

## CADETTE SCREENWRITER BADGE – MEETING 2

**Badge Purpose:** When you've earned this badge, you'll know how to create a screenplay for a show or movie.

**Activity Plan Length:** 1.5 hours

Time	Activity	Materials Needed
15 minutes	Getting Started <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin the meeting by reciting the Girl Scout Promise + Law.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Girl Scout Promise and Law poster
20 minutes	Plot Your Story <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create an outline for a story to write.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Plot Chart (one per girl) <input type="checkbox"/> Writing utensils
35 minutes	Write It Out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start writing your story.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Plot Chart (from Activity #1) <input type="checkbox"/> Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Writing utensils
10 minutes	Share Out + Snack Chat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share excerpts from the story you wrote.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Script from Activity #2 <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy snack
10 minutes	Wrapping Up	<input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Make New Friends lyrics poster

### Getting Started

Time: 15 minutes

Materials Needed: (Optional) Girl Scout Promise and Law poster

Welcome everyone to the meeting, recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

### Activity #1: Plot Out Your Story

Time: 20 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 4 – Build the plot

Materials Needed: Plot Chart (one per girl); writing utensils

Prep Needed:

- Print out enough plot charts for everyone attending the meeting.
- A great writer knows that sometimes you need to prep before starting to write. Use the plot chart to start planning your script.
  - After about 10 minutes, find a partner and bounce ideas off each other.
  - By the end of this activity, you will have a plan for when you start writing.



## Activity #2: Write It Out

Time: 35 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 5 – Write a 12-page script – and share it!

Materials Needed: Plot Chart from Activity #1; paper; writing utensils

1. Using your plot chart, start writing! The first thing you should do is find a space that is comfortable to you.
2. Once you are settled, write for 30 minutes straight. This can be challenging, but set a timer to let you know when you should end writing. Write whatever comes to your mind; give yourself permission for it not to be perfect!
3. Once you have written for 30 minutes, spend 5 minutes reading what you wrote and making small edits.
4. Exchange your work with a partner to get some feedback on what you have written. Remember good feedback isn't about pointing out flaws—it's providing suggestions for improvements.
5. When you leave your meeting, you should plan to continue working on your script. Bring back a script to the next meeting that is at least 12 pages long.

## Activity #3: Share Out + Snack Chat

Time: 10 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 5 – Write a 12-page script – and share it!

Materials Needed: Script from Activity #2; healthy snack

1. While you share the rough draft of your script with others, enjoy a healthy snack!

## Wrapping Up

Time: 10 minutes

Materials Needed: (Optional) Make New Friends lyrics poster

Close the meeting by singing Make New Friends and doing a friendship circle.

## More to Explore

- Field Trip Ideas:
  - Go to your local library or a coffee shop for a quiet place to work. Bonus: the library has tons of reference materials for you to use!
  - Attend a writer's workshop to experience what professional writers do during their day.
- Speaker Ideas:
  - Invite an editor to your meeting to talk about the proofreading process.
  - Connect with someone who writes content for a YouTube channel and discover more about what goes into making a viral video.



# The Five Parts of a Plot

Use this sheet of paper to take notes and outline the screen play you will write.

1. **Background Info:** We meet the protagonist, and find out their general circumstances and goals. *Example: The understudy who's painfully shy and doesn't want to go onstage.*

My Notes:

2. **The Kickoff Incident:** Our hero is launched into their story whether they like it or not. *Example: The lead actor gets the flu; the understudy must take over the starring role.*

My Notes:

3. **The Lead-up:** Most of the action happens here as the plot twists unfold, the characters develop, and the story moves towards the climax. *Example: The understudy develops a stutter and keeps messing up their lines – until the stage manager starts helping them.*

My Notes:

4. **The Climax:** The moment when the hero shows the world – and themselves – what they've got. *Example: On opening night, the stage manager is sick. But against all odds, the show must go on!*

My Notes:

5. **The Wrap-up:** The tying up of loose ends. *Example: While the show did not get the best reviews, our hero delivered their lines perfectly and started a new friendship with the stage manager.*

My Notes:

Source: This worksheet was adapted from the "Five Parts of a Plot" found in the Screenwriter Badge Description.

