERMANENT ARRANGEMENT OF MATERIAL

What should we use and what shouldn't?

What do we want to express?

Whom do we want to tell it?

(Role of producer, author, distributor, spectator)

What tool (device) do we want (need) to use?

CREATION IS A PERMANENT SEEKING OF ADEQUATE TOOLS FOR EXPRESSING AND THEIR IDEAL PROPORTION

REALITY IS THE MATERIAL

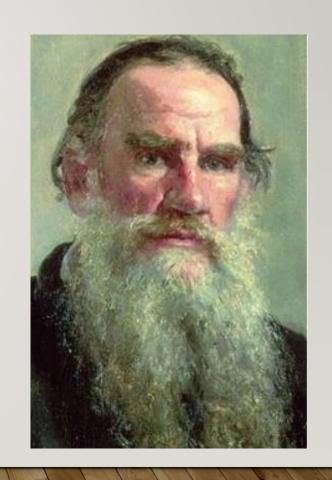
We must seek in it. To collect. To select. To choose. To pick out. To throw away.

THE REASON FOR USING. EVERYTHING MUST HAVE ITS

ROLE.

(Anna Karenina...) ©

Lev Nikolayevich Tolstoy



"If there is a gun hanging on wall in the 1st Act,"

the gun must shoot, at the very latest in the 3th Act."

Anton Chekhov

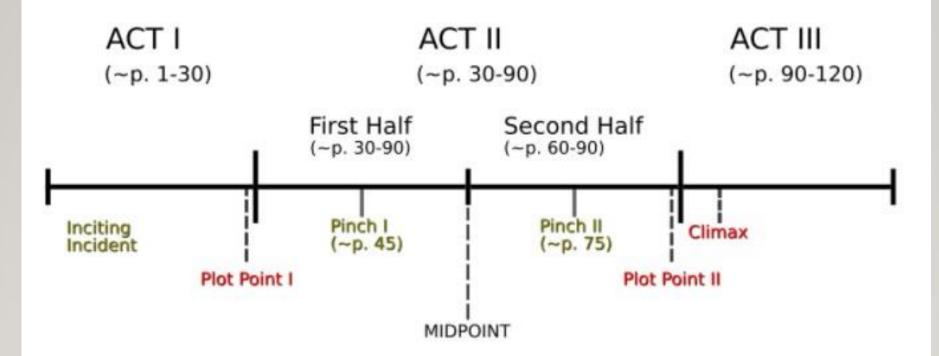


MAIN RULE

THERE MUST BE A CHANGE. CHANGE IS THE ENGINE OF THE SCENARIO.

THE CHARACTER WANTS TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING, BUT HAS TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES

The Syd Field Paradigm



SETUP

CONFRONTATION

RESOLUTION

Legend:

Inciting Incident: sets the story in motion, usually knocks the character off balance

Pinch: concentrates the story toward the point which comes next

Plot Point: significant event that spins the action around in another direction

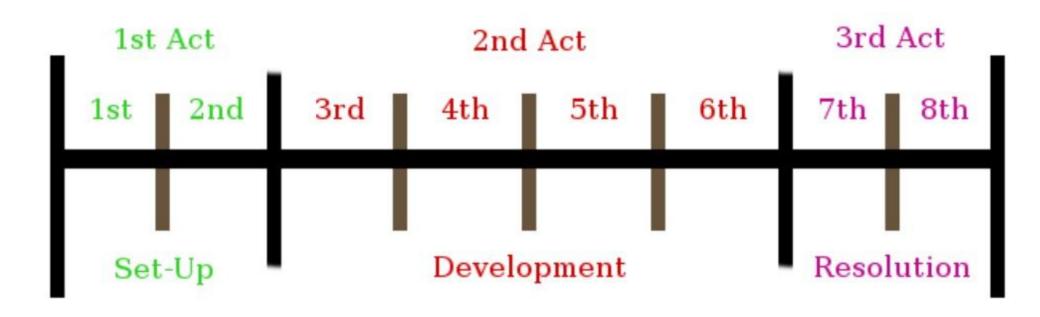
Point I: the main character embarks on the journey and the story actually begin

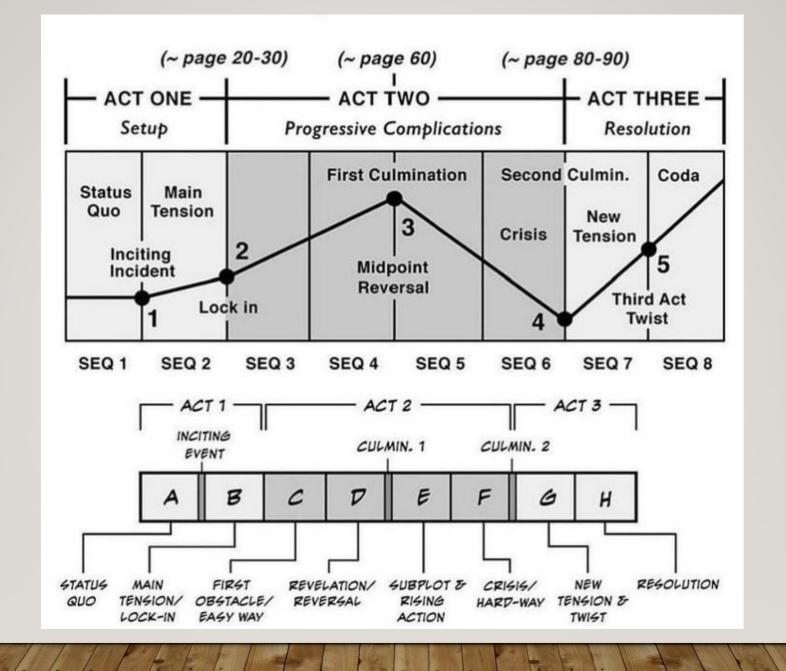
Int II: main crisis where it appears that all hope is lost

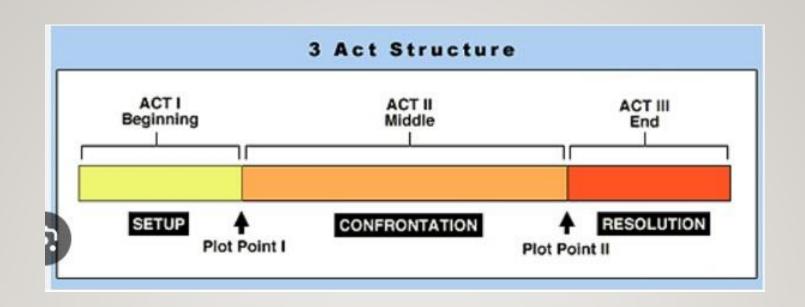
where the main tensions of the story are brought to their most intense point and the dramatic question answered

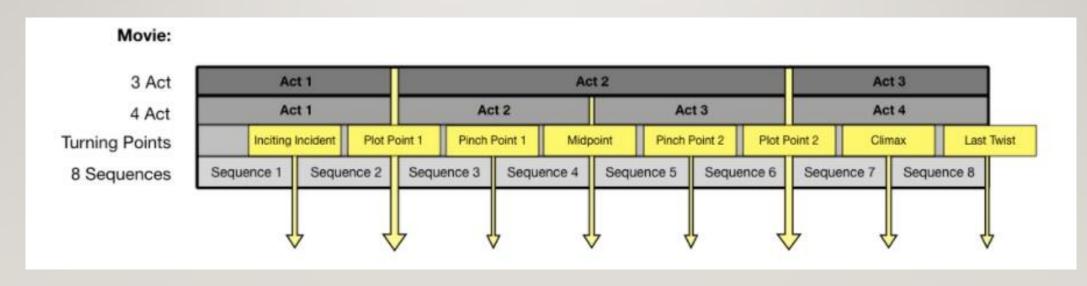
Midpoint: connects the halfs of the Act II, often with a reversal or revelation that changes the direction of the storn 194 x 788

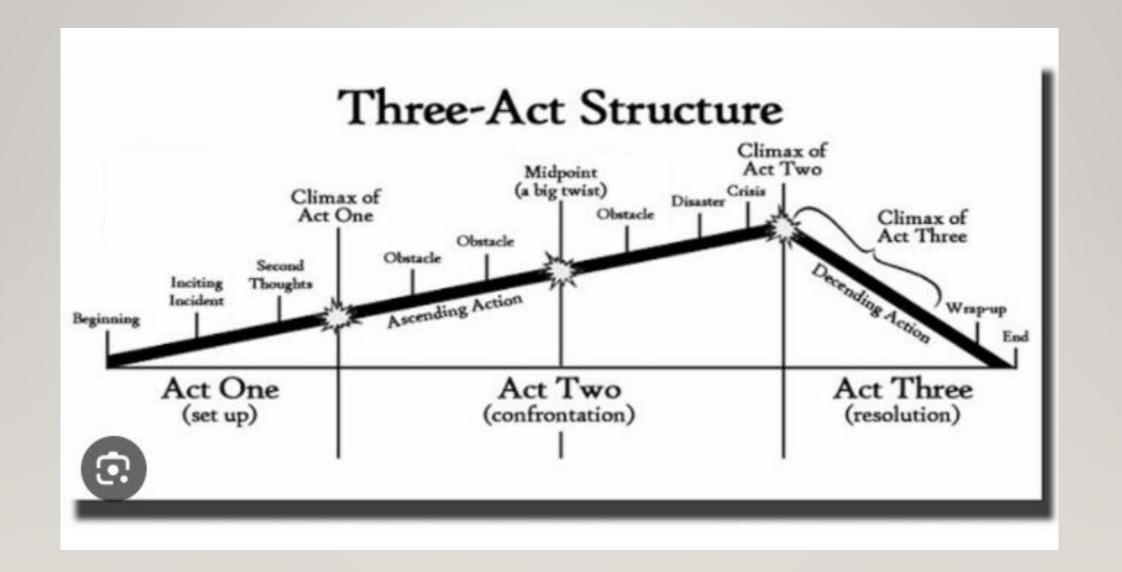
Hollywood Movie Three Acts 8 Sequences

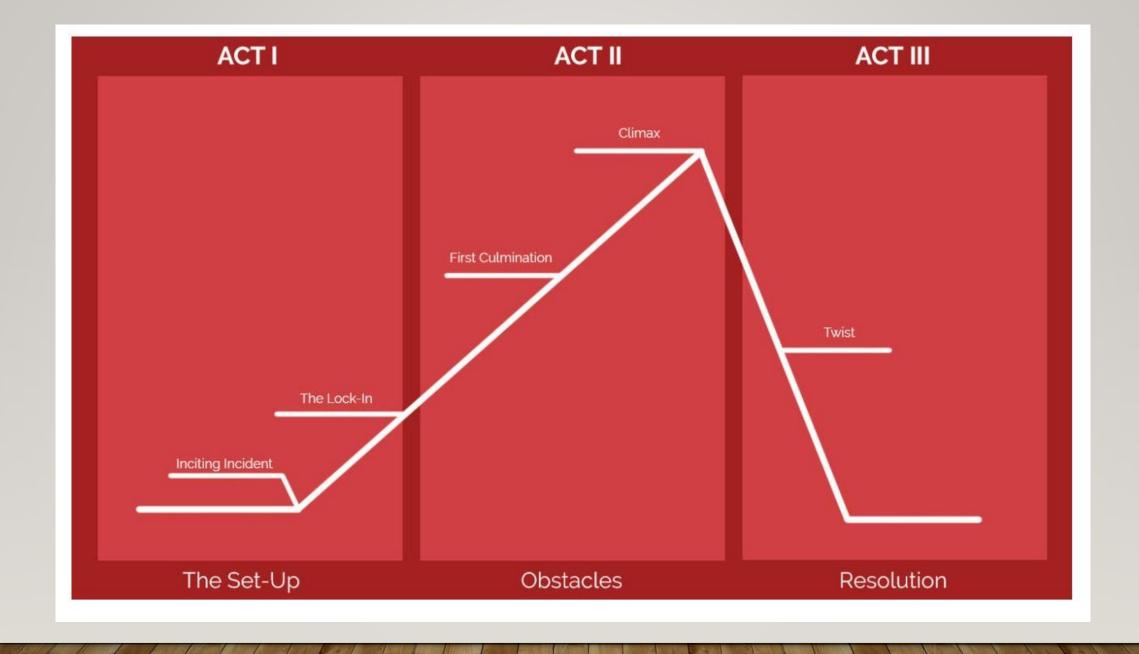












ACT 1 **SEQUENCE ONE – Inciting incident** establishes a main character and the "before" section of his/her life. What is wrong with this character or what does he or she need to learn to better him/herself or move forward in life? This will end with or include an inciting incident, a call to action or a push forward into the rest of the story

SEQUENCE TWO – Problem

Sets up the problem that will be central to your script with hints at all possible obstacles. Make sure that this sequence ends when your character is stuck in this problem or predicament so that they must change their plans/life to start to solve it.

SEQUENCE THREE – Raising the Stakes
Do this with an obstacle your character runs into along the way and make sure that there is no easy solution for your hero. You hero has a lot to lose and needs to solve this problem/get over this obstacle so that he/she can continue their journey.

ACT 2
SEQUENCE FOUR – Midpoint

A big sequence in which some **culmination of everything that we have seen prior happens.** The action continues to rise and there is still much more to do, but it is a good spot to provide a small win for you hero to build confidence and put your audience at ease.

ACT 2
SEQUENCE FIVE – Rising Action
Typically this will have something to do with a subplot and a B story which parallels the main story.

SEQUENCE SIX – End of Act Two
The all is lost or everything is terrible buildup and big letdown. Your hero should end broken and defeated, hopeless and at their lowest point.

ACT 3 SEQUENCE SEVEN – Twist

Your protagonist is at his/her Dark Night of the Soul... but not for long! With a twist, new bit of information, new skill or newfound strength, your hero rises from the ashes and readies for the final confrontation!

SEQUENCE EIGHT – Resolution

Exactly what it sounds like. Your hero fights the villain, beats the monster, rescues the damsel and lives happily-ever-after. Clarity is important, but leaving your audience satisfied is the most important.

David Harris Kline

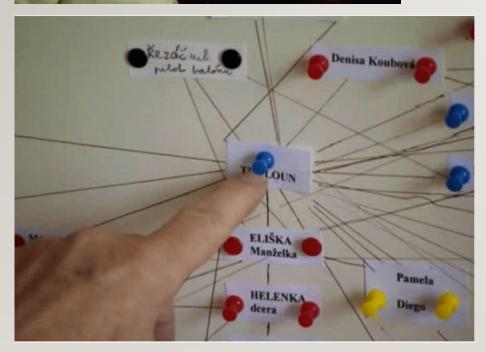




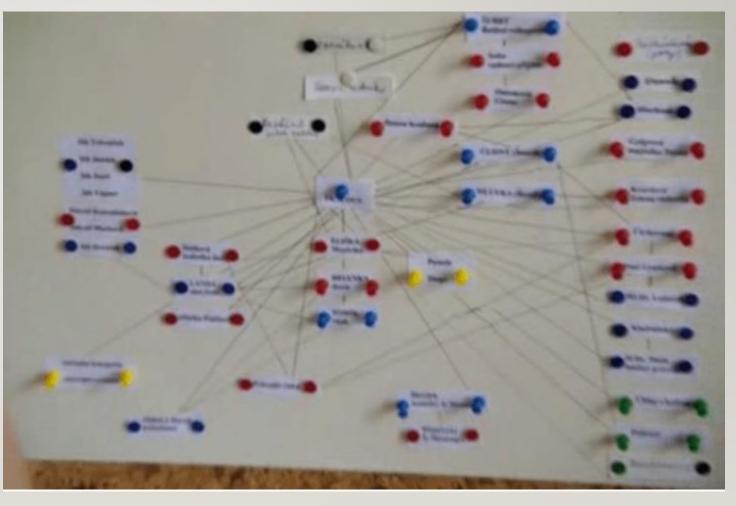
Zdeněk Svěrák (1935) Jan Svěrák (1965)



1996



Zdeněk Svěrák's map of characters and their relationships



PRINCIPLES OF CREATION PROCESS

MAIN QUESTIONS:
WHAT?
WHY?
HOW?
FOR WHOM?

If you do not have an answer to one of these questions, it makes no sense to do it.

IMPORTANCE OF THE END

- What motives (themes) do end?
- Are all questions answered?
- Was there used everything what was exposed?
- Is the end logical? Is it logical outcome? Logical and nevertheless unexpected?

What is the end about?

What was the film about?

Film must finish, not leave off!!!!

EXTRACT IV

One Flew over the Cokooks's Nest Dir.: Miloš Forman (1932-2018)

Fantasy Films Productions Bryna Productions

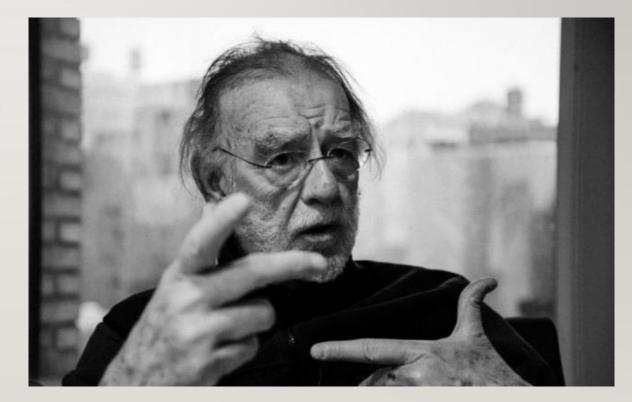
1975



EXTRACT V

Koyaanisqatsi

Dir.: Godfrey Reggio (1940) Francis Ford Coppola, 1983



TWO PROCESSES:

ANALYSIS VS. SYNTHESIS

TRANSLATION OF REALITY AND ITS PHASES:

- -Preproduction
- -Production
- -Postproduction

TRANSLATION OF REALITY AND ITS PHASES:

Preliterary Literary **Preparing of production Shooting Editing Postproduction** PR a releasing **Feedback**

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AUTHOR'S POSITION

RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS

- I. TO HIMSELF
- 2. THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY (producer)
 - 3. SPECTATOT/READER/LISTENER
 - 4. "SOCIAL ACTORS"