**Story Exercise**

**Theme: Connections**

*IDS-252 3D Animation*

Collaborator Names: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Characters: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Get together with a partner. Pick two “characters” that are different but connected, e.g. pencil & eraser, earth & moon, spoon & fork, letter & mailbox, book & kindle. Assign one of the characters to each partner. Each person should independently answer the questions in Part 1 below for their character (don’t look at what your partner writes until you are done!)

# Part 1:

1. What is the name of your character (e.g Bernie)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Complete the following statements about your character (*be brief – one sentence only*)
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s (e.g. Bernie’s) favorite thing in life is ….
   2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s most feared thing in life is ….
   3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was not the sort of character who …
   4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ always secretly dreamed of …

# Part 2

Get back together with your partner and answer the following:

1. Assume your characters have known each other for a long time. What is the dynamics of their relationship? For example: What brings them together? How do they each view the other? Build on your answers in Part 1.
2. The story begins one day when we find them together. What unusual thing happens that day? (Create a simple story that builds on your answer to the previous question.) Note: Story is about conflict (tension), crisis (turning point), resolution (change or epiphany).
   1. What is the conflict?
   2. What is the crisis?
   3. What is the resolution?
3. Show, don’t tell. No dialogue is allowed. Your story must be told through the characters actions and supported through the use of camera, props, and lighting.
   1. Explain how you can clearly “show” the inner emotions, desires, and fears of your characters?
   2. Explain how you can clearly show the meaning of the interaction of your characters.