**Genre codes and conventions**

For each genre category there are specific visual and narrative expectations called codes and conventions.

* **CODES:** (what you expect to see)
* **CONVENTIONS:** (what you expect to happen)

Complete a codes and conventions ‘table’ for a genre of your choosing

1. Identify codes and conventions of chosen genre

Chosen genre is …………………………………

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| Codes | Example |
| Opening credits (typography, title language) |  |
| Setting |  |
| Lighting |  |
| Costume |  |
| Props |  |
| Iconography |  |

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| Conventions | Example |
| Character types |  |
| Particular stars |  |
| Plot |  |
| Resolution |  |
| Soundtrack |  |
| A particular message |  |

1. Find a scene and identify the codes and conventions present, to see if it matches your expectations from Task 1

Film………………………………………………………

Scene………………………………………………………

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| Codes | Your Scene |
| Opening credits (typography, title language) |  |
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1. Can you find a scene which ‘challenges’ codes and conventions from the genre?

Film………………………………………………………

Scene……………………………………………………

How?