

Review of BFA Films

Spiders, From the Backyard Science Series, 1978 13 min (elementary)  
Norman Bean

HPV

goes from line drawing graphic to real life shot (to teach  
parts of body)

great footage

very clear - very illustrative of narration, that's because  
a lot of it is visual stuff - web weaving, catching insects, etc.

(you could do a lot of this with still frames, but how could  
you avoid it being disjointed, ie. going from motion plus  
audio to still frame photos and back and forth)

Brazil, 1979 1979 18 minutes (elementary)

HPV

intro, mainly static graphics plus lots of narration  
which gives basic facts and history, basically a written  
text with illustrations

this format continues into discussion of present-day Brazil

Railroads and Western Expansion 1845-65, 1978, 14 min (elementary)

HPV

visuals mainly a backdrop for narration

pictures of key inventions -john Deere Tractor  
mechanical reaper (McCormack)  
windmill

some reenactments

puts railroad in social/economic context