



History Of Cinematography

Cinema is much younger than theatre. It was born at the end of the 19th century. The first people who showed the first movies to a paying public were the Lumiere Brothers of France. They did this on the 20th February 1896 at the Grand Cafe, Boulevard des Capucines, Paris. This was the first cinema show and it was quickly followed by many others in all parts of the world. All the 1996 we celebrated the hundredth

anniversary of cinematography.

The first films showed moving people and transport or newsreels of processions and wars, and short comedies. In 1901 France was the first country to produce a dramatic film, *The Story of a Crime*, which was followed by *The Great Train Robbery* in the United States in 1903.



At first, films were shown anywhere: in music halls, clubs and shops. By 1908, special film theatres were built to give regular programmes. At this time cinema rapidly developed in both the New and the Old World. Charlie Chaplin made his first film, *Making a living*, in 1914 in the USA. At that time the world was crazy about Charlie, that was created by Charlie Spencer Chaplin. His Charlie, small and clumsy yet kind-hearted, generous and brave, has attracted the hearts of simple people in different countries. Sometimes they stood in long queues to see a film with their favourite actor. The first films in the West were mainly melodramas or comedies.



Then, in 1927, Warner Brothers in Hollywood made the first film in which an actor sang and spoke. The film was called *Jazz Singer*. It opened a new era in films - the era of the "talkies". The film mostly told its story with titles, but it had three songs and a short dialogue. There were long lines of people in front of the Warner Theatre in New York. The

silent film was dead within a year. The first one hundred percent sound film, "Lights of New York", appeared in 1928.

The first colour films were made in the 1930s, but the black-and-white films are made even today.

Match words with meaning

1. paying public	a) special date on which an event occurred in some previous year
2. to follow	b) people who pay for some activity
3. anniversary	c) to go or come after in the same direction
4. to appear	d) quickly
5. robbery	e) to like something very much
6. rapidly	f) to become available, be published
7. to be crazy about	g) a line of people waiting for something
8. clumsy	h) without noise and sounds
9. queue	i) act of stealing something
10. silent	j) lacking in skill or physical coordination, who falls very often

Complete sentences with the words

Follow, anniversary, silent, clumsy, queue, crazy, robbery, appear

1. We have to be _____ when teacher's talking at the lesson.
2. Though Charley Chaplin was _____ and fell all the time, public loved him.
3. My friend loves Harry Potter, he is _____ about the first movie.
4. I don't like waiting in _____ at the supermarket, it takes so much time.
5. _____ of the bank is bad idea, you'll be caught by police.
6. We celebrated mom's 35 year _____ this year.

7. The first dramatic movie "The Story of a Crime" was _____ by "The Great Train Robbery".
8. The first cinema _____ in the USA in 1908.

Answer the questions

1. When was the cinema born?
2. Who showed the first movie?
3. Where and when was the first movie shown?
4. What were the first films about?
5. Which country produced the first dramatic film?
6. When was the first cinema built?
7. Who is Charley Chaplin?
8. Who made the first "talkie" film?
9. When did the first 100% sound film appear?
10. When did the first colour film appear?