

**MOVIE FOR NETWORK TELEVISION
7-Act Format Worksheet**

ACT I	
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12	(cliffhanger)

ACT II	
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18	(cliffhanger)
ACT III	
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24	(biggest cliffhanger!)

Act I approximately 20 minutes long with 12 scenes to cliffhanger.
 Scene 1, get to know or become interested in the protagonist.
 Scene 2, inciting incident that cranks plot into action.
 Scene 3, progressive complications start here.
 Acts II and III each approximately 12 minutes long with 6 scenes, ending with a cliffhanger; Act III ends with the biggest cliffhanger.

HOUR STATION BREAK

ACT IV	
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30	(cliffhanger)
ACT V	
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36	(cliffhanger)

ACT VI	
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42	(crisis cliffhanger)
ACT VII	
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Each act about 12 minutes long with progressive, escalating complications and crises, ending in a cliffhanger.
 Act VI: scenes 41 and 42, crisis and a decision.
 Act VII, story reaches climax.
 Scene 48, resolution.