

## Your First Screenwriting Task

### 1) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

**In screenplay format, write an interesting conversation that conveys some sort of emotion.**

→ Aim for about two pages for this first go. → Try to give the characters some personality and think about how to make the dialog authentic – it is your first attempt, see what you can do!

*And the story doesn't need an epic start; drop us in the scene/situation, even the middle of the conversation. You do need a line/a few lines of setting the scene (the "Action Line" below), but we don't need too much information.*

### 2) FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS (directions/how-tos on class website "Writing in Celtx")

#### → **A scene heading**

must begin with INT. or EXT. (interior or exterior)

then a brief location

then general time of day

Example: INT. CLASSROOM - MIDNIGHT

Have your 2-4 printed screenplay pages handy! Use them as a reference.

#### → **The action line**

a description/explanation of the scene – where are they, who's there

it writes like a paragraph/prose... but **ONLY WHAT YOU CAN SEE OR HEAR**

be brief but descriptive

#### → **Characters**

#### → **Dialog**

Due: **Tuesday, September 18** – printed copy due at the start of class.