

**Class Title:** Screenwriting

**Category:** Communication

**Grades:** 6-12

**Format:** Online / Google Classroom

*Note: This will be a different Google Classroom than is required by your mentor, but works in a similar fashion. The class CODE will be sent to your email address the week before class starts.*

**Day and Time of the Week:** Once a Week / Asynchronous for 8 weeks

*\*Information and Assignments will be posted on Monday mornings and you will have a week to complete each task/assignment when it works best for you as long as you keep up with deadlines.*

**FIRST WEEK:** January 20th

**LAST WEEK:** March 10th

**Total Hours Required:** 16 (2 hours each week for 8 weeks)

**Additional Time:** Possibly extra time working and writing as needed.

**Location:** Online / Google Classroom

**Instructor:** Mark Ring

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**Qualifications:** Michigan Teacher Certification / Grades 6-12 / English, Film and Drama

**Course Description:** This class will serve as an introduction to the art of screenwriting for film and television. It will go over the basics of screenplay writing by using some fun exercises and will also allow you to write your own original screenplay.

### **Weekly Schedule**

Week 1: What is a Screenplay and Identifying the Parts of It

Week 2: Screenplay Exercise #1

Week 3: Screenplay Exercise #2

Week 4: Writing Your Own Screenplay for a Short Film / Brainstorming Ideas

Week 5: Outlining Your Script and Developing Your Ideas, Characters and Conflict

Week 6: Draft 1

Week 7: Draft 2

Week 8: Final Screenplay Due

**Hours:** This class requires at least 2 hours worth of work each week for 8 Weeks (16 hours). It might be more depending on how invested you are in the class and what you are specifically trying to accomplish with each piece.

### **Assessment and Expectations**

Students will be assessed on their level of participation in the class each week as well as meeting the writing requirements of the assignments that are given. They should be submitting work each week and responding to the instructor's comments.

**Class Policies:** It is expected that you are participating each week and trying every writing exercise. Assignments will be posted on a weekly basis. If you miss a week, it is expected that you will make up the assignment ASAP unless it is an emergency type of situation.