Being-in-the-film: When VR Becomes A New Narrative Medium

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VIRTUAL REALITY

- Virtual Reality is an “interactive, immersive experience generated by a computer”.

Henry (2015 film)
• Does VR change the narrative of film from selling a story to offering experience, and potentially weaken the depth of story?
The immersive experience requires building up a 360° 3D simulated space; in other words, scenes and settings become more predominant than other narrative elements. Can it be viewed as a return to the early film that was characterised by stage and showground?
• The interactivity of VR highlights the self-consciousness, enabling the audience to play a role in the film and participate in the development of the story, presenting a characteristic of game, so where is the boundary between game and film?
VR Projects

“Portrait of the Artist” – An animated documentary film set in virtual reality
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“PTSD” – a WWI veteran suffering from PTSD embarks on a train journey in the London Underground at the brink of WWII
CONCLUSION