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Film Studies

Viewing Guide for *Chinatown*

Before you watch:

1. Take a minute to review *The Maltese Falcon*. What were the most memorable aspects of that movie? Write a few things down here.

2. What associations do you make in your mind with Chinatown, or Chinese culture in general? What might you guess is the purpose of titling a movie this way?

While you watch

3. It's easy to get lost in this plot. One way to keep track of what is going on is to follow what J.J. Gittes is looking for. He is a private investigator, and is always trying to answer a question. Write down the questions that he is trying to answer, and the answer he finds, here.

