

## Writing a Treatment for a Short Film

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A treatment is a detailed outline of your film from start to finish. Treatments are a very popular way of attracting attention from studios or people in the industry when you do not have a completed script ready. Your treatment should be short and snappy so that it grabs peoples attention.

There are several different approaches to writing a treatment, however we will break our treatment into the following sub-categories:

### **Concept:**

Write a brief summary of the idea behind your short film

### **Genre & Tone:**

What is the style and tone of your film? *Action, Comedy, Drama, Musical, etc...*  
(Check out this site for more info on Film Genre: <http://www.filmsite.org/filmgenres.html>)

### **Story:**

A short-hand outline of the film where key moments or scenes are put as a header.

*Example:*

#### **THE BOMB GOES OFF**

The passenger ship splits in two and swiftly sinks to the bottom of the sea

### **Camera & Lighting:**

Discuss the types of camera movements, shots, and angles to be used. Also consider the lighting needed for your film.

### **Music & Special Effects:**

Discuss the music and special effects you intend to use and the desired impact they will have on your film.