Shots

The establishing shot/aerial shot/crane shot

(Pages 229-246 from the book Looking at Movies)

Topics for discussion

What is the establishing shot?

What is the aerial shot?

How does it work?

What kind of information can it convey?

Examples:

The Shining (1980), by Stanley Kubrick

Apocalypse Now (1979), by Francis Ford Coppola

Goodfellas (1990), by Martin Scorsese

Gone with the Wind (1939), by Victor Fleming