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Alfred Hitchcock

Born in London on August 13, 1899, Sir Alfred Hitchcock was a filmmaker and a producer known as the master of suspense for employing a kind of psychological suspense in his films. He entered the film industry in 1920 and became one of Britain's leading directors. Then he moved to Hollywood in 1939. His first American film, *Rebecca* (1940), won an Academy Award for best film. His stories often feature innocent fugitives on the run, alongside "icy blonde" female characters. One of Alfred Hitchcock's particularities was to make a brief appearance in 39 of his 52 major films. He died in California in April 1980 and is still regarded today as a skilled entertainment and art director who has influenced a great deal of filmmakers, producers and actors.



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Teaching ideas

☆☆☆ CYCLE 3 ET 4 - Have your pupils find 12 words related to films in the grid.

Word search puzzle - Films

C	H	I	C	C	V	I	M	I	N	A	C	I	N
O	B	D	O	C	U	M	E	N	T	A	R	Y	M
M	K	B	S	O	H	D	E	U	E	C	H	I	S
E	S	K	T	A	U	B	C	I	O	L	F	N	C
D	S	T	U	N	T	M	A	N	J	U	I	S	R
Y	X	E	M	O	L	U	S	A	O	N	L	T	I
X	X	X	E	G	A	N	T	R	P	V	M	R	P
A	I	H	M	A	C	H	R	S	M	O	U	S	T
G	P	I	A	M	I	C	A	E	H	A	M	V	W
B	L	O	C	K	B	U	S	T	E	R	E	M	R
T	O	O	T	P	E	T	A	T	E	H	N	A	I
B	T	O	O	A	A	C	T	R	E	S	S	I	T
S	L	O	R	R	A	M	U	S	I	C	O	R	E
T	O	C	A	D	I	R	E	C	T	O	R	U	R

☆☆☆ CYCLE 4 - Have your pupils create an oral quiz about films with English titles and let the others guess the French title. You can add titles in English which have been changed into English substitutes for the French audiences, e.g *The Hangover* = *Very Bad Trip*.

☆☆☆ LYCÉE - Why not create an "Alfred Hitchcock festival" at school? Let your students choose the films they want to watch. After they have watched the film, ask them to write their own synopsis of each film so as to present it to the class and convince them to go and see it.





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Answers

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E	S	K	T	A	U	B	C	I	O	L	F	N	C
D	S	T	U	N	T	M	A	N	J	U	I	S	R
Y	X	E	M	O	L	U	S	A	O	N	L	T	I
X	X	X	E	G	A	N	T	R	P	V	M	R	P
A	I	H	M	A	C	H	R	S	M	O	U	S	T
G	P	I	A	M	I	C	A	E	H	A	M	V	W
B	L	O	C	K	B	U	S	T	E	R	E	M	R
T	O	O	T	P	E	T	A	T	E	H	N	A	I
B	T	O	O	A	A	C	T	R	E	S	S	I	T
S	L	O	R	R	A	M	U	S	I	C	O	R	E
T	O	C	A	D	I	R	E	C	T	O	R	U	R