

## **FANTASM**

STUDY GUIDE



12·13·14 SEPTEMBER

## Introduction:

A theatrical and futuristic tour of memory, ethics and filmmaking, Fantasm is meant to challenge logic, creativity, storytelling, and multimedia ability through threerounds of immersive experiences. Delegates will unravel brain-stumping challenges, redeem classic villains and create engaging movie trailers that combine genres. Only the most creative and versatile teams will emerge victorious.

**Round 1:** 

**Delegate Count: 2-3** 

**Duration:** 3 hours 30 minutes

Delegates put themselves in the shoes of futuristic agents working to reclaim a pilfered memory implant from a protected digital vault. In order to enter the vault, teams have to navigate three science fiction-themed puzzle stations inspired by cult-classic movies.

• Station 1: Resident Evil 2 – A sequence challenge of logic questioning recall and sequence.

• Station 2: Dune Part 2 – A puzzle confusing illusion and reality.

• Station 3: The Amazing Spiderman 2 – A dream-layer puzzle of recursion and paradoxes.

Every finished station earns a 'code fragment'. Upon rotation through each of the threestations, teams have to utilize the fragments to decrypt the last vault puzzle.

Note: Round 1 may be an elimination round.

Round 2:

**Delegate Count: 2-3** 

**Duration:** 3 hours 30 minutes

Teams will be randomly assigned a classic movie villain. They would have to develop a redemption arc, changing the villain to the star of a brand-new sequel. The arc will need to feature the following:

A justified backstory twist

A moral turning point

A redemptive climax

Teams will then sell this arc to a panel of judges.

Delegates will have 30 minutes to prepare their arc and 10 minutes to deliver their pitch. The pitch will need to cover:

• The new plot

• The redemption of the villain

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**Note:** Round 2 is an elimination round. 50% of the remaining teams will make it to Round 3.

Round 3:

**Delegate Count: 2-3** 

**Duration:** 2 hours 30 minutes

The last round tests teams to combine storytelling, editing, and narration. Teams will pick three random genres (e.g. rom-com, thriller, sci-fi) and will be required to produce a 1-minute movie trailer using preloaded silent clips, narration, and genre blending. Resources allotted are the following:

• 10 –15 silent video clips (5 seconds long)

Storyboard sheets

Clip selection board

Voice-over tools

Teams will be given 10 minutes to present.

Trailers will be played in front of the audience and judges.

**Note:** Round 3 is the last round. Two teams will be Winner and Runner-up based on cumulative scores and audience response. Delegates will be given the clips one day prior. In the event of a tie, there will be a one-line impromptu pitch and the audience and judges will decide who wins.