PRE SHOOT:

- Tapes. (Do you have enough?)
- Digital Recording (Is the card formatted?)
- Batteries
- Tripod
- Camera. Work to understand manual functions.
- Light. Know what to expect for lighting at each location

FRAMING

Shot Types

Establishing Shot



Full Shot



Medium Shot



Medium Close Up



Close Up



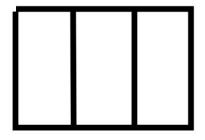
Extreme Close Up



Screen shots taken from videos at IzzyVideo.com

COMPOSITION

- Rule of thirds
- Think about the "empty" space, what is around or behind your "subject?"
- Scan the 4 corners of the frame.
- What else is in the shot?
- What are the lines doing in the frame (parallel or receeding?)

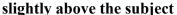






ANGLES







level with the subject



slightly below the subject

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MOVEMENT

- Panning -When panning think about where you are starting and know where you want to end up.
- Do a practice run without recording.
- Move slowly (NO WHIPLASH) And know that in general, pans don't work well on tiny screens like you find in a lot of web video.
- Know where you want to end up before you move

CAMERA FUNCTIONS

- Manual Focus
- WhiteBalance
- Iris

AUDIO

- Use headphones.
- Avoid distracting background noise/sounds. (fans, refrigerators, radio, TV etc..).
- Make sure the sound is **clean**. Get a visual reading of the audio levels on the LCD, and by listening through the headphones
- Use external mics when possible. The closer the mic to the subject, the clearer the audio is.

SPECIAL EFFECTS

- Strobe
- 24P
- Dolly Shots (Alfred Hitchcock)
- Dutch Angles