

Cole Barrios

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SKILLS

- Game Barks
- Synopses, treatments, & coverage
- Creating emotional impact
- Dialogue & branching dialogue trees
- Writing for Virtual Reality
- Visual description
- Written material adaptations
- [Screenplays](#)
- Short-form stories
- Multi-disciplinary collaboration
- Working under pressure
- Knowledge of narratology and understanding of ludological theory
- Basic game design knowledge
- Strong communication & presentation skills using industry trends
- Avid game-player
- **Program Proficiency:** Flash, Photoshop, Premiere Pro, Final Draft
- **Additional Language:** Fluent in Spanish

EXPERIENCE

[Neon City – USC Games AGP](#)

Los Angeles, California

Lead Narrative Designer

September 2022 - Present

- Worked with and took a leadership role in the design and implementation of all aspects of the storytelling and fictional components of game design for the team.
- Drafted memorable narrative moments that reflected the creative director's experience goals.
- Wrote characters, scenes, barks, dialogue, descriptions, and more to make more rewarding gameplay.
- Built a world seeded with lore to enhance immersion and increase gameplay stakes.

[Character Development & Storytelling for Games](#)

Los Angeles, California

Student

August 2022 - December 2022

- Built and presented 3 pitch deck specs for game development from original and established IP.
- Wrote a scripted opening and ending for the original IP, including dialogue and setting.
- Studied narrative fundamentals for playful experiences and interactive media under industry professional and Professor Danny Bilson, as well as many guest speakers from the industry.
- Learned how to iterate for narrative development by creating one-pagers and three-page narrative act summaries.

[Script Coverage and Story Analysis Workshop](#)

Los Angeles, California

Student

August 2022 - December 2022

- Wrote 4 professional coverage samples for TV, feature, produced, and unproduced work.
- Studied advanced story breakdown and commentary under industry professional & Professor Beverly Neufeld.

EDUCATION

University of Southern California, School of Cinematic Arts & Dornsife Department of English

May 2024

John Wells Division of Writing for Screen & Television, Dornsife Department of English

B.A. in Creative Writing, Minor in Screenwriting, Minor in Songwriting

HONORS

Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar

USC Dean's List

California State Seal of Biliteracy

SkillsUSA 2020 Regional Digital Cinema Production Winner

USC Presidential Award Recipient

National Merit Scholarship Finalist