

Inciting Incident

Name:

Inciting Incident Screenwriting Assignment

The Assignment: You will write the Inciting Incident for the feature length screenplay you have been developing. Write your scene on Celtx. It should be a fully written scene that includes all elements of a screenplay.

- Slug Lines
- Action
- Dialogue
- Character Introductions (if necessary)

Inciting Incident: The Inciting Incident is the scene that radically upsets the balance of the character's life. It is usually NOT the first scene of a film, but is near the beginning. Think of it as the scene that gets the ball rolling for the main story of the film.

Examples:

Dog Day Afternoon: The Inciting Incident is the scene when the police arrive at the bank.

Citizen Kane: The Inciting Incident is the scene when Thompson is sent to find out what Rosebud means.

Chinatown: The Inciting Incident is the scene when Gittes finds out that Mrs. Mulwray did not actually hire him.

Requirements: You must meet the following Criteria for Success in order to receive full credit.

1. Your scene should include all proper screenplay formatting elements (Slug Lines, Action, Dialogue, etc.).
2. Your scene should be between 5 and 15 pages long.
3. Your scene should ACTUALLY be the Inciting Incident of the story (see definition above).
4. Your scene should contain NO spelling or grammar errors (unless important for character dialogue).
5. Your scene should reflect writing from the inside-out (are characters' actions and dialogue written to reflect character motivation and background, NOT what YOU would say or do?).
6. You also need to complete your Story Doc. I will be reading it too. The Story Doc gives me context for your Inciting Incident. If you have changed your story, you need to update your Story Doc.
7. This sheet. You will submit it on the due date: Friday 10/26

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Feedback: