



Essential Element Prop

A ball

NOTE: The prop must be handled on-screen. It may be handled by any character. Handled means that it is held in any character's hand(s) while on-screen.

Essential Element Character

Dani/Danny, a human that is a believer and changes his/her mind about his/her beliefs

NOTE: The character's name does not have to be said, but it must be clear that it is Dani/Danny, a human that is a believer and changes his/her mind about his/her beliefs.

The character must appear on-screen at some point in your film. Dani/Danny does not have to be the main character in the film, but he/she CAN be.

Essential Element Line

"You look like you stink, but you don't."

The line must be EXACT. For example, the actor cannot say, "... but you do not." You also cannot add additional words into the line. For example, the actor cannot say "You sort of look like you stink, but you definitely don't."

Failing to say the line exactly as it is written will lead to disqualification.

The line must be clear, distinct and audible.

The CC7D Steering Committee reserves the right to determine the audible clarity of the Essential Element Line.

The line can be said at the beginning of a full sentence, at the end of a full sentence or in the middle of a full sentence. It can also be the entire line.

The line may be spoken, sung and/or written.

If written, the line must appear on-screen and be clearly visible. The line may be spoken in a foreign language; however, an EXACT English translation must appear on-screen.

This essential element causes eliminations every year – **DON'T LET IT BE YOUR TEAM THAT IS ELIMINATED!**

(see reverse)

The 4th Element

The enemy of art is the absence of limitations

-- attributed to Orson Welles

The 4th Element is fulfilled if the team employs the following restrictions for each element:

Restrictions for Essential Element Prop:

The type of ball cannot be any type of ball used in sports or any sporting activity. Furthermore, the ball that is represented as the prop cannot be used for any sport or sporting activity in your film.

Restrictions for Essential Element Character

The character's belief or belief system or whatever signifies the character as a believer cannot be based in any known or unknown religions or in any known or unknown social or political movement/affiliation.

Restrictions for Essential Element Line

The essential element line must be performed by the character whose story arc is the main focus of the film.

CC7D strives to encourage filmmakers to create great stories behind the backdrop of South Texas locations.

The goal of the 2019 4th Element is to encourage creative use of the Essential Elements rather than an obvious one.