

# Film Genres

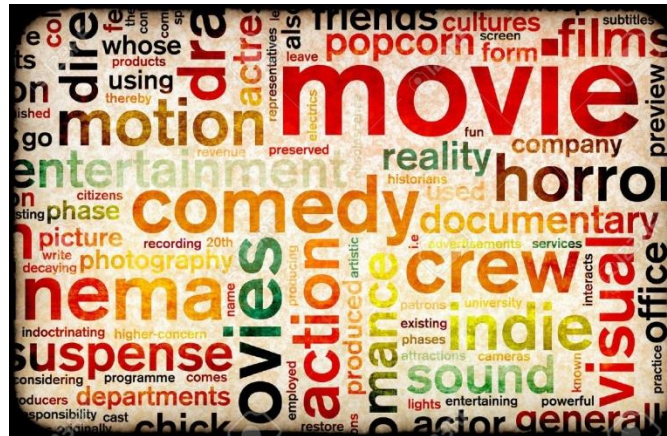


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## What is Film Genre?

- A **film genre** is a motion picture category based on similarities in either the narrative elements or the emotional response to the film. For ex. serious, comic, etc.



- Films can also be classified by the setting, theme, topic, mood, format, target audience or budget.

# Film Genres



# Main Film Genres

- Action
- Adventure
- Comedy
- Crime
- Drama
- Epics/Historical
- Horror
- Musical/Dance
- Science/Fiction
- War
- Western

# Other Major Film Genres

- Animated Films
- Classic Films
- Documentary Films
- Silent Films



# Action Films

- This major genre type includes films that have tremendous impact, continuous high energy, lots of physical stunts and activity,



**ACTION**

It also includes *chase scenes*, races, rescues, battles, martial arts, mountains and mountaineering, destructive *disasters* (floods, explosions, natural disasters, fires, etc.), fights, escapes, non-stop motion, spectacular rhythm and pacing, and adventurous heroes

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# Adventures Films

- **Adventure Films** are exciting stories, with new experiences or exotic locales.
- Adventure films are very similar to the *action film* genre, in that they are designed to provide an action-filled, energetic experience for the film viewer. Rather than the predominant emphasis on violence and fighting that is found in action films.



# Adventures Films



## **ADVENTURE**

- The viewer of adventure films can live vicariously through the travels, conquests, explorations, creation of empires, struggles and situations that confront the main characters, actual historical figures or protagonists.



# Comedy Films

- **Comedy Films** are designed to elicit laughter from the audience.



**COMEDY**

- Comedies are light-hearted dramas, crafted to amuse, entertain, and provoke enjoyment. The comedy genre humorously exaggerates the situation, the language, action, and characters.

# Comedy Films

- Comedies observe the deficiencies, foibles, and frustrations of life, providing merriment and a momentary escape from day-to-day life. They usually have happy endings, although the humor may have a serious or pessimistic side.



# Comedy Films

**Types of Comedies:** Comedies usually come in two general formats:

- Comedian-led (with well-timed gags, jokes, or sketches)
- Situation-comedies that are told within a narrative.

Both comedy elements may appear together and/or overlap.

Comedy hybrids commonly exist with other major genres, such as musical-comedy, horror-comedy, and comedy-thriller. Comedies have also been classified in various *subgenres* such as romantic comedy, crime/caper comedy, sports comedy etc.

# Crime and Gangster Films

- **Crime and Gangster Films** are developed around the sinister actions of criminals or gangsters, particularly bankrobbers, underworld figures, or ruthless hoodlums who operate outside the law, stealing and violently murdering their way through life. In the 1940s, a new type of crime thriller emerged, more dark and cynical - see the section on [film-noir](#) for further examples of crime films. Criminal and gangster films are often categorized as post-war [film noir](#) or [detective-mystery films](#) - because of underlying similarities between these cinematic forms. Crime films encompass or cross over many levels, and may include at least these different types of films: the gangster film, the detective (or who-dun-it) film, the crime comedy, the suspense-thriller, and the police (procedural) film.