

3 ACT STORY STRUCTURE FOR 2 MINUTE INBOUND VIDEO SUCCESS

INT. INTERVIEW SETTING WIDE

Camera 1 dollys left through studio setting to reveal Andy in interview setting.

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Many online videos may be informative but fall well short of being engaging

Camera 2 close up.

ANDY

And therefore, despite a company's best efforts, they lose their audience before the desired message is ever delivered.

TITLE: INBOUND TV

INT. OFFICE

We see Andy setting up camera.

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So, getting the camera pointed in the right direction is a good start, but it's not enough to maintain audience interest.

Camera 2 close up

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and you want to be genuine. You don't want to become a clown or stand up comedian in order to capture a viewer either. So here is another solution.

We see Andy taking notes on creating videos on scratch pad cut to detail of writing "Organizing Video Structure".

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Organizing a simple video with a solid narrative structure can both inform and capture interest and this is where most people need a little help developing a good idea into a strong story.

Camera 1 wide.

ANDY

In order to accomplish this, we can think of our message in terms of classic 3 act structure that is found in novels, plays, and films.

Detail of scratch pad. Writing "ACT 1: Establish setting and problem to be resolved"

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In "Act 1" we are introduced to the setting, characters, and the problem or conflict. Usually, the conflict comes to a point that requires action.

Camera 2 close with black and white treatment.

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For the purposes of short content video, Act 1 can be kept brief but with a strong hook to engage your audience's attention.

Camera 1 wide (studio reveal)

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In this video for example, we started with a strong statement about how many educational online videos fail, and by using an interview setting we established the scene and a subject matter expert.

Camera 2 close with black and white treatment.

ANDY

In the second act, further complications can be encountered but also partnerships that can lead to a positive solution.

Detail of scratch pad. Writing "ACT 2: Path to solution is revealed"

In our case, how utilizing a 3 act structure can solve the issue of non-engaging content and help achieve the goal of advancing your organizations story or video message.

Camera 2 close

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In the third and final act, the problem is resolved, we learn how the journey has changed the characters forever, and next steps are suggested.

Detail of scratch pad. Writing "ACT 3: Resolution and next steps"

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It might take a little work upfront

Camera 1 (wide)

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but organizing your video messages in this fashion can help maintain your online audience long term.

Andy is editing in the production suite.

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In addition to the narrative, online viewers demand a faster paced visual dialogue to maintain interest

Camera 1 dollies right exiting studio setting.

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so we'll talk about the visual story and treatments in our next video.