

Scriptwriting Exercise  
5-page script

**Part One**

**Treatment**

- Name the show that you are going to be writing about.
- Tell me your **original** episode DO NOT COPY ONE OFF OF THE TV.
- Tell me the characters that are going to be involved.

This must be about a paragraph or two long. It must contain all parts that I have set above.

**EXAMPLE TREATMENT FOR HOW I MET YOUR MOTHER**

*This episode is going to be about Barney falling in love with a strange girl in the bar and they run off and get married before any of the others know what happens. Most of the story is going to be a conversation between all the friends where Barney tells them why he got married to the strange girl with flash backs to the actual times he is talking about.*

*In this episode, I will feature all five of the main characters and a special guest appearance from the strange girl that marries Barney. Barney is the main focus with speaking. I plan to set this in the bar, Barney's apartment, a courthouse and the Las Vegas Strip.*

**Part Two**

**Notes on your characters**

- this is where you are going to take your treatment and sit in a group with the other students and describe what you are going to do.
- the group will then give you suggestions on what to have your characters say and do in the certain situations that you have put them in.
- you will take notes and then move on to Part Three.

**Part Three**

**The Script**

- This is where you will be responsible for writing at least a five-page script.
- the script will be in proper format at all times.
- I will NOT accept a hand-written script**
- Make sure that you use slug lines and action lines appropriately.
- Use your notes and examples to help you in putting this together.

-Lastly, use your imagination.

Sample Script "How I Met Your Mother"

INT.- THE BAR-NIGHT

THE GANG is sitting at their favorite booth drinking beverages minus BARNEY when BARNEY walks in wearing a tuxedo.

ROBIN

Wow Barney! Who's the poor girl you have a date with?

BARNEY

Poor Robin, your jealousy is showing again but indeed I am coming from a date..

LILY

Coming from a date at 9:00pm, is that a record for you?

GANG laughs and take sips from dinks

MARSHALL

Yeah Barney, we're married and we have better dates than you.

(high fives LILY)

LILY

Yeah Baby!

BARNEY

In fact dear friends, I have big news.

TED

Big news and a date done before 9,  
what is she pregnant already?

Strange GIRL walks into bar wearing big wedding gown and walks towards Barney.

GIRL

There you are Barney. I thought we  
were going back to our new home.

BARNEY

Hi Honey. I wanted you to meet our friends first.

Gang, this is Rachel, my wife...