Typical Comments You Might Receive About
Your Screenplay on Turnitin.com

<u>Action Formatting</u>: Action should be formatted to standard margins and should be upper/lower case.

<u>Character Description/Formatting</u>: The character's name should be in all caps formatted to standard margins with the character's description beginning on the next line it in upper/lower case formatted to standard margins.

<u>Dialog Formatting</u>: Dialog should be formatted with the character's name in all caps, centered on one line. The dialog should be formatted left-justified, in upper/lower case beginning on the next line down set to a 2 1/2-inch margin on the left side and 2-inch margin on the right side.

<u>Lighting Formatting</u>: Special Lighting (anything other than basic, overhead lighting) needs to be formatted in all caps, left justified.

<u>Manual Page Break</u>: Set a manual page break (Insert > Break > Page Break) to separate your title page from the rest of your screenplay or to keep dialog from splitting and running from the bottom of one page to the top of another page.

<u>Mixed Content</u>: Mixed dialog, action, description, SoundFX, shot types, and/or lighting details. Keep setting and character descriptions, dialog, action, shot types, SoundFX, and Lighting details separate from each other - each type is formatted slightly differently.

<u>Screenplay Tense</u>: Screenplays should be written in present tense. Except for dialog, everything should be happening right now.

<u>Screenplay Title Page</u>: Your screenplay needs a title page. A screenplay should include the title of the film/story, screenwriter's (your) name, the original author's name, the date, the class, and what draft it is (rough or final).

Shots/Camera Movements: This wouldn't be viewed as one continuous, wide shot. It would be a sequence of short shots showing different angles, points of view, and details within the scene.

What type of shot is the audience viewing during this part of your screenplay? Is the camera moving during the shot? Shot types and camera movements are written in ALL CAPS, left-justified, with regular margins.

Mixed Content: SHOT & ACTION: Try to not mix action in with the shot. Limit the shot to just shot type, shot angle, & generally what is seen. Think of the shot as a paused picture. Describe what you see, but not what is happening.

Think of the action as when you hit play. Explain what is happening within the frame.

SLUG LINE/Setting Description: The slug line should be written on one line in upper case with standard, margins. Immediately below the slug line should be a description of that location (unless described previously) written in upper/lower case with standard margins.

Small Numbers: Spell out small numbers

SoundFX Formatting: SoundFX need to be formatted in all caps, left justified.

Regular Margins: Your regular margin should be 1.5" on the left, 1" on the right, 1" on both the top and bottom.

Font: The font should always be COURIER at a size of 12 points.

SAME MISTAKES — KEEP FIXING: Same mistakes through here. See other comments and fix this section.

Spelling: Spelling Error

Delete: Take out this highlighted portion. It might already have been stated previously or might not be needed.