Video editing is an important digital production skill in today’s web 2.0 environment
  - You’re going to be able to practice video editing yourself today

Film editors work with many different layers of media: image, audio, etc

It’s rare today for you to see any professional video that hasn’t been edited
  - There’s film editing vs. mise en scene
  - These are two separate theories of how to create meaning and interest within film
  - Right now, most film and television are a combination of these two styles

Today digital editing software has made it really easy for people to edit their own video at home

The old method of editing film by cutting it with a razor and taping it together was painful and difficult. Digital film editors make everything much easier.

An example of unedited video vs. edited video
  - Unedited: Teenage Heartbreaks Vlog#1
    http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zX9ecICp8Ck
  - Edited: First Blog / Dorkiness Prevails
    http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-goXKtd6cPo
  - The second one looks better: it has more going on in a shorter period of time, it has better lighting and audio

Montage – you take many different parts and put them all together
  - This is edited film
  - There are a lot of different styles and decisions involved in montage
  - You can combine opposing images to create a totally new idea.
    - Eisenstein compared this to Chinese writing, where you can combine the characters for “woman” and “child” to make the word for “good”
  - Tonal montage, associational montage: more based on the mood that you want to convey
  - Intellectual montage: based on intellectual ideas
  - Editing styles have changed over time. Cuts have gotten faster since the advent of television and music video.
    - Although editing used to be really fast during the silent era too
- Sound equipment was heavy and more difficult to move around to create a lot of montage
- Soviet montage editing went away after the advent of sound

- Some example silent clips put together at home
  - Clip 1: this was shot in sequence, very easily put together. It is very clear and easy to understand.
  - Clip 2: this was edited, using all the same images and clips from the first clip. It is more visually interesting, but perhaps also more difficult to understand
  - Clip 3: the same clip, but with music added, which makes a big difference.

- Practice your own video editing!