SCENE ANALYSIS

From Uta Hagen's Respect for Acting

1. WHO AM I?

What is my present state of being?

How do I perceive myself?

What am I wearing?

2. WHAT ARE THE GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES?

What time is it? (year, season, day)

At what time does this scene begin?

Where am I?

What surrounds me? (the immediate landscape, setting, weather, condition of the place, nature of the objects in it, people)

What are the immediate circumstances?

What has just happened?

What is happening?

What do I expect or plan to happen next and later on?

3. WHAT ARE MY RELATIONSHIPS?

How do I stand in relationship to the circumstances, the place, the objects, and the other people related to my circumstances?

4. WHAT DO I WANT?

What is my main objective?

What is my immediate need or objective?

5. WHAT IS MY OBSTACLE?

What is in the way of my getting what I want?

How do I overcome it?

6. WHAT DO I DO TO GET WHAT I WANT?

How can I achieve my objective?

What is my behavior?

What are my actions?