

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Flying with Mary Poppins:

Mini Page: Week of March 23-29, 2014

CCSS: reading non-fiction text

Vocabulary: Locate the words below in the Mini Page. Does the context make clear the meaning of the words? Find other words critical to understanding the text and explain their meaning and significance.

- **super·cal·i·frag·i·lis·tic·ex·pi·al·i·do·cious - adjective** used as a nonsense word by children to express approval (<http://dictionary.reference.com/>)
- **governess** – a woman employed to live with a family and to care for and to teach the young children living in the household.
- **animation** - the process of creating a continuous motion and shape-change-illusion by means of the rapid display of a sequence of still images that minimally differ ... the making of a cartoon....(Wikipedia)
- **The prefix ‘co’/’com’** – with; together

1. Which is most like the relationship below?

Melies : “A Trip to the Moon.”

- A animation : cartoon
- B Disney : “Mary Poppins”
- C sodium vapor : green screen
- D Dick Van Dyke : Julie Andrews

2. What is the purpose of using as an example the ‘giraffe in the bedroom’?

- A to sell a movie
- B to create magic
- C to suggest laughter
- D to explain a process

3. What does one need to understand in order to use ‘green screen’ effectively?

- A how gravity behaves
- B how heat behaves
- C how light behaves
- D how sound behaves

4. What was the ‘first’ in “Mary Poppins”?

- A hiring a governess to teach music
- B mixing ‘live action’ and ‘animation’
- C using a blue screen with a matte mask
- D having Andrews and Melies work together

5. Which award did Walt Disney receive for “Mary Poppins”?

- A Academy Award
- B Golden Globe Award
- C Pulitzer Prize
- D Tony Award

Ans:

- 1b 3c
- 2d 4b
- 3c 5a

Use the News: Find examples of current movies that employ animation. Check newspaper listings in print and online editions of your area newspaper.

Read reviews of any movies that include animation. What do reviewers think of each film?

If you see any animated film, rate it as one, two, three, four and/or five stars. Write a review, using other reviews as models. To gain others’ perspectives, discuss what makes a film appealing.

EXTRA: Who wrote the book about Mary Poppins? Are any current movies based on books?