Sample Script Format
Mr. Oncay's Language Arts

Use FONT: **courier**, SIZE: 12pt

                              Title
                    Character Names
                    MR. ONCAY - a teacher
                    CHRISTOPHER - a student
                    HELENA - a student
                    ALAN - a student

ACT ONE - A CLASSROOM
A regular classroom with some plants and posters.
Mr. Oncay is standing at the front of the room.

                        MR. ONCAY
                    (Looking around the room with a smile on his
                    face and holding a sample page)
        Good afternoon class. You'll be learning the script
        format today. This is the dialogue which begins with
        a single block indent and goes all the way over to the
        right margin. Lines of dialogue are single-spaced. If
        you want stage directions within a speech, use the
        following format.
                    (pause and point to page)

        It is important that you use the provided sample to
        help you. You can download it from my website. Make
        sure you know the format for short stage directions
        too.
                    (pause again)

        Especially you there, in the back, the one making
        strange faces at someone standing outside.
                    (beat)

        Do you understand?

                        CHRISTOPHER
                    (looking at MR. ONCAY with complete
                    innocence)
        Yes, I think so, and I see that you skip a line before
        the next character name. The second character's speech
        again begins one block indent from the left margin and
        runs the same way.
                    (sighs with relief when MR. ONCAY looks
                    satisfied)

The other students in the room shift in their seats, making small noises.

                           HELENA
                   (raising her hand)
        Couldn't we just use bold or italics to make things
        easier to read?

                       CHRISTOPHER
                   (to a classmate)
        How did I know that she'd have a question...

                       MR. ONCAY
                   (to HELENA)
        I'm glad you noticed that.

                       ALAN
                   (to CHRISTOPHER)
        Here we go.
                   (rolls eyes)

                       MR. ONCAY
        Do you boys have an issue there?

The boys are silent.

        Thank you.

                   (to HELENA)
        Follow the format exactly, and you can't go wrong. To
        make the block indents, use that little arrow button
        when you are working-- Oh my!

Suddenly, a large creature, part man, part animal enters and roars. Mayhem ensues.