YouTube Script Template

Project brief

Working title: _____
Audience: _____
Question the video answers: _____
Target length (planning only): _____

Opening

[Write the exact opening narration. State a clear question without promising an answer your evidence cannot support.]

Main section 1

Narration: [Your words]
Visual direction: [What should appear?]
Source / factual check: [Record the source or mark as fiction]

Main section 2

Narration: [Your words]
Visual direction: [What should appear?]
Source / factual check: [Record the source or mark as fiction]

Closing

[Summarize what the video actually establishes. Add a relevant next step if needed.]

Review & recording plan

Timing budget

Spoken minutes = words / words per minute. At 120-150 wpm, 1,200 English words take about 8-10 minutes before pauses and visual holds. These are examples, not a speaking standard. Time a real read-through.

Scene review

[ ] Narration and scenes stay in the same order.
[ ] Characters, locations and props remain consistent.
[ ] Each image supports the sentence it accompanies.
[ ] Estimated timings are replaced with measured audio when available.

Sources and permissions

Source title / URL: _____
Claim or scene supported: _____
Media creator / stated license: _____
Attribution required: _____
Review source and media permissions separately.

Before recording or delivery

[ ] Review names, numbers and factual claims.
[ ] Keep narration text separate from visual directions.
[ ] Read aloud, then check subtitle wording and timing.
[ ] Confirm the final version and export the files you need.

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