

## film genres and film ratings

**Film genres:** Three main types are often used to categorize film genres; **setting**, **mood**, and **format**.

- The **film's location** is defined as the **setting**.
- The **emotional charge** carried throughout the film is known as its **mood**.
- The film may also be presented in a **specific manner**, it's the **format**.

### Setting

- **Crime:** places its character within the realm of criminal activity
- **Historical:** taking place in the past amidst notable historical circumstances.
- **Science fiction:** a setting or plot defined by the effects of speculative (not yet existing) technology (i.e. future space travel, cyberpunk, time travel).
- **Sports:** sporting events and locations pertaining to a given sport.
- **Teen:** usually revolving around the usual conflicts of teenagers.
- **War:** battlefields and locations pertaining to a time of war.
- **Westerns:** wilderness on the verge of civilization, usually in the American West.

### Mood

- **Action:** generally involves a moral interplay between "good" and "bad" played out through violence or physical force.
- **Adventure:** involving danger, risk, and/or chance, often with a high degree of fantasy.
- **Comedy:** intended to provoke laughter.
- **Drama:** mainly focuses on character development, often in situations which are familiar to a general audience.
- **Fantasy:** speculative fiction outside reality (i.e. myth, legend).
- **Horror:** intended to provoke fear in the audience.
- **Mystery:** the progression from the unknown to the known by discovering and solving a series of clues.
- **Romance:** dwelling on the elements of romantic love.
- **Thrillers:** intended to provoke excitement and/or nervous tension into audience.

### Format

- **Live action:** The most common format of films.
- **Animation:** the rapid display of a sequence of 2-D artwork or model positions in order to create an illusion of movement.
- **Biography** - also known as "**biopic**", a format that tells the story of a true story of a historic figure or an inspirational story about real people.
- **Documentary:** when reality is filmed
- **Musical:** songs are sung by the characters and interwoven into the narrative.

### Target audience

- **Children's film:** films for young children; as opposed to a family film, no special effort is made to make the film attractive for other audiences.
- **Family film:** intended to be attractive for people of all ages and suitable for viewing by a young audience. Examples of this are Disney films.
- **Adult film:** intended to be viewed only by an adult audience, content may include violence, disturbing themes, obscene language, or explicit sexual behavior.

**Film ratings:** Motion picture rating systems:



Great Britain

France
U (Tous publics) valid for all audiences;
-12 (interdit aux moins de 12 ans) unsuitable for children under 12 or forbidden in cinemas for under 12s;
-16 (interdit aux moins de 16 ans) unsuitable for children under 16 or forbidden in cinemas for under 16s;
-18 (interdit aux mineurs) unsuitable for children under 18 or forbidden in cinemas for under 18s.

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