Internal Assessment Resource

English Level 1

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| This resource supports assessment against:Achievement Standard 90856 version 2Show understanding of visual and/or oral text(s) through close viewing and/or listening, using supporting evidence |
| Resource title: Close Up On Film |
| 3 credits |
| This resource:* Clarifies the requirements of the standard
* Supports good assessment practice
* Should be subjected to the school’s usual assessment quality assurance process
* Should be modified to make the context relevant to students in their school environment and ensure that submitted evidence is authentic
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| Quality assurance status | These materials have been quality assured by NZQA.NZQA Approved number A-A-01-2015-90856-02-4423 |
| Authenticity of evidence | Teachers must manage authenticity for any assessment from a public source, because students may have access to the assessment schedule or student exemplar material.Using this assessment resource without modification may mean that students’ work is not authentic. The teacher may need to change figures, measurements or data sources or set a different context or topic to be investigated or a different text to read or perform. |

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Resource reference: English 1.11A v3

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Credits: 3

Teacher guidelines

The following guidelines are supplied to ensure that teachers can carry out valid and consistent assessment using this internal assessment resource.

Teachers need to be very familiar with the outcome being assessed by Achievement Standard English 90856. The achievement criteria and the explanatory notes contain information, definitions, and requirements that are crucial when interpreting the standard and assessing students against it.

Context/setting

This assessment activity requires students to select and view one or more visual texts, and to demonstrate their understanding of them in a written discussion or oral presentation. You will need to approve students’ text selections.

Conditions

You may identify text conventions for consideration, but students should not have previously studied the selected texts in terms of the meanings and effects of their ideas and text conventions.

Texts must be suitable for level 6 of the curriculum, classroom use, and the age of the students (for example, text(s) do not have a rating that prohibits their use for Level 1 students).

Assess students’ presentations holistically in terms of the overall quality of their responses.

Resource requirements

Text(s) for close viewing for pre-assessment teaching.

Additional information

Preparation for this standard might also contribute to students’ preparation for external assessment in studied oral or visual texts AS90850 Show understanding of specified aspect(s) of studied visual or oral text(s), using supporting evidence, or integrate with studies into connections across texts AS90852 Explain significant connection(s) across texts, using supporting evidence. Wherever such integration between different parts of the programme occurs, ensure that the work presented for assessment is developed sufficiently in order to meet the criteria for the other standard. Refer closely to the relevant standard including the Explanatory Notes and the Conditions of Assessmentguidelines.

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| Achievement | Achievement with Merit | Achievement with Excellence |
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| Show understanding of visual and/or oral text(s) through close viewing and/or listening, using supporting evidence. | Show convincing understanding of visual and/or oral text(s) through close viewing and/or listening, using supporting evidence. | Show perceptive understanding of visual and/or oral text(s) through close viewing and/or listening, using supporting evidence. |

Student instructions

Introduction

This assessment activity requires you to select and view one or more visual texts, and to demonstrate your understanding of them in a written discussion or oral presentation.

You will be assessed on the perceptiveness of your understanding and your selection of supporting evidence.

Task

Select your visual text(s).

Choose text(s) that you have not studied in class. Check with your teacher that they are suitable for the purpose.

Types of visual texts include television advertisement, music video, short film, documentary, feature film, television programme, television or film trailers.

Storyboard

Select from your chosen text(s) an extract that is no longer than 2–3 minutes. Draw up and sketch a storyboard of six frames taken from this extract. Make sure that at least two of the storyboard frames have dialogue and/or sound effects that accompany the visual feature in the frames.

The storyboard is for reference purposes only; the quality of your sketches will not be assessed.

Close viewing and recording of findings

Choose at least four of your sketched frames for close viewing. Choose frames that give you the opportunity to show your understanding of different visual text aspects. For each frame:

* explain briefly what is happening in the shot
* identify at least four different significant text aspect(s) to focus on. These may include:
* purpose and audience
* ideas, for example, themes, attitudes, beliefs, experiences, feelings, insights, meanings, opinions, thoughts, or understandings within the text
* text conventions, language features, and structures.

See Resource A for guidance on text conventions and how to explain the meaning of an aspect.

Presenting your findings

Present your findings as either:

* a written discussion, accompanied by your storyboard, or
* an oral presentation.

If you choose an oral presentation, you may wish to accompany it with a computer slideshow. You could scan your storyboard images into the computer so that you can refer to specific shots as you speak. Alternatively, you could play extracts from the visual text, pausing on the shots you have chosen to explain meanings and effects.

In your presentation:

* comment on the purpose of and audience for your text
* identify the four or more significant text aspects that you have chosen to focus on
* explain these aspects in terms of their meaning and their impact
* explain how the selected aspects work together to create meaning and to communicate ideas in relation to the writer’s purpose, human experience, society, and the wider world.

Give a different explanation for each text aspect, supporting your explanations with different details.

Resource A

Significant text conventions

Examples of significant text conventions are: dialogue; acting; costume; setting; camera angle; camera shot; lighting; editing or structural techniques, such as transitions/flashbacks/intercutting; sound effects; special effects.

Explaining the meaning or effect of an aspect

Questions that may help you to explain the meaning or effect of an aspect.

* Why did the director choose this shot/ group of shots/ camera angle/ setting/ sound effect/ lighting/ special effect?
* What does the director want me to think? How do I know?
* How does the director want me to feel? How do I know?
* What techniques have been used to structure the sequence? Why?
* How well does the transition support the structure of the sequence?
* How is the director making me laugh, feel sad or worried?
* What do I learn about a character or setting in the scene? How did I learn this?

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| Evidence/Judgements for Achievement | Evidence/Judgements for Achievement with Merit | Evidence/Judgements for Achievement with Excellence |
| The student shows understanding of visual text by:* identifying and explaining four (or more) text aspects in terms of the meanings and effects created
* supporting their explanation of each aspect with specific and relevant details from the text.

Text aspects include:* purposes and audiences
* ideas (e.g. notable or major themes, attitudes, beliefs, experiences, feelings, insights, meanings, opinions, thoughts, and understandings within the text)
* language features and structures (e.g. part text, whole text, narrative)
* text conventions (appropriate oral and/or visual conventions, e.g. camera shots/angles, rhetorical devices/tripartite structures).

Responses may be presented in an appropriate oral, visual, and/or written form. This example shows a good understanding of 4 significant aspects of a scene from ‘Twilight’: sound effects, gesture and movement, camera shots and makeup. In this extract, the introduction and the use of **sound effects** and **camera shots** are explained.*In the film Twilight the characters of Edward and Bella are introduced early in the film, the purpose of this scene is to hint at Edward’s mysterious origins and the tension that foreshadows the relationship they will develop. This shows us that the relationship that will develop between these two characters will be very important throughout the movie. Sound effects, gesture and movement, camera shots and make up are used by the director to show this.* ***Sound effects*** *are used to show the tension that develops straightaway between Edward and Bella. All you can hear in the scene is background noise of the teacher talking to the class. This shows the silence between Edward and Bella as there was no dialogue in this scene. This shows that they felt very uncomfortable around each other.* ***Camera shots*** *are used to enhance the distance that Edward tries to put between him and Bella on the small desk. The camera frame never has both Edward and Bella in it. It always has only one of them and usually they had spaces next to Bella and Edward.* | The student shows convincing understanding of visual text by:* identifying and explaining how four (or more) text aspects work together to create meaning
* supporting their explanation of each aspect with specific and relevant details from the text.

Text aspects include the following:* purposes and audiences
* ideas (e.g. notable or major themes, attitudes, beliefs, experiences, feelings, insights, meanings, opinions, thoughts, and understandings within the text)
* language features and structures (e.g. part text, whole text, narrative)
* text conventions (appropriate oral and/or visual conventions, e.g. camera shots/angles, rhetorical devices/ tripartite structures).

Responses may be presented in an appropriate oral, visual, and/or written form.This example shows convincing understanding of 4 significant aspects of a scene from ‘Twilight’: set composition, make up, gesture and dialogue. Although the connection between gesture, tension and the foreshadowing of Edward and Bella’s relationship is perceptive, the understanding of the effects of the use of dialogue and set composition and make-up do not sustain the perception.In this extract, the introduction and the use of **set** **composition** and **make-up** working together are explained convincingly.*In the film Twilight directed by Kathryn Hardwicke, Edward and Bella meet in a biology lab. In this scene Edward and Bella are forced to sit together. Kathryn Hardwicke uses set composition, gesture, dialogue, and make up to portray the mystery of Edward’s origin, create the tension and awkwardness between Edward and Bella and to introduce the idea of Edward’s difference.* *Hardwicke uses* ***set composition*** *to introduce the idea of Edward being “otherworldly”. In one shot, with Edward beside the window, a stuffed owl is placed behind him so that it appears as though white wings are sticking out of his Edward’s back. The wings are white which makes him appear angelic. In this scene he is portrayed as a good rather than a bad guy. However the* ***make-up*** *that Edward wears has a different effect. It makes him look extremely pale with dark under eyes The effect of this is that Edward’s mysterious origins are hinted at. His strange, unfamiliar appearance sets him apart from everyone else, and causes confusion in our understanding of him.*  | The student shows perceptive understanding of visual text by:* identifying and explaining how four (or more) text aspects work together to communicate ideas about the text in relation to the writer’s purpose as well as wider contexts, such as human experience, society and the wider world
* supporting their explanation of each aspect with specific and relevant details from the text.

Text aspects include the following:* purposes and audiences
* ideas (e.g. notable or major themes, attitudes, beliefs, experiences, feelings, insights, meanings, opinions, thoughts, and understandings within the text)
* language features and structures (e.g. part text, whole text, narrative)
* text conventions (appropriate oral and/or visual conventions, e.g. camera shots/angles, rhetorical devices/ tripartite structures).

Responses may be presented in an appropriate oral, visual, and/or written form. This example shows perceptive understanding of how 4 significant aspects of a text (gesture, facial expression, sound effects and camera shots) communicate ideas about the text in relation to the director’s purpose. In this extract, we see the student’s perceptive understanding of the use of **camera shots** and **gesture.** The explanations of **facial expressions** are precisely described for us (brooding): the answer moves from an ‘understanding’ of the director’s intent, showing the tension Edward has regarding Bella, to a ‘convincing understanding’ “*reinforce the disgust,”* to a ‘perceptive understanding’ “*as well as introducing the mystery of the Cullens*…” *In the film Twilight directed by Kathryn Hardwicke, the character of Edward Cullen the vampire, is introduced to us in a scene in a Biology lab. This scene is also where the two protagonists meet for the first time. Hardwicke uses this scene to create tension between the protagonists to foreshadow the relationship they will have. She uses four techniques to show this - gesture, facial expression, sound effects through lack of dialogue and a prolonged series of camera shots.* *Hardwicke uses* ***gesture*** *to show tension. The tension is shown in Edward’s hands as he moves a petri dish towards Bella, slowly and reluctantly, as he leans away from her, hand over his nose. This very common reaction to something we feel is unpleasant has the effect of showing the tension Edward has regarding Bella, and also the disgust he feels towards her. Later In the movie we realise that this scene shows his self-control at not attacking Bella. Hardwicke also uses* ***facial******expression*** *when Bella moves upwind of Edward and in the* ***close up shots*** *of his intense, brooding staring. These facial expressions reinforce the disgust felt by Edward for himself, for his desire for her blood. This disgust also causes the viewer to wonder about his strange reaction towards Bella, as well as introducing the mystery of the Cullens. Later in the movie we remember this scene as it foreshadows Edwards’s self-control and self-denial.*  |

Final grades will be decided using professional judgement based on a holistic examination of the evidence provided against the criteria in the Achievement Standard.