

Unit #5 – Assignment #1 – TEN MINUTE PLAY

1. Write an outline for a ten-minute play for five characters and a specific location.

Choose a location from the list below – then choose two characters from the “Men” category, two from the “Women” category, and one from the “Either” category. Make sure you designate one of these characters as your lead character.

2. Revise your outline until you feel it has a clear beginning, middle and end, and that your lead character either accomplishes their unwavering want; or learns something important; or undergoes a significant change (or all three). Don't forget to include a compelling conflict or obstacle for your lead.

3. Once you are happy with your outline, **write the actual short play**. (ten pages maximum)

Make sure you use ANMT standard formatting.

LOCATION/EVENT

In the elevator stuck between floors
The bridal suite on the honeymoon night
Grandma's 90th birthday
A window ledge during the Great Depression
The day of the wedding
A cemetery
The Titanic five minutes after the ice-berg hit
Friday the 13th

MEN

The man with something in his backpack
The hunky pizza delivery boy
The stuttering priest
The man from another planet
The man with a disease
Osama bin Laden
The man who plays organ at the silent movie theatre
The theatre usher
The man who took too much Viagra this morning
The man with an ear-trumpet (or hearing aid)
The man who forgot his galoshes
The prince-in-disguise
The man who's a picketing union worker
Matt Damon's stand-in
The marine
The man whose wife blew up in a hot-air balloon accident
The man with the toupee

WOMEN

The girl from Ipanema
The girl who cannot tell a lie
The color-blind woman
The bridesmaid
The ghost of Ethel Merman
Barbara Walters
The nun
The woman whose implants need fixing
The overweight stripper
The girl who received honorable mention in the beauty pageant
The woman whose bunions are killing her today
The girl who's lost her contact lens
The woman who was paid to giggle on the laugh-tracks for TV sit-coms

EITHER (you get to choose – Male or Female)

The famous chef
The Orthodox Jew
The oboe player who's lost a reed
The Siamese twins (played by one person)
The crooked banker
The singing telegram delivery person
The ex-TV soap opera star
The mayor of a very small town
The redhead with a secret