

Scriptwriting: Film

SCRIPTWRITING IN THE CLASSROOM

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Note: typical film scripts contain more than just dialogue. Have your students notice all other terms and directions embedded in these types of scripts, often called screenplays.



To Kill A Mockingbird

Scout reads to her father

Download these
[pages](#) from the
screenplay for
this scene
from the film



Because of Winn Dixie

Download page 1 from the book, [Because of Winn-Dixie](#) – have your students create the opening scene (Opal inherits a dog) using the [blank storyboard](#)

Recommended Resources:

- [Language of Film-Scriptwriting](#) (Recommended readings; resources; lesson plans; texts, videos)
- [Film/Scriptwriting periodicals](#)
- [The Language of Film: Screenwriting](#) Teachers Resource Guide (YMI, Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences)
- [Writing Screenplays](#) (UK)
- [Scripting Screenplays: An Idea for Integrating Writing, Reading, Thinking, and Media Literacy](#). English Journal, v84 n2 p86-91 Feb 1995
- [Screenplay Format](#) (Wikipedia)
- [Tickets, please: plug in the DVD player–watching movies in class can improve kids’ reading and writing skills in some surprising ways](#)
- [Internet Script Database](#)
- [Scriptologist](#)
- [Film Script Terminology](#)
- [Drew’s Script-o-Rama](#)
- [How Screenplays are constructed](#) (UK resource)
- [How to format a screenplay](#) (Scriptologist)
- [How to write a screenplay](#) (The Visual Writer)
- [Scriptwriting/New Scripts](#) (BFI)
- [Screenwriting Glossary](#)

- [Teacher's Guide to Making Student Movies](#) (Scholastic)
- [Writing for Moving Images](#) (BBC)