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Study Question #1

One decision that the filmmakers made about shaping the source material into a film was the main idea of making it a silent film. The evidence is apparent throughout the film, it is itself a silent film. The problems they had to resolve however was the portrayal of the plot; if the story couldn’t be spoken, it had to be conveyed somehow, or no one is going to know what the story is about or know that the film is taken from Pushkin Queen of Spades. In order to remedy the problem there were screens of text among the shots and scenes occasionally in order to let the viewers know about the story taking place. They also had to make sure that the actions of the characters were in agreement to the story and occasional text for the viewers. However, this was easy to overcome for the directors, they just needed to follow the settings that the writer described and the actions of characters during those settings.