

ABBREVIATED SCENE STRUCTURE

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Action Scene Structure:

1. Beginning

Orientation:

POV
Location
Time
Environment
Hook

2. Middle:

Goal
Conflict/opposition
Stakes
SUES—Something Unexpected in Every Scene
Create motion
Evocative detail: Senses (i.e., motion, audio, visual, smell, taste, etc.)

3. Ending:

Disaster/change
Curtain line/prompt

Reaction Scene Structure

1. Beginning:

Orientation:

POV
Location
Time
Environment
Hook

2. Middle:

Reaction: Emotional Response
Dilemma/quandary:
Rationalization
Review what disaster means
Consider options
Search for new course of action

3. End:

Decision:

Arrive at a new goal

Action:

Embarks on new plan
Curtain line/Prompt