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# Preface

*Film: From Watching to Seeing*, Third Edition, moves beyond the idea of movies as simple entertainment and prepares students for critical thinking and analysis when viewing a film. This text approaches films as literary works, and students are introduced to filmmaking conventions and techniques employed in the history of film and in various film genres. Application questions, interactive media, and compelling interviews help students apply their knowledge and bring the world of film to life.

## Textbook Features

*Film: From Watching to Seeing*, Third Edition, includes a number of features to help students understand key concepts and think critically:

- **Film stills and other photos** provide students with additional reference points for key concepts.
- **Figures** illustrate a variety of concepts, including lighting and filming techniques, in easy-to-understand ways.
- **Interactive media** animate key ideas and encourage students to engage with the material.
- **Videos** provide an insider's look at the industry, including interviews with actors, scholars, and other industry professionals.
- **Feature boxes** contain activities, questions, and exploratory information to guide students toward critical analysis.
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- **Knowledge Checks** test preconceptions about and comprehension of each chapter's topics.
- **Links** direct students to film clips and interviews with actors, directors, and other industry professionals, enabling students to connect to the filmmaking techniques discussed.
- **Key terms** listed at the end of each chapter provide an overview of the key concepts.

