



SIGGRAPH 2005 Course Notes
Anyone Can Make Quality Animated Films!
-The 8 Basic Steps to Success-

Story Development Check List

1. What is the genre?

- Keep it simple - combinations
- Know the possibilities & limitations of your genre
- Focus beyond the genre cliques

2. What is your premise?

- Story idea
- Conflict

3. What is your theme?

- Consider the meaning of the story
- Allow for flexibility

4. Who are your characters?

- How many?
- Consider who is the main focus

5. What is your setting?

- Period
- Duration
- Location

6. Write a short summary of your story (1-2 paragraphs) based on the premise.

7. What is the basic content of your story?

- Consider emotion, tone and technology

8. Who is your audience?

- Go beyond male/female

9. What kind of budget do you need?

- Consider content of the story

10. What intrigues you about your story?

11. Develop a working title

- Sum up the idea of your story

12. What kind of emotional response do you want from the audience?