Green Screen Video Script Directions for Actors

Background: What does the actor need to know about this script to help him/her get into character.

**Video #1 (Or title) – Number of words**

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Who is this character?

Mood: Are they somber? Excited? Professional?

Dress: What kind of clothing should the actor wear?

Audio: Your audio script goes here.

Example:

Background: These videos will be used for the final, capstone class for graduate students in a Master of Public Health. They will be meeting “characters” from a fictitious coal mining town each week of their course. This town has a serious problem with opioid addiction.

**Video #1 (Week 3) – 224 words**

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Research Assistant

Mood: Professional

Dress: Professional

Audio: You know that research, data, and biostatistics are crucial for public health. This is how trends and patterns are determined and appropriate decisions are made about health promotion or intervention. I am a research assistant for the Department of Health here in Anytown; my days are consumed by quantitative and qualitative research.

I have been tasked to determine the internal and external threats to Anytown from the opioid crisis. I have been looking at data from similar cities to Anytown, trying to determine if we can apply any of the lessons learned to help combat the growing numbers of opioid overdoses. Did you know that the CDC reported that 91 Americans die each day from an opioid overdose, and in the past 15 years, the number of deaths has quadrupled? Of those deaths, half were from prescription opioids. But in those 15 years, there has not been an increase in those reporting to be in pain. Why do you think there has been an increase in overdoses and the use of prescription opioids in recent years?

I need some help collecting research. Do you have time to help me? There is just so much information out there that getting another set of eyes on the research will go a long way in helping me have the best picture of what we are up against.

**Video #2 (Week 4) – 421 words**

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Former Opioid Addict

Mood: Somber/Hopeful

Dress: Casual

Audio: When you look at me, do you think I look like an opioid addict? Well, I was. It all started off innocently enough. I had been having issues with my back to the point where I wasn’t sleeping and it affected my daily life. My doctor prescribed Percocet and it was amazing. I could finally sleep and the pain was managed while we were working on getting my back better. You have to get a doctor’s approval for more of the pain medicine, but that was easy. I was able to get refills from my doctor because my back problems took quite some time to solve. But by that point, I didn’t want to stop taking Percocet because I loved the way it made me feel. It was a prescription medication, so I thought it couldn’t be that bad. I was so incredibly wrong.

At first, it was easy to get more pills. I had three different doctors writing me a script, and I went to three different pharmacies to get them filled. I know some doctors do a much better job of monitoring the amount of prescription pain medication they prescribe, but my doctors were too busy to notice. And with my insurance, the pills were pretty cheap.

But there came a time when I got used to Percocet, and I had to take more than what was originally prescribed to feel that same feeling of floating and not quite being in control. Then, I discovered what happens when you combine the pills with wine. That did the trick for me, but it was also my downfall. I learned the hard way—by overdosing—that I had a real problem and that prescription drugs are just as deadly as illegal drugs. But I was one of the lucky ones. I survived.

That was the turning point for me. I knew then I needed help, and help is what I got. But not everyone who overdoses and survives decides to get off the drugs. That is where you come in. I would love to help you understand the mentality of being addicted to opioids. As a former addict, I know what it takes to overcome that addiction. I know that the data collected on people like me can help make decisions for combating this growing problem. I was able to easily obtain these pills. I had risk factors. And I know my story can help public health personnel make the right decisions for creating change. Let me know how I can help.