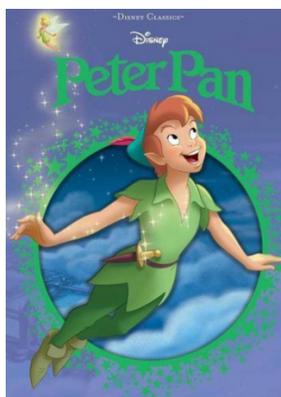


OLLI SHADOWS - CLASS 2 TOPICS

February 3, 2026

1. Continuing the discussion of shadows and culture from class 1: The Golden Bough; Romanian witchcraft; vampires; Dante.
2. Shadows in literature: The Bible; Schemiel, the Shadowless man; Strauss opera, Woman without a shadow; Hans Christian Anderson, The shadow; Peter Pan losing his shadow/



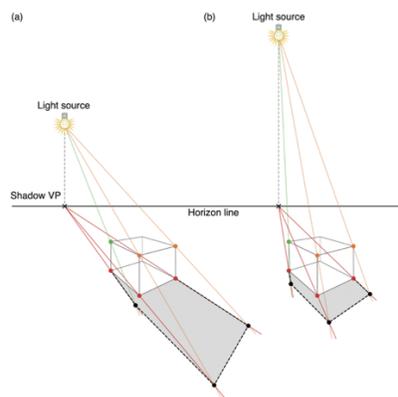
3. Idea of Komorebi (木漏れ日) a Japanese approach to shadows - Beauty of nature shadows. Film: *Perfect Days*
4. Carl Jung's idea of the "shadow" as an aspect of a person's personality. Also the idea of "projection."



5. What are “shadow people” and why do they occur? One idea: It’s all about the paranormal, mystical, etc. Another idea: Evidence that activation of brain when person is still in REM sleep as they are waking up can cause perception of “shadow beings.” Note that more shadow beings are seen by people in cultures which believe in the paranormal.



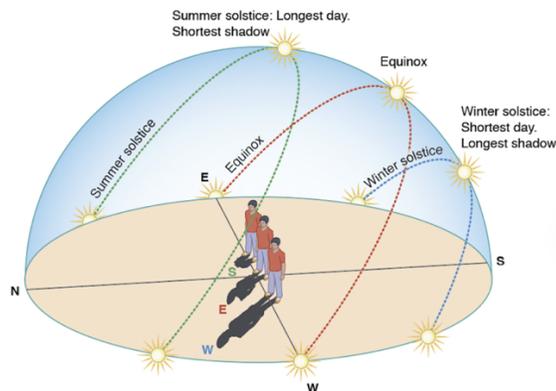
6. Variability in shadows. Leonardo: Infinite variability of shadows. Variability of shadows is infinite, but not random.
7. Shadows are created by interaction of light and object, which can be diagrammed by geometry.



8. Shadows depend on the shape of object, angle between light and object, and type of light source



9. Outside daytime shadows are determined by sunlight. Three main factors: Change in angle of illumination due to movement of the sun, parallel nature of sunlight, the sun is an extended source.



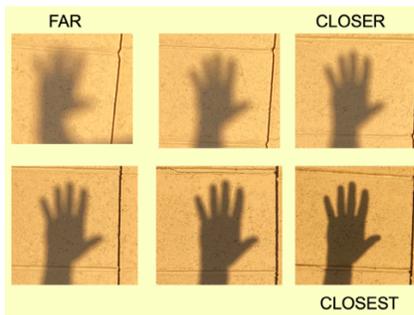
10. . Movement of the sun changes the size and shape of shadows.



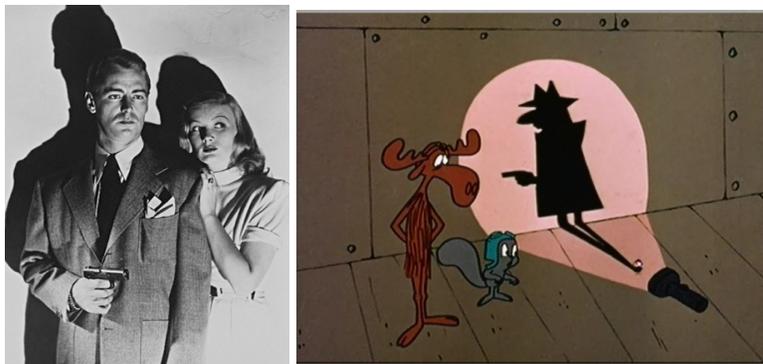
11. Extended nature of sunlight creates a penumbra – fuzzy border of shadows.



12. Parallel nature of sunlight causes size of shadows to remain the same when object's distance from surface changes.



13. Point source of light, which is encountered inside, causes shadows to be sharper, as in film noir, and more likely to change in size when the shadow-casting object moves relative to a surface.



CLASS 2 VIDEOS

Click on the URL to access the video

Lindsey Sterling: Violin shadow dance

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGCsyshUU-A&list=RDJGCsyshUU-A&start_radio=1

Peter Pan finds his shadow.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bH6N1A4fwcs>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4LQ2DR1uHM>

Perfect days trailer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QzZBbX5A1FA>

Sally Field “You Like Me”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FJtsL8AJx0>

Carl Jung and the dark side

<https://academyofideas.com/2015/12/carl-jung-and-the-shadow-the-hidden-power-of-our-dark-side/>

Shadow People - Freakiest Paranormal Entities

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4LQ2DR1uHM>

Jalal: Sleep paralysis, shadow people

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTuaxTqEWj4>

Shadow of chair time lapse

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lvhjbr5GI8>

Bonus shadow time lapse (not shown in class)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgZbhogv9Q8>

Basics of Lighting for Film Noir (excerpt)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jsmVL7SDp5Y>