## **Pre-Production Planning Document (MONTAGE)**

## **GENERAL INFO**

Your Name: Taylor Sniffen
 PROJECT: Montage of a place

## **CREATIVE BRIEF**

- 1. What must it be?
- A montage about a specific and intriguing place.
- 2. Who is it for?
- My classmates and professor.
- 3. How long must it be?
- About a minute or so long.
- 4. What is your objective with the piece?
- To show the beauty and interest of the place
- 5. When is it due?
- In a week from today on Sunday 4/11
- 6. What is the overall idea?
- To show the beauty the fun and the interesting terrain of Sandy Hook park and beach.
- 7. What is the storyline summary?
- The montage opens on the front of Sandy Hook, and then shows the three different places that you can explore at Sandy Hook including the interesting abandon fort, the beach and the lighthouse
- 8. Elevator pitch:
- A closer look at the interesting and beautiful Sandy Hook fort and beach.
- 9. Tagline:
- 10. Look and feel description (including "pacing"):
- It will have a slower pace as it is going to be showing off all of the interesting places and buildings and views at Sandy Hook.

# **QUESTIONS / NOTES**

#### SUBJECT:

- 1. Why did you choose this location?
- It's been one of my favorite places to visit with my friends all my life. It has cool buildings to explore while hiking, awesome views and a beautiful beach.
- 2. Location ideas:
- Shots of the beach both wide and close up of the tide, and the animals on the beach, shots of the
  intricate hiking trails abandon fort building that are fun to explore. Shots of the light house and people
  enjoying the views

#### **NARRATION/HOST:**

- 3. Who will lead us through the piece?
- I will be leading the narration in this
- 4. Narration ideas:
- I will talk about each section of the park and give fun details and facts about what the fort was in the
  past what the lighthouse was used for and the fun attractions it offers in the summer.

#### MUSIC:

- 1. What is overall "mood" and "feel" of the piece?
- It will be fun and informative
- 2. Music track ideas:
- Upbeat music but nothing with too much of an aggressive beat, I still want it to be calm and serene.

#### **AMBIENT AUDIO:**

- 1. What is the "location" of the piece? If we close our eyes, where should we imagine that we are?
- You should be at the beach
- 2. Ambient audio ideas:
- waves crashing, sea breeze, and seagulls cawing.

#### **SOUND EFFECTS:**

- 1. What sound effects (SFX) would help tell this story? Why?
- Boats honking, people laughing and playing the sand.
- 2. SFX ideas:

#### **PERMISSIONS:**

- 1. Am I allowed to film here? Do I need permission and/or a permit?
- Yes.
- 2. Will any people be in my shots? Do I need permission and/or release forms?
- There may be a few people but not many really due it still being cold here and not beach season.

#### **GENERAL:**

- 1. What gear do I need to pack and bring with me for the shoot? Film gear, sunscreen, water, etc.
- Camera, tripod, extra batteries, water
- 2. How will I transport everything and keep it safe?
- I have a large camera bag backpack that holds all my things, and it goes on my back.
- 3. Are there any potential hazards or complications at this location?
- I can't go if it's raining and there are some unsafe places and uneasy terrain but I've gone enough times in life that I know it pretty well.

# **SCRIPT**

Name: Taylor Sniffen
Title: Sandy Hook Park

Sample: Sample:	
ļ ,	ent audio — winter wind,
rustling leave	es)
WS dead trees in winter, CU	
decaying leaves	
CU barren branches blowing in the	
wing.	
=   ` ·	l rustling as beach
leaves into black waves and seag	gulls fade in).
CU coming out of black on to the VOICE OVER:	
	d gloomy winter there
<u> </u>	e that offers, sandy
EXT. SANDY HOOK - DAY beaches, beaut	king paths and so much
WS establishing shot, shoreline more"	Ixing pacins and so much
ws establishing shot, shoteline more	
WS pathways and dunes Sandy Hook is	both a historic
	and beautiful beach.
no ozonaz pazn	
CU waves crashing (Begin music -	- few seconds)
'	background level)
	,
	you can enjoy the warm
	shing ocean, rent boats
<u> </u>	down the coastline or
= =	elaxing walk to look at
	species of birds living
· ·	otic seashells, or go
CU fort signage surf fishing.	
WS of abandon fort buildings (SFX children	laughing, waves
ws of abandon fort buildings (SFX children crashing)	raughting, waves
MS stairs leading up abandon	
<u> </u>	out the warm summer
	till worth a trip. The
	ing trials, salt marshes
	ests are fun for
CU hands brushing against decaying everyone.	
walls	
And many of th	ne trails take you
around the old	d remains of Fort
ECU old fort weaponry Hancock that w	vas built on Sandy Hook
	as decommissioned in
1974.	

(SFX - canon fire, troops marching)

The old buildings serve as history frozen in time and as monuments to everyone who served there.

Now many of them lay dormant while other parts of the peninsular are used by the U.S Coast Guard.

WS rack focus to lighthouse

OTS of people walking up to Lighthouse

CU lighthouse sign

MS panning up the lighthouse

EWS other beautiful places on Sandy Hook.

WS pulling away from the exit

Of course, the main staple of the park... is the lighthouse. It is the oldest operating lighthouse in the United States. The National Park owns the octagon shaped tower while the Coast Guard maintains the light for them.

The lighthouse dates back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century and has been guiding ships to safety ever since 1764.

And now it (emphasis here) and all the other beauties of the park guide tourist to come and visit.

(Fade music up)
(Fade music and ambient out)

### **STORYBOARDS**

Sketch out a storyboard, in sequential order, for **each** of the visuals listed in your script above. Be sure to clearly show the kind of shot (i.e. WS - Wide Shot, CU - Close Up, ECU - Extreme Closeup, O/S – Over Shoulder), and indicate any camera or subject movement. You might want to make a note of what this is and why this shot is important (i.e. "establishing shot for barn", "show detail of blue flowers", "show reflection of tree in fountain", "visitor walking from right to left in frame", etc.).

Print out and sketch (hand draw) on the separate *Storyboard Template* document, then scan or snap a photo of it to add the completed storyboards here (as JPG files). Make sure they are in order as the audience will see them.



