

CH 11 QUIZ LINE PRODUCING

Q1: Discuss line producing and the importance of staying on budget

The line producer is in charge of assisting with the budget of the movie. The line producer makes sure that everything runs smoothly from day to day operations. The line producer has a budget to work with and it is very important that he/she stay within the means of the budget they have to work with. The line producer also has a tight schedule to work with. He/she makes sure that the production stays on schedule and runs smoothly. It is nice to have a lot of money to work with but if you are working a small budget film and can make it work it helps turn a bigger profit in the end. A line producer that can do this is a very valuable asset to the production of a movie.

Q2: Discuss the Wachowskis' career and why they needed a hit

The Wachowski siblings' career was a long battle of winning and losing. They did some amazing things. They created the (bullet time). This great idea that they had in the Matrix was a door opener to many other filmmakers. The Wachowski siblings are great idealists. Even when their movies would fail they wouldn't let it keep them down. In one case they were denied the production of their movie Cloud Atlas. This didn't faze them they decided to go independent. They raised over 140 million to make this film. This holds the record for the most expensive independent film ever made. That is pretty amazing. The film failed commercially. That is why it is so important to have and know what kind of an audience you are trying to reach with your film. After all they had work they really needed a hit because they were not making any money on their films. Critics are known to say good things about movies that have failed but in the end it doesn't matter what the critics think. All that matters is the people that came out to see your movie. Without the people you have no money and your film fails commercially.

Q3: What was the creative process for the Blair Witch project and why was it so successful?

The Blair Witch project was made for 20,000\$. Not a very big budget to work with but with the right people working on the film it was a great success. The creative process for the movie was thought out and executed perfectly. Instead of spending money on huge actors they hired actors that were unknown. They used a very loose script. This means that instead of having all the dialog crammed in they used improv. The directors of the Blair Witch had never made anything before. This was a great achievement they created a low budget film and it became one of the most massive phenomena's in the horror genre. Just comes to show how with the right ideas and the right people making a film you can make great things happen without having all the expensive gear and mega movie stars.

Q4: How did Tom Cruise prove that he was still commercially viable when he needed a hit?

Tom Cruise was on his way to crazy town. Through his off screen decisions that he made he had a large base of fans. But he was losing his on screen fans because he had not had a hit movie in a while. He needed a hit to pick his on screen image back up in Hollywood. He needed to prove that he was still an asset to filmmakers. Tom Cruise took the role as Les Grossman in Tropic Thunder. This film helped show a different side of Tom Cruise. This role gave him exactly what he needed to put him back on the map as a big actor. This could have gone the other way for Cruise if the movie wasn't a big success. The movie Tropic Thunder raked in cash by the truckload and put Cruise back on the map.