Outline of authoring steps—wk. 03—day 1 (storyboard phase 2)

- Storyboard—as described in Phase 1 handout
- Content Selection
 - ▶ List Contents—as described in Phase 1 handout
 - Work Orders (division of labor)
 - Acquisition
 - Editing/Conversion
 - Yield Director-compatible castmembers
 - Naming Conventions
 - Careful compliance with these rules for naming media files is essential to work with efficiently-created Lingo scripts (which avoid hard-coded filenames)

Reconcile 3 areas of storyboard

- ▶ Link loose ends (links crossing into another area)
- Design entry to CD-ROM as a whole, including:
 - ▶ Linear self-playing promotional segment of the CD-ROM
 - Credits
 - Help

Decide on user-interaction metaphor

- ex.: tabbed notebook, 3-D museum environment, file cabinet, etc.
- Create a "Tour Guide" character that viewers interact with?

Decide on graphic and audio "look"

- ▶ Choose a basic appearance: formal, playful, trendy, zany... that will be maintained consistently throughout CD-ROM
- ▶ Color scheme that will translate well into an 8-bit palette
- Audio needs to be broken up in brief segments so it will not interfere with user-interface responsiveness.

Decide on specific user-interface devices

- Hardware issues:
 - ▶ Forgo keyboard if we anticipate that the CD-ROM may have to play in a public kiosk. On-screen soft keyboard?
 - Reliability of sound playback. Should we assume MIDI capabilities?
- Quantity/complexity of options
 - few/simple: on-screen buttons
 - many/simple: pop-up or pull-down menus
 - many/complex: scrolling lists allowing multiple selections; editable text entry fields (for search commands)
- Iconic vs. Text labeling of user interface controls
- Sliders/Dials for continuously-variable quantities
 - ▶ May also be useful for large numbers of discrete items, like "pages".

Implement user interface

- Create User Interface graphic elements
 - Draw with Illustrator then rasterize with Photoshop
 - Paint with Photoshop
 - ▶ Model then render with 3-D programs
- Create User Interface audio elements
- Lingo programming

- Make effort to avoid ad-hoc code that must be rewritten at every new button (see Naming Conventions above).
- Cross-platform issues
 - ▶ XCMDs (Mac) and DLLs (Windows) must be avoided unless a close equivalent on the other platform can be identified.
 - Installation procedure on each platform
- ▶ Load in actual media as Director castmembers
 - Optimize color palette using DeBabelizer
 - Cross-platform issues
 - Color palettes
 - Fonts
 - Audio and graphics file formats
- Initial testing running off hard drive
- CD-ROM mastering & one-off burning
- **▶** Final testing running off CD drive
 - Can we get a relevant test population?
- **CD** replication