

Storyline Composition Process: Some Suggestions

When creating your storylines (which are, remember, *scripts to be acted out*), it would be helpful to proceed according to the following step-by-step plan:

- Brainstorm ideas (Start by establishing the key conflict.)
- Outline action
- Define characters
- Improvise dialogue
- Solidify dialogue
- Rehearse/Record
- Review the Storyline Presentation Rubric posted on the Blog

A little elaboration on the above: it will be helpful for members of your team *to work together* to improvise dialogue. When drafting, get as much dialogue down on paper as fast as you can. After, go back and solidify the dialogue: fill in gaps, revise weak lines, delete others, and add lines as necessary. Plan to write multiple drafts of your script. And continue to revise the script as you rehearse and again after you listen to a recorded version.