

Script Writing Checklist

Handout F

Directions: Read the script description and view the primary source below. Then use the information to answer the questions that follow.

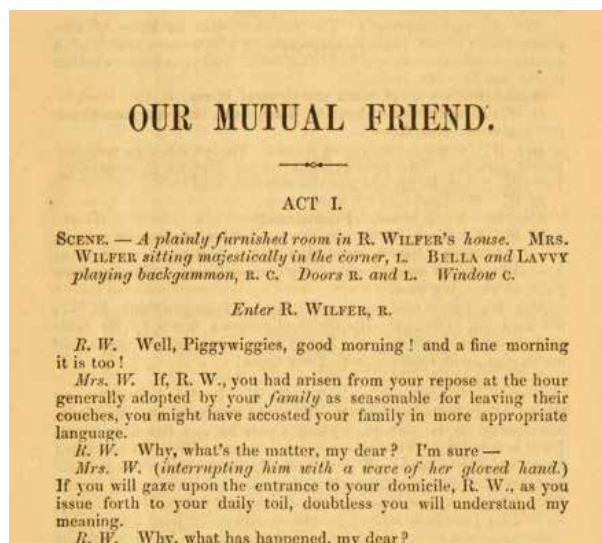
What is a script?

A script is a style of writing used for performing. The text is written so that actors know how to bring a story to life. There are many styles of scripts, but they usually contain dialogue between characters, movement directions for the actors, sound effects, and stage or screen descriptions.

In the primary source below find and circle the following:

1. An actor's line- Something an actor would say in this play.
2. A character- The name of a character in the play.
3. A stage description- What the stage should look like in the background.
4. A prop- An item an actor will touch or interact with in the scene.

Primary Source



Our Mutual Friend by Shattuck and Dickens, 1879

Your Turn

Write your own script below using what you have learned about industrialization and immigration. It could be as simple as two students talking to each other about class. Some more ideas might be: two young women during industrialization; one worker describing it to a new immigrant or two factory owners and their perspective. Be creative!

Your script should include:

1. At least 2 characters
2. Labeled dialogue
3. 1 setting description
4. Description of 3 sounds or visuals
5. Definitions and historical examples of industrialization and immigration

Check your work

Look over your script carefully. Using the list below, mark each line with a check if that item is included in your script. If you missed something, go back and add it into your script.

Do you have:

- ☐ At least 2 characters
- ☐ Labeled dialogue
- ☐ 1 setting description
- ☐ Description of 3 sounds or visuals
- ☐ Definitions and historical examples of industrialization and immigration