

### **Mini-Script Proposal**

Our miniscript will be about exploring two wildly different journeys to basketball stardom. We will use Jimmy Butler and Stephen Curry, who have recently been playing together on the same team, to explore how basketball has defined these stars and how they got up to this moment. Act 1 will focus on introducing these two players and highlighting both of their achievements. Stephen Curry's impact is the most obvious, as he has as many rings as LeBron (arguably the greatest of all time) and has changed how modern basketball has played. While Jimmy Butler has not achieved as much, he has made significant playoff runs, and his hard work is well known in the basketball world. It will end with them explaining how basketball has defined both of their lives and how important it is to them. Act 2 will focus more on their history, and how these two's journeys have varied so widely. Stephen Curry already had a father in the NBA. So, he grew up with an inherent connection to basketball. However, his life was not all privilege, as he had to struggle in a small college to get known. On the other hand, Jimmy Butler was not initially connected like Curry. Jimmy Butler had a rough childhood growing up, as his father left him when he was a baby and his mother kicked him out of the house when he was thirteen. Act 3 will have them both reflect on their journeys and how these journeys have influenced both of them. For example, Jimmy Butler is now a very supportive father to his daughter. Additionally, Stephen Curry has a charity organization that helps children get the nutrition and education that they need. They will also share some regrets that both of them have. The "film" narration will mainly consist of past interviews, and our own "interview." So there will be a mix of made-up quotes from our interview and real ones from real interviews. Most of the footage will be from the past showing several game clips and pictures/videos from their journey to stardom. There's no real set location as our documentary will mainly just show their history and accomplishments.

#### **Jimmy Butler House Tour - Architectural Digest**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xHPJkTo6P0>

This house tour has important elements of his connection with his daughter, and how his past has influenced him to become such a great father.

#### **Jimmy Butler's Story**

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Jimmy-Butler>

This source briefly tells about Jimmy Butler's life story and his many accomplishments.

#### **Steph Curry's Story**

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Golden-State-Warriors>

This source briefly tells about Steph Curry's life story and his many accomplishments.

### **The Jimmy Butler Story**

<https://www.nba.com/bulls/features/jimmy-butler-story>

This source has some of Jimmy Butler's thoughts about basketball and his life before it. There are several quotes from Jimmy Butler and the source emphasizes Jimmy Butler's hard work.

### **Stephen Curry: Underrated (Documentary)**

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt15210256/>

This documentary talks about Steph Curry's come-up and stardom in the NBA, and it also shows his thought process behind his story.

### **Eat. Learn. Play. (Steph Curry's charity organization)**

<https://www.eatlearnplay.org/>

This is the official website showing Stephen Curry's charity organization. The website talks a lot about the work they do and why it was created.

### **Curry Achievements**

<https://www.nba.com/player/201939/stephen-curry/bio>

This source gives a brief summary of his life and shows his many accomplishments.

### **Butler Achievements**

<https://www.nba.com/player/202710/jimmy-butler-iii>

This source gives a brief summary of his life and shows his many accomplishments.

### **Steph Curry Clips - NBA**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rx-2TtG3LBA>

This source shows Steph Curry's multiple highlights, which will likely play in the first act.

### **Jimmy Butler Clips - NBA**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxUXQXtaXDU>

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## **RESEARCH & DRAFT**

- Probably do around 1 - 3 Acts

### **ACT 1 - Introduction**

- **Use Biggie Quote**
- Introduce the concept of Basketball and its demographic history.
- How the demographic has changed and how it has grown to become one of the largest sports worldwide
- But the path to success is not always the same for all players..... ACT 2

### **ACT 2 - Player 1 (Growing up with money) V.S. Player 2 (Growing up without money)**

- **This act should be the majority of the short**
- **Compare the lives of the two players (childhood, family, etc.)**
- **Compare the process of getting to the NBA (Training camps (\$), Playing at the park (no money needed))**

### **ACT 3 - How basketball changed the lives of marginalized communities (Biggie Quote)**

- Narrator can be the force that's commenting. Does your narrator provide a different voice for the interviews or is the narrator very subjective and provides context so we know where the interview is coming from
- B Roll. Use clips during the interview. Do this for every act. Move from this outline with the A roll. Interviews and narration.
- Type out the scenes of movies
- <https://www.neh.gov/program/media-projects>

## **IDEAS FOR FIIM**

### *Articles*

- <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Jimmy-Butler>
- <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Stephen-Curry>
- <https://www.wnba.com/news/the-influence-of-the-black-culture-in-the-nba-and-wnba>
- <https://oxfordaasc.com/display/10.1093/acref/9780195301731.001.0001/acref-9780195301731-e-45253>

### *Films*

- “Hoop Dreams”
- Interviews with Steph Curry
- Interviews with Jimmy Butler

### Notes:

- Focus it down.
- Act 1 doesn't need the history
- Keep focused on the two stories of Curry and Butler
- More than just basketball. Find common thread between them
- Forming identity through sports
- Two people who did it differently. Curry's identity was basketball out of the womb. Jimmy Butler wasn't. He had to develop the identity.
- Try to reach out to the warriors
- Talk to basketball players at SCU
- Not a lot of us will connect because we come from broken homes.
- If we interview Steph Curry make up
- Presentation will be the script
  - Add folder for supportive materials
- ACT 1: Introduction about each player and how basketball has defined them
  - **Stephen Curry**
    - **Idea to show these achievements**
      - Steph Curry (Black Screen White Letters) Start Music..
      - In the doc it could show somewhat fast clips of newspaper articles with some music playing in the background. Each article will be like. Warriors win championship. \* 4. Steph Curry breaks record. Etc.
    - 7th Overall selection in 2009 Draft

- Four time NBA champion (2015, 2017, 2018, 2022)
- Two-time MVP (2014-15, 2015-16)
- One-Time Finals MVP (2022)
- First Ever Conference Finals MVP (2022)
- Nine-time All-Star (2014-2019, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- Led the NBA in three pointers made in seven seasons
- Made NBA record of 402 three pointers in 2015-16 season
- Led the league in free throw percentage four times
- <https://www.nba.com/player/201939/stephen-curry/bio>

○ **Jimmy Butler**

- **Add their achievements today**
- 5 All-Defensive team
- 5 All-NBA
- 6 NBA All-Star
- 1 NBA most improved player
- 1 Olympic Gold Medal
- 2 Finals Appearances
- <https://www.nba.com/player/202710/jimmy-butler-iii>

- ACT 2: Journey to the point we presented in act 1. The journey to developing an identity in basketball

**Stephen Curry Journey**

- Born March 14, 1988, Akron Ohio.
- American Professional Basketball Player for the Golden State Warriors.
- **Early Life**
- Grew up surrounded by basketball as the son of 16-year NBA veteran Dell Curry.
- Basketball defined Curry straight out of the womb despite his struggles with finding little attention from well-known basketball programs later in his life.
- Source: <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Stephen-Curry>
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- Steph Curry learned from his father. He is known for his high “Basketball IQ” and shooting, however, he was not recognized by many college coaches and was overlooked due to his lean frame and short stature
- No scholarship offers from major college basketball programs
- Attended Davidson College in North Carolina. While there he averaged 21.5 points per game. Led all first year players in points per game

- In his Sophomore year, Curry led Davidson to the Elite Eight in March Madness.
- His Junior Year did not feature any postseason miracles, however, he averaged 28.6 points a game which led the country. He made first-team all American.
- Curry had grown to 6-2 and entered the 2009 NBA draft and was selected 7th overall by the Golden State Warriors
- Curry became the starting point guard. Avg of 17.5 points in his first season.
- Dealed with a series of Angle sprains in the 2011-12 season. Had to deal with ligament surgery.
- Signed a four-year \$44 million contract extension.
- In 2012-13 he led the league in 3 pointers (272)
- 2014-15 he made the record 286 threes while leading the Warriors to the NBA best record of 67-15. He won the MVP.
- The following season he won the title for the first time in 40years.
- 2015-16 Curry led warriors to a record breaking 73-9 season. Avg 30.1 points a game and shattered the league standard by making 402 three's.
- Earned his second MVP.
- The team lost a 3-1 lead vs the CAVS in the NBA finals.
- Curry went on to win 4 titles with the Golden State Warriors in total. 2015, 2017, 2018, 2022.
- He, along with his teammates, built a dynasty. Thus, leading him to become a world known basketball influence. One of the most well-known players around the world. Joining the greats like Kobe, Jordan, etc.
- Family Life: Married to Ayesha Alexander, they have four children daughters Riley (2012), and Ryan (2015) and sons Canon (2018) and Caius (2024).

### **Jimmy Butler Journey**

- Born September 14th 1989, Houston Texas.
- American Professional Basketball Players for the Golden State Warriors
- Basketball was not an immediate identity for Butler.
- He grew up in a challenging environment. His father left him while he was an infant and he was raised by his single mother in the Houston suburb of Tomball.
- When he turned 13, Butler was kicked out of the house. He lived in temporary housing for years, without parental supervision.
- Later he found permanent housing with a friend before his senior year of High School.
- He lived through several struggles and was nowhere near the level of fame as Steph Curry throughout his youth.
- Source: <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Jimmy-Butler>

- Butler found a permanent home with his friend's family before his Senior Year.
- On the court his senior year, Butler was an all-district player that season, however, he did not receive any scholarship offers from NCAA Division I college basketball programs.
- He then attended Tyler Junior College which was in Tyler, Texas. He led the team in scoring his freshman season which gained attention from a number of Div I schools
- In 2008, Butler joined first-year head coach Buzz Williams at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Butler had difficulty adjusting to the Midwestern winters and William's in-your-face coaching style
- Butler became a part-time player in his first season with Marquette but became a starter his junior year
- Jimmy Butler is known for his defense and well-rounded game which helped propel the Golden Eagles to appearances in the NCAA Div I tournament, March Madness in each of his three seasons at Marquette
- **NBA**
- Butler was selected with the final pick of the first round in the 2011 NBA draft by the Chicago Bulls
- Butler became a full-time starter in his third season, averaging 13.1 points and 4.9 rebounds per game
- In 2014-15 Butler became more explosive as he averaged 20 points per game and earning All-star honors. He won NBA's Most Improved Player.
- He was an All-Star for the next two seasons and set a career high averaging 23.9 points per game in 2016-17.
- Despite Butler's growth, the Bulls never reached the playoffs in his 6 year stretch playing with them. The team then decided to rebuild.
- Butler was traded to the Timberwolves on the day of the 2017 NBA draft
- He played along-side star center Karl-Anthony Towns which helped the Timberwolves to a 16-win improvement. The team's first playoff appearance in 14 years.
- Butler became frustrated with the work ethics of Towns and other players and requested a trade in the 2018-19 season.
- He was then traded to the Philadelphia 76ers just 13 games into the Timberwolves season after disruption of team practice.
- He then played with All-Stars Joel Embiid and Ben Simmons. In the playoffs the 76ers lost in the second round after being favorites to win the title.
- Butler then became a free agent. He signed a \$142 million dollar contract with the Miami Heat

- He became a significant impact with the Heat. Led them to the NBA finals in his first season but lost.
- 2020-21 led the NBA with 2.1 steals per game and career-high 7.1 assists per game.
- Selected to 6th All-Star in 2021-22
- Went to the finals again but lost to the Boston Celtics
- Butler became very well-known by his spectacular playoff performances “Playoff Jimmy”
- He dropped 56 in a game-four victory vs the Milwaukee Bucks.
- In 2023-24 Butler missed the season with a knee injury and later refused to sign a contract extension which he believed he deserved.
- As a result, Butler requested a trade. President Pat Riley initially resisted the demand, and Butler was suspended by the team three separate times.
- On Feb 5th, Butler was traded to the Golden State Warriors.
- ACT 3: They talk about whether or not they are happy or not in their lives. Do they have regrets? Do they regret not going to a college? Jimmy Butler not having a Dad has influenced him to be a very supportive dad (House tour). Nobody recruited Steph for college. He had to develop his own ability to become recognized as one of the best players.
  - Reflect on their journey. What worked and what didn't work. How have they been reshaped?
  - **Steph Curry**
  - **Jimmy Butler**
    - **House Tour**
      - **Entrepreneur.** Has a coffee business called “Big Face.” “First BigFace coffee shop here in my own home” “BigFace coffee is eventually that I really started in the bubble and it just started with a love for coffee. Since then I’ve been able to build an incredible team behind BigFace to help make all this stuff come to life. After Basketball, this is what I want to be doing”
      - **Speaks About Daughter and Kids** While in the bedroom: “The night ritual is my daughter comes running in here from the other room and jumps on the bed because she doesn't want to go to sleep like kids do.” He watched “Bluey” with his daughter. “As often as I should get great sleep in my bed cause of my kids, I do not. But I love y'all I really do.”
      - In the Kitchen he has a “baby chair” at the island for his child to be with him.



- “If the kids are taking a bath you cant leave the kids unsupervised because they just drink the pee water which I dont understand why kids do that”
- “Thanks for coming through, kids must be fed and I must play dominoes”
  - **Analysis:** Growing up in a lifestyle without a father figure, Jimmy expresses a lot of love for his children and being there for them. Something that he didnt experience throughout his life. His childhood likely influenced his life as a father.