

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
WEEK ONE: Premise	Write down the Premise of your script.	Use the following Premise Statement to sharpen your Premise: A (Main Character Type) whose (Emotionally Jarring Incident) causes (Action That Must Be Taken) (in light of Impending Obstacle) .	Pitch the Premise of your script to three people: (one person of the opposite gender, one of another ethnic background and one person vastly younger or older than you). Ask them if the Premise of your script makes sense. If not, ask them what would make it more clear.	What is the Mythology of your script? Go in great detail. Everything from "Everyone knows not to go to the house on the corner", to "Ghosts can travel from place to place but can not communicate in any way with the living".	Describe how the Mythology of your script is interrupted in the Inciting Incident ?	Write your first 10 pages!	REST
WEEK TWO: Plot	Use the following template to write a bare bones outline of your script: I. Status Quo II. Inciting Incident III. Point of No Return IV. Midpoint V. Lowest Point VI. Lasting Change VII. Conclusion	Workshop your Midpoint and Lowest Point to ensure they reflect your Main Character's Universal Wants .	Workshop your Inciting Incident and Lasting Change to ensure they reflect your Main Character's Universal Needs	Use the following Story Statement to clarify your story. Use as many times as it takes! "This is the story of (Main Character) who wants (Universal Theme/Want). Will (Main Character) be successful, or will (Universal Obstacle) prove too difficult?"	Re-write your outline to reflect new changes in your story.	Write your next 10 pages.	REST
WEEK THREE: Structure	List all of the scenes that need to happen between your Inciting Incident and Point of No Return .	List all of the scenes that need to happen between your Point of No Return and Midpoint .	List all of the scenes that need to happen between your Midpoint and Lowest Point .	List all of the scenes that need to happen between your Lowest Point and Lasting Change .	Write the beat sheet for your entire script	Write your next 10 pages.	REST
WEEK FOUR: Revise the pages you have so far to reflect changes in premise, plot and structure.	Edit first 10 pages.	Edit pages 11-20.	Edit pages 21-30.	Edit your beat sheet for the last 70 pages.	Re-write your Story Statement to reflect new changes in your story.	Write your next 10 pages.	REST
WEEK FIVE: Character Development	List the characters in your screenplay and their Essence Words . Keep in mind that characters don't have to be people. They can be places, groups of people, movements or ideas.	Answer the following questions pertaining to your Main Character: What journey are they on? (one sentence) What makes this journey compelling? (one sentence) What makes this journey inherently visual (i.e. Why should this be a film as opposed to an article, essay or short story?) List all of the things that would be worse than death for this character.	List four secrets that your Main Character has that will never end up in the script. Describe the moment when your Main Character felt the most shame. Write these scenes.	What is the scene in your current script that reveals the Main Character's humanity the most? How so? Write this scene.	Describe the change your Main Character undergoes over the course of the script. How is this reflected in your most recent outline? Make changes to your outline to ensure your character's arc is reflected in your story.	Write your next 10 pages.	REST
WEEK SIX: Stakes	What did you decide would be worse than death for your main character? How does your Lowest Point compare to that? Workshop another Lowest Point that compares more accurately with this answer.	What are the stakes for the opposing force to your Main Character ? How is this reflected in your script? List the stakes for your Main Character and the opposing force. Edit to ensure all stakes share the same intensity.	In what ways are your Main Character's stakes both universal and deeply personal. Edit stakes to ensure they include both elements.	Edit the first act of your beat sheet to reflect changes in stakes.	Edit the second and third acts of your beat sheet to reflect changes in stakes.	Write your next 10 pages.	REST
WEEK SEVEN: Plant & Payoff	Edit your entire beat sheet to ensure a logical and emotional flow of events.	Going through your beat sheet, underline every Plant that needs to be paid off later in the script. Bold all of the Payoffs that are in your beat sheet. Write Payoffs for plants that haven't been paid off.	Going through the Payoffs in your beat sheet, write Plants for payoffs that haven't been planted.	Edit your beat sheet to ensure new changes create a logical and emotional flow of events.	Scan your beat sheet, ensuring that each Plant is clear, but subtle. Each Payoff should be satisfying.	Write your next 10 pages.	REST
WEEK EIGHT: Revise the pages you have so far to reflect changes in character development, stakes and plant & payoff.	Edit first 15 pages.	Edit pages 16-30.	Edit pages 31-45.	Edit pages 45-60.	Edit pages 61-70.	Write your next 10 pages.	REST
WEEK NINE: Dialog	Are there places in the script, where you describe the emotional state of a character in the action bar? Replace these descriptions of internal emotions with actions.	To reveal Character Dialect , use the following formula and example sentiment for multiple characters: Character + Sentiment = Ex. I have something to tell you and it's not good. Bryan + I have something to tell you and it's not good. = You know I love you, right?	Describe the difference in Character Dialect between your Main Character and their force of opposition. Go back into the script and edit based on how these characters communicate, using their Character Dialect .	Edit your script for Character Dialect with other characters.	Are there places in your script where actions can replace dialog? Go into your script and replace this dialog with actions.	Write your next 10 pages.	REST
WEEK TEN: Tone	Describe the Tone of your script. How does the Rhythm of your script contribute to the Tone ? How does the plot contribute to the Tone ? Go into your script and edit these elements to strengthen your Tone .	List Plot Points that would sharpen the Tone if they became darker, lighter, funnier, etc. Go into your script and edit these elements to strengthen your Tone .	Go into your script and create moments of silence, quietness, action or dialog that would strengthen the Tone of your script.	With an eye towards sound design, go into your script and edit or create SFX to sharpen the Tone of your script.	With an eye towards Tone , edit or create new setting descriptions to set a clearer Tone in your script.	Write your last pages.	REST

GLOSSARY

Action That Must Be Taken - What must be done so character will beat obstacle
Advertisement (Ad) - Information given in a script to advertise a later event or happening
Beats - A moment that shifts the dynamic in a scene
Character Arcs - The change that occurs in a character
Character Descriptions - The sentence(s) used to introduce a character, describing them
Character Dialects - The unique way in which a character communicates
Character Introduction/ Character Introduction Scene - The scene or sequence that introduces us to a character and their way of being or state of mind
Character - A person, place, group, movement or idea moving through a script. Climax or Midpoint - The dramatic scene or sequence at the center of the script, where the want is seemingly accomplished
Closing Scene - The last scene of a script
Community Language - The unique way of communicating that is common in a given community
Compromise Scene - A scene in which a character compromises their personal code of ethics
Demographics - Race, gender, age, political views, nationality, economic, political or social background, etc.
Duplicate Events, Moments or Scenes - Events, moments or scenes the accomplish the same goal as another event, moment or scene
Elevator Pitch - The engaging and brief synopsis of your script
Emotionally Jarring Incident - Emotionally significant incident that causes the Action That Must Take Place Essence Words - Words that describe the essence of a character
Events - Major plot points that may include multiple scenes
Genre - Category of film based on subject matter, tone and style
Ghost Plant - The planting of information in a script that is well hidden
Humanity Scene - Scene in which a character's sense of humanity is revealed
Inciting Incident - Plot point that sends character or characters on the main journey of the script
Lowest Point - Scene or sequence in which Main Character has seemingly lost their want and must overcome their need to beat their obstacle
Main Character Type - The most basic demographic a character represents Main Character - The person, place, group, movement or idea at the center of your story
Missing Moments, Scenes or Sequences - Gaps in the narrative caused by a beat, plot point, scene or sequence needed for a cohesive story
Mythology - Set of rules, ramifications or concepts unique to the World of a script, created by the writer
Obstacle - Person, institution, thing, idea or thought process that hinders a character from accomplishing their goal
Opening Scene - First scene of the script
Payoff - Satisfying outcome stemming from a plant earlier in the script
Plot Points - Moment, scene or sequence the pushes the story forward
Political Climate - Political state of the World of a script

Premise - The efficient and engaging summary of the plot in the script
Reaction to the Inciting Incident - Scene or sequence in reaction to the Inciting Incident
Reaction to the Lowest Point (Lasting Change) - Scene or sequence in which a character must make a Lasting Change in reaction to their Lowest Point
Relationship Change Formula - Formula that shows the shift in relationship between two characters
Relationship Formula - Formula that shows what binds two characters together
Rhythm - The cadence of a script
Scene Goal - What the scene is intended to accomplish in relationship to the overall narrative of the script
Secondary Character - Characters not involved in driving the story of the script forward
Sentiments - Meaning behind what a character is saying or doing
Social Climate - The social state of the World created in a script
Stakes - An entity valuable to a character, one that could be lost or gained over the course of the script
Stakes/Obstacle Combination - A formula revealing the relationship between an obstacle and its stakes
Status Quo - The state of being for a character, usually seen within the first couple of scenes of the script
Storylines - Threads of narrative taking place in a script
Story Statement - Sentence crafted to set up Wants and Obstacles in a way that reveals the true nature of the story
Synopsis - A detailed, but efficient telling of the story in a script
Tactics - The ways in which a character attempts to accomplish a goal
The Conclusion - A scene or sequence that answers the central question of a script
Theme - A subject being explored in the script, giving it complexity and nuance
Tone - The mood of a script, indicated by the writer's choice of words and style
Trigger - Scene or sequence of scenes that jump starts the plot's journey to the Lowest Point
Universal - The way in which an element in a script is relatable to all people
Universal Obstacle - An obstacle that is relatable to all people
Universal Theme/Want - A Theme or Want relatable to all people
Wants - The desire of a character, one that fuels their journey through a script
World - The context of a world in which a story takes place
World History - History of the World in a script
World Palette - Chart of words that describe the World of a script
World Rules - Rules that define the World of a script
World Rules Statement - A sentence created to define the World Rules of a script