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Film: Dziga Vertov, Sergei Eisenstein and Montage



Dziga Vertov, Man with a Movie Camera, 1929



KINO-EYE

- double exposure
- fast motion
- slow motion
- freeze frames
- jump cuts
- split screens
- Dutch angles
- extreme close-ups
- tracking shots
- footage played backwards
- stop motion animation
- self-reflexive style



Dziga Vertov, Man with a Movie Camera, 1929
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_xPLt2qnMyA

In the face of the machine we are ashamed of man's inability to control himself, but what are we to do if we find the unerring ways of electricity more exciting than the disorderly haste of active people [...]

I am an eye. I am a mechanical eye. I, a machine, I am showing you a world, the likes of which only I can see.

Dziga Vertov



Charlie Chaplin, Modern Times, 1936

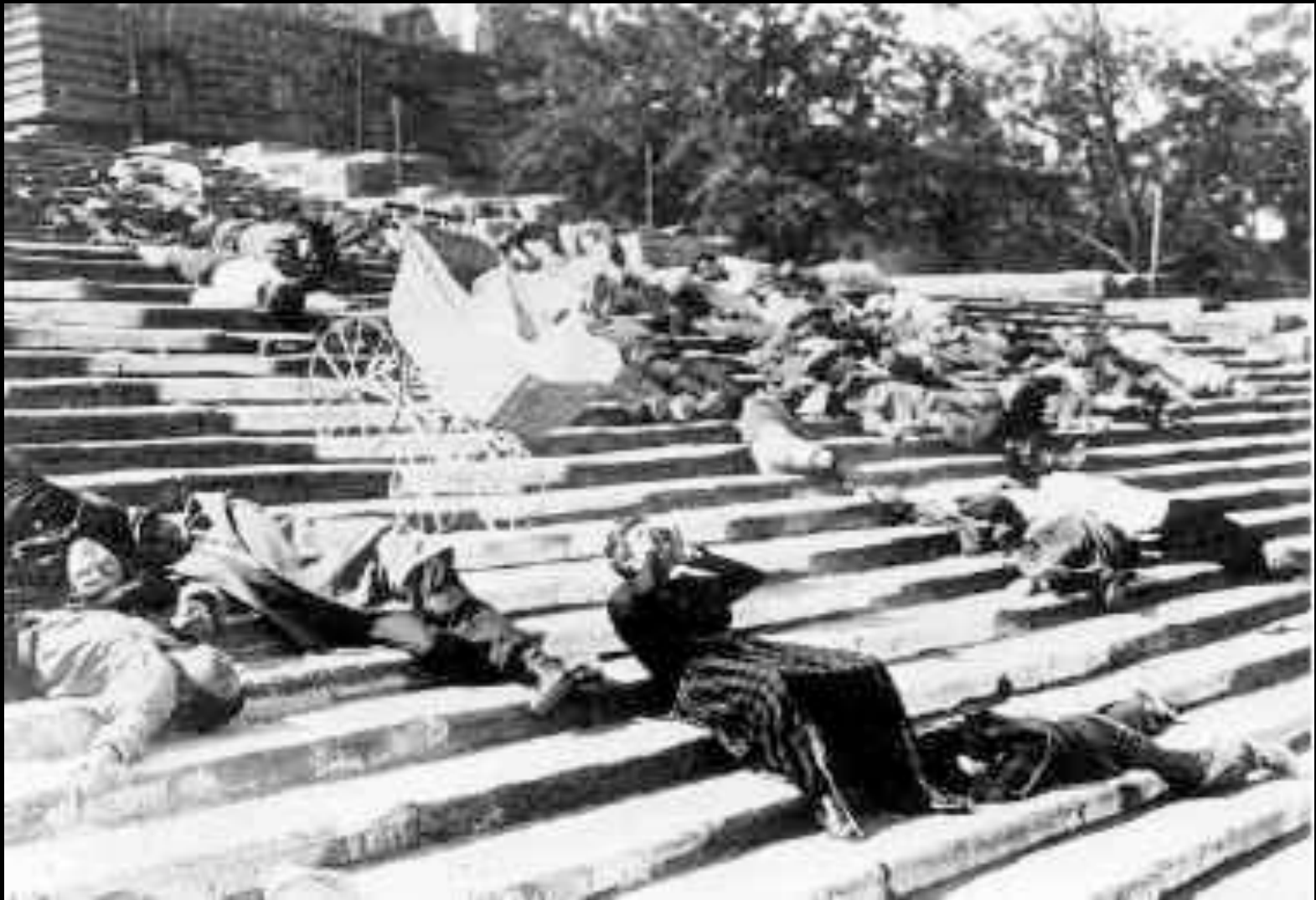


MONTAGE

Dziga Vertov



Sergei Eisenstein

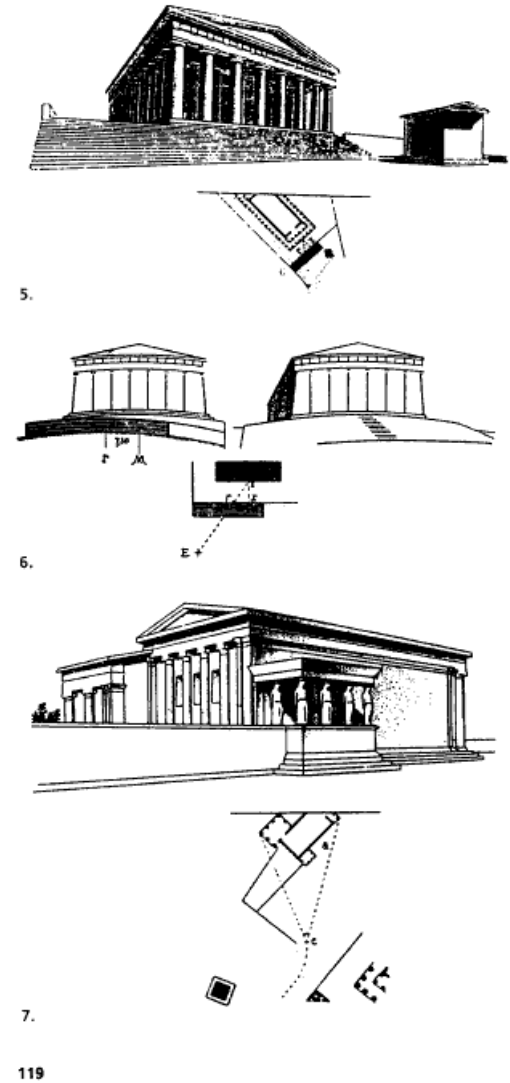
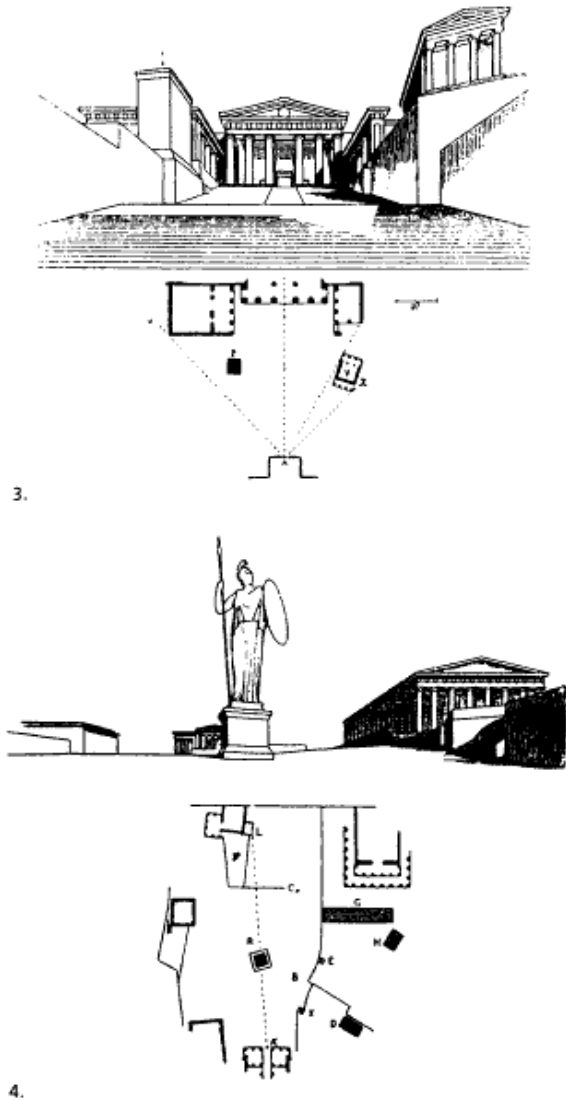


Sergei Eisenstein, Battleship Potemkin, 1925
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLEE2UL_N7Q



The Greeks have left us the most perfect examples of shot design, change of shot, and shot length (that is the duration of a particular impression)...The Acropolis of Athens has an equal right to be called the perfect example of one of the most ancient films. I shall here quote in full from Choisy's *Histoire d'architecture*, in which I shall not alter a single comma, and I would only ask you to look at it with the eye of a filmmaker: it is hard to imagine a montage sequence for an architectural ensemble more subtly composed, shot by shot, than the one that our legs create by walking among the buildings of the Acropolis.

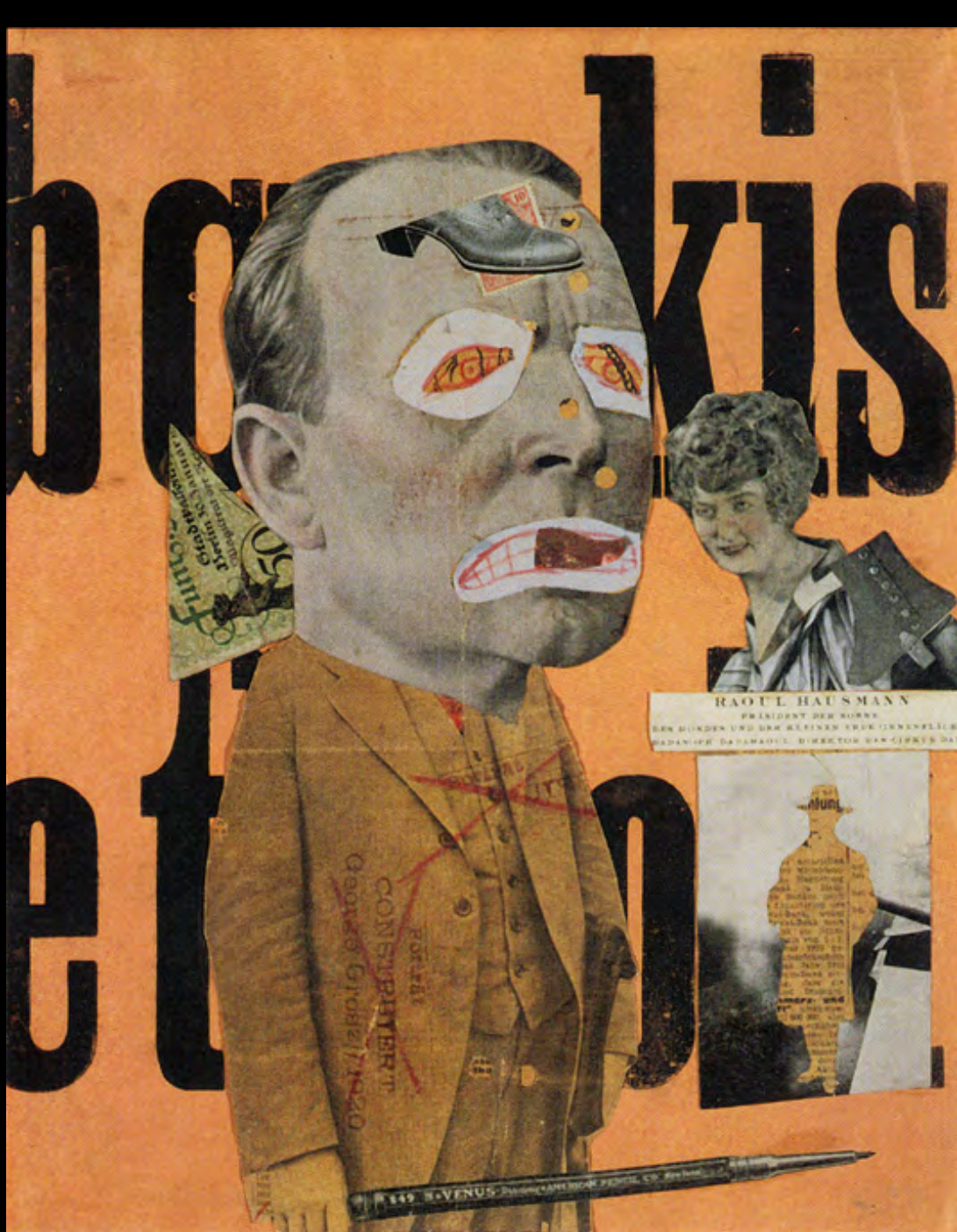
Sergei Eisenstein, "Montage and Architecture," (1938)







Raoul Hausmann, Spirit of Our Time, 1919



Raoul Hausmann, Art Critic, 1919



John Heartfield, Dada-merica, 1919



John Heartfield, Adolf, the Superman,
Swallows Gold & Spouts Junk, 1932



Martha Rosler, Red Stripe Kitchen,
Bringing the War Home: House
Beautiful, 1967-72



Martha Rosler, House Beautiful: Cleaning the Drapes, 1967-72



Martha Rosler, Bringing the War Home: House Beautiful, 2004