

Summer Short Film Script Assignment

This summer you will be writing an original script for the purposes of pitching your idea to the entire class. The 5 script pitches that are voted for will be the 5 films that are produced for the IA production portfolio that is turned in to IB. This assignment must adhere to the following guidelines....

1. **The length is to be at least 10 pages.** General industry guideline dictate that a page of scripting equals one minute of actual film time. That said, I am anticipating needed to editing needing to take place before production begins. You will ultimately edit your script down to seven pages for a seven minute film.
2. **Keep your idea simple.** The more people and place involved, the more problematic your shoot becomes. Keep your principle and ancillary actors as minimal as possible. Trust me...you will thank me later
3. **Prepare your pitch.** When you return from the summer you will receive an opportunity to pitch your ideas. Groups for your independent film will be formed based on which 5 scripts are chosen by the class. The strength of your pitch will determine how likely your script being chosen is. Good pitches answer any potential production questions before they are even asked, i.e. locations, general narrative structure, vision...be prepared.
4. **Make your idea original.** If you are not passionate about your script then how can anyone else be? This is your baby and you will potentially be with it until the

Grading:

Script – 75%

Pitches – 25%