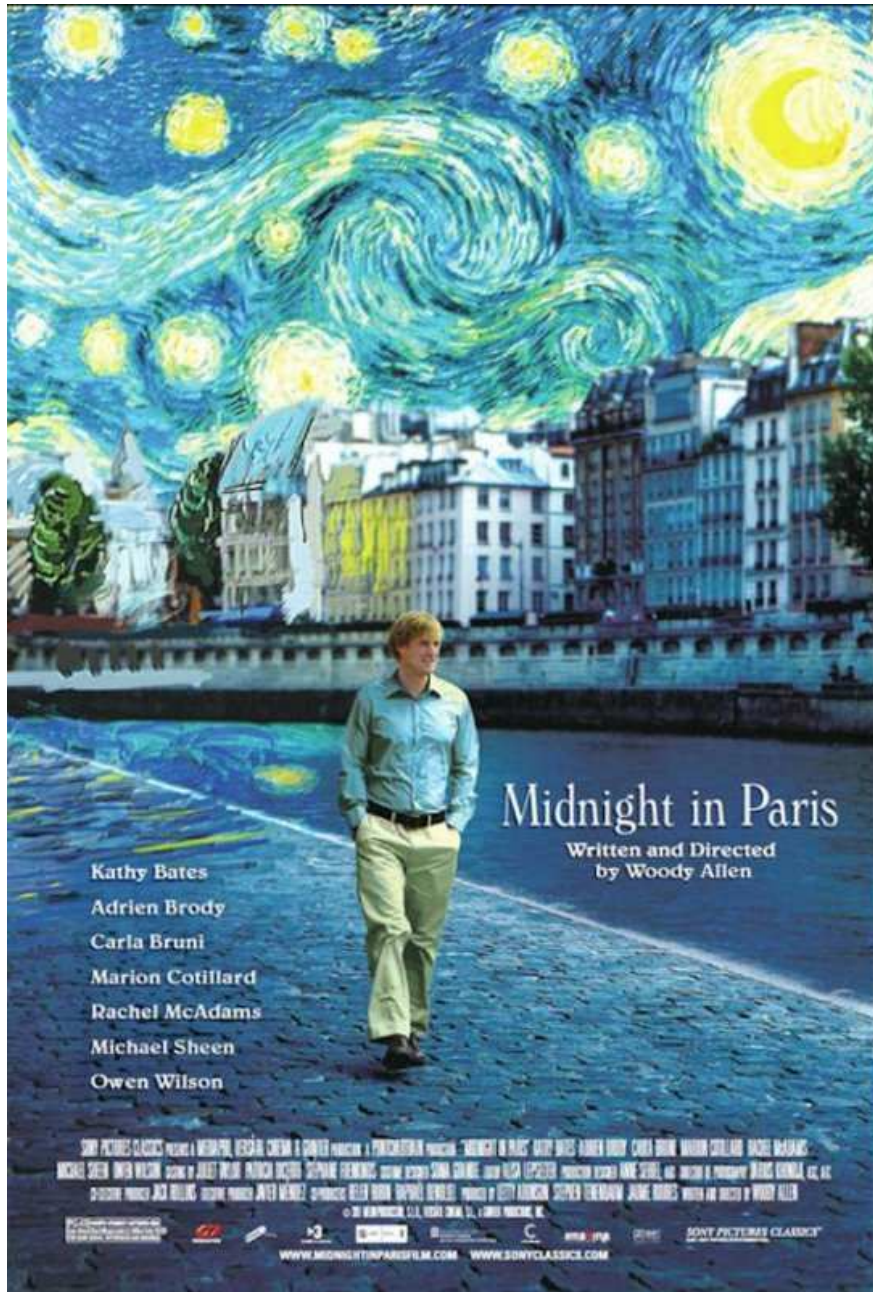
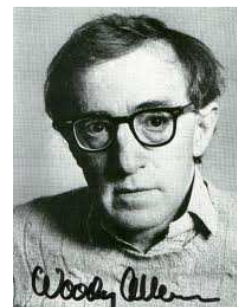


A BRIDGE OVER THE ATLANTIC OCEAN ...



WATCH TRAILER: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LApVrMdxdk>

A romantic comedy about a family travelling to the French capital for business. The party includes a young engaged couple forced to confront the illusion that a life different from their own is better.



The movie opened the 64th Cannes festival on May 11th 2011.

A few words about Woody Allen...

Woody Allen (born Allen Stewart Konigsberg - December 1, 1935) is an American screenwriter, director, actor, comedian, jazz musician, author, and playwright in Broadway.

Woody Allen developed a passion for music early on and is a celebrated jazz clarinetist.

His family was Jewish and his grandparents were immigrants, both of his parents were born and raised on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

As unexpected as it may seem, Woody Allen was more interested in baseball than in school. He impressed students with his extraordinary talent at card and magic tricks.

His early films were comedies like the Marx Brothers' (a thin plot constituted entirely of comic inventions, a non-stop sequence of sight gags).

Then, Woody Allen switched to sophisticated Lubitsch-like comedies (from the American filmmaker - one of the masters of comedy), adding a plot and reducing the comic inventions. Woody Allen settled on this genre for his subsequent career.

Woody Allen's 1980s films, even the comedies, had sombre and philosophical undertones. Some were influenced by the works of European directors, notably Ingmar Bergman and Federico Fellini.

In the 1990s, he returned to lighter movies, such as *Bullets over Broadway* (1994), which earned him an Academy Award nomination for Best Director.

Small Time Crooks (2000) was his first film with the DreamWorks studio and represented a change in direction: Woody Allen began giving more interviews and made an attempt to return to his slapstick roots.

Some of his famous movies as a director and / or actor ...

Take the money and run - 1969

WATCH TRAILER:

<http://blogs.allocine.fr/videos/play.blog?vid=a2e69f5e7a93753c88a3fb39c1407375>

Starring Woody Allen, Janet Margolin and Marcel Hillaire

The movie deals with the life and times of Virgil Starkwell, bank robber.

This film is presented as a documentary on the life of an incompetent, petty criminal called Virgil Starkwell. It describes the early childhood and youth of Virgil, his failure at a musical career, and his obsession with bank robberies. The film uses a voice over narrative and interviews with his family, friends and acquaintances.



Play it Again, Sam – 1972

Directed by Herbert Ross

Written by Woody Allen

Starring Woody Allen, Diane Keaton and Tony Roberts

A neurotic film critic tries to get over his wife leaving him by dating again, much by the help of a married couple and his alter ego, Humphrey Bogart.



Annie Hall – 1977

WATCH TRAILER:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TBzHphcc2Jw>

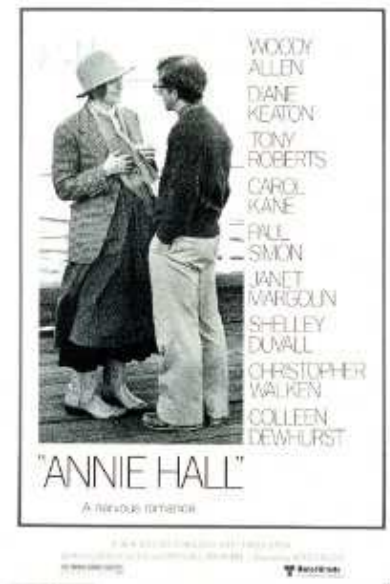
Starring Woody Allen & Diane Keaton

Neurotic New York comedian Alvy Singer falls in love with Annie Hall.

This film won four Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Actress in a Leading Role for Diane Keaton.

Annie Hall is a modern romantic comedy. It deals with the theme of the inability to feel pleasure.

The film is ranked at No. 35 on the *American Film Institute's* "100 Best Movies".



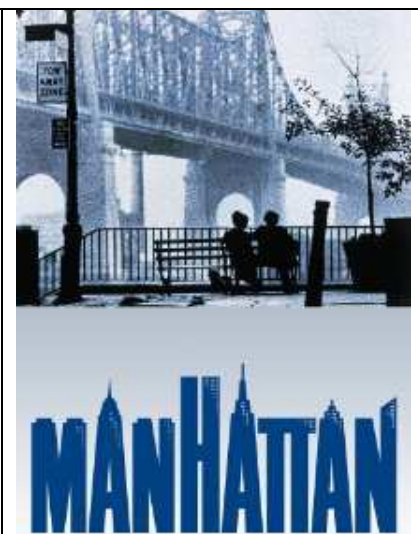
Manhattan – 1979

WATCH TRAILER:

<http://www.imdb.com/video/screenplay/vi3163659033/>

Starring Woody Allen & Mariel Hemingway

A black-and-white film that can be viewed as homage to New York City. The protagonists are upper-class academics. It focuses on the complicated relationship between a middle-aged Isaac Davis (Woody Allen) and a 17-year-old Tracy (Mariel Hemingway).



A midsummer night's sex comedy – 1982

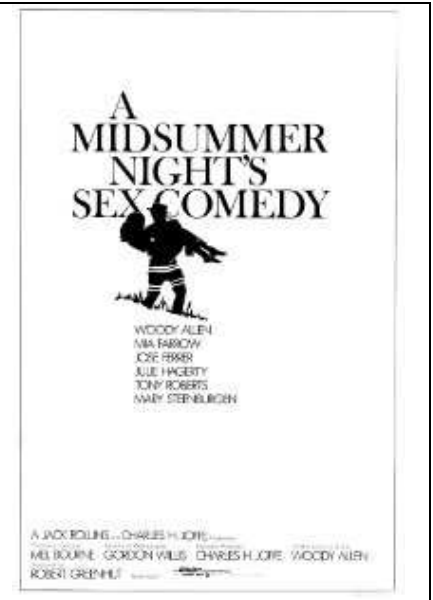
WATCH TRAILER:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FaA9qLZViPk>

Starring Woody Allen & Mia Farrow

Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* revisited ...

Tensions growing and revelations during a summer weekend among a couple and their guests ...



The Purple Rose of Cairo – 1985

WATCH TRAILER:

<http://www.imdb.com/video/screenplay/vi3505520921/>

Starring Mia Farrow & Jeff Daniels

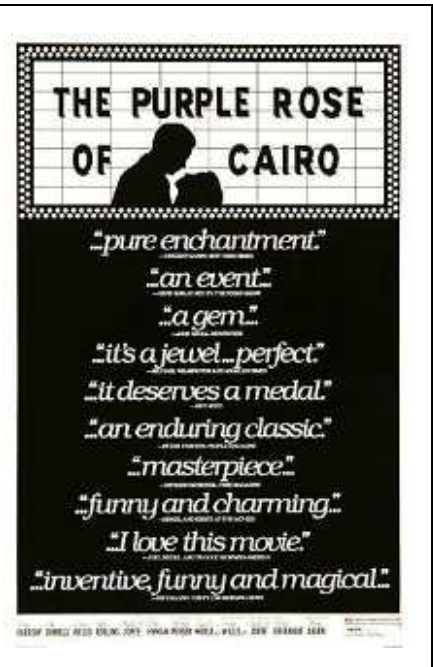
In the 1930s New Jersey, a movie character walks off the screen and into the real world.

A deliciously naive and poetic movie, considered as one of the best of Woody Allen's.

A moving and nostalgic tribute to the cinema as an art and its short-lived glory.

A movie that shows the importance of the cinema during the Depression through the character of the naive Cecilia.

A movie which simply makes you happy ...



Hannah and her sisters – 1986

WATCH TRAILER:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qtgw38Yq2Qs>

Starring Woody Allen, Mia Farrow, Dianne Wiest and Michael Caine

Hannah and her sisters is a comedy-drama film which tells the intertwined stories of an extended family, told over two years that begin and end with a family Thanksgiving dinner.

It suggests that modern big-city lives are so busy, so distracted, so filled with ambition and complication, that there isn't time to stop and absorb the meaning of things.



Radio Days - 1987

WATCH TRAILER:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KF0w_sL-Vk

Starring Mia Farrow, Dianne Wiest and Mike Starr

It is a film about Woody Allen's childhood in Brooklyn and the importance of the radio.

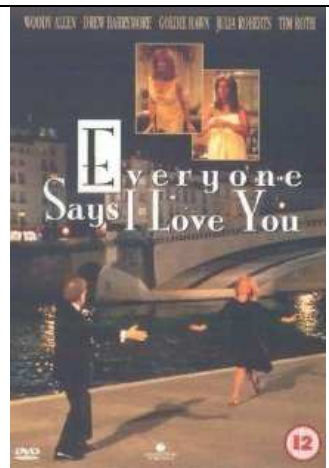


Everyone says I love You - 1996

Starring Woody Allen, Goldie Hawn and Julia Roberts

A New York girl sets her father up with a beautiful woman in a shaky marriage while her half sister gets engaged.

The singing & dancing scenes are similar to many musicals starring Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers.



Match Point - 2005

WATCH TRAILER:

<http://www.imdb.com/video/screenplay/vi1286340889/>

Starring Jonathan Rhys-Meyers and Scarlett Johansson

At a turning point in his life, a former tennis pro falls in love for a woman who happens to be dating his friend and soon-to-be brother-in-law. It's set in London and the focus is on the London upper class. It's one of Woody Allen's most successful films in the past 10 years and generally received very positive reviews.

This movie earned Woody Allen his first Academy Award since 1998 for Best Writing - Original Screenplay.

Woody Allen said it was the best film he had ever made.



TIPS FOR FINAL TASKS...

Opinions and points of view are varied about Woody Allen.
Lots of debating could be done about his movies and the topics of his movies.

Have a look at the different film posters : they can be studied and compared with the actual movie synopsis or the trailer to see if it corresponds.

Then ask pupils to write a synopsis after seeing the film poster of another Woody Allen's movie you hope they have never seen! ... and see if it corresponds too ...

What if the pupils became heroes & heroines of one of these movies?
Who would he / she be?
How would he / she interact with the other actors and actresses? ...