

## WRITING FOR THE SCREEN

The 5 Elements of a Story: (The 5 W's)

Who?

What?

Where?

When?

Why?

### THREE-PART STORY STRUCTURE:

3-Acts: Beginning, Middle, End

ACT 1: Introduces the characters, setting, etc. Who, What, Where, When... and sometimes Why. (5 elements of a story). Act 1 sets up the story. Possible conflict / problems is introduced near end of Act 1.

ACT 2: Conflict shifts characters into having to deal with the conflict. – Enter Act 2. What happens now that the conflict is introduced? In Act 2, there is a "Turning Point" which shifts the story when the conflict becomes a drastic problem or danger. The situation has become drier. Leads into the 'point of no return'.

ACT 3: Now the situation is the most drier, seems hopeless, the character(s) is against the worst odds, close to failing... intense... How do they eventually deal with the conflict... how do they use their strengths, intellect, emotional strength, resources, to resolve the issue? Finally, Resolution! The big ending.