Filmmaking Careers: Independent Learning Guide

The role models in the video “Filmmaking Careers” share their experience in the film industry and some of the best parts of having a filmmaking job.

Watch the video “Filmmaking Careers” at least once. Then read each statement below. Think carefully about each question before you answer it.

1. When you think about a career in filmmaking, there are many types of jobs to consider.

   Which careers from the video were the most interesting to you? What parts of those careers made them interesting?
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2. To work in any career, you need to prepare yourself and begin gaining knowledge while you are still in school.

   What steps could you take now to prepare for a future career in the film industry? What kind of knowledge will you need to gain?
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3. Listeners learned that through filmmaking you can “transport people to other worlds... and [cause them to] view our world through a different lens that they might not have thought of before.”

What makes this transformation such a powerful part of being a filmmaker? Have you ever watched a movie or TV show that caused you to think about something differently? Explain your answer.

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4. One role model told us that with a career in filmmaking, “You’re up close to the action; you’re seeing the story evolve in front of your eyes.”

Being a storyteller is important to a career in filmmaking. What does it take to be a good storyteller? What skills do good storytellers have in common?

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5. Many of the role models explained that a rewarding part of working in film is the ability to tell stories and share ideas with the world.

What ideas or stories do you have to share with the world? Would you find this part of a film career rewarding? Why or why not?

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6. According to one role model, “It really does take a whole team of people to make something come to life on the screen.”

Teamwork is an important part of many careers. Think about the last time you worked on a team or were part of a group project. What went well? What could have gone better? How can you improve your own skills to prepare to work on teams in your future career?

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