

THEATER I - Winter Term Assignment

Playwriting Project Due January 13th, 2021

During the winter term, students will build on their script writing skills from the first semester and work on creating an original “one-act play.” Students may elect to expand on one of their previously written scenes from the first semester or write a new play based on another brainstorming activity from class. Plays will be a mix of monologues and two-three person scenes (similar to our sample *Dog Sees God* by Burt V. Royal) and will be written in correct scene writing format. Students may also choose to create this play for a physical theater or a virtual one.

Successful student projects will

- Be written in correct scene format
- Contain minimal errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation
- Feature at least one original character monologue
- Feature at least one 2-3 person scene
- Be at least 3 “scenes” long (either monologues or duologues)
- Include specific stage directions for either the physical OR virtual stage
- Incorporate any feedback from rough drafts

Final projects will be due on January 13th, 2021; however, several smaller projects will be assigned during the break that will help students to put together their final piece. Video lessons will be recorded to provide guidance for each individual assignment; students may elect to watch the recorded lecture at their convenience. Each video and accompanying assignment will be posted on Google Classroom and linked to PlusPortal; however, each assignment will be completed and written in the student’s “Winter Term Notebook” on Google Drive.

Below is our timeline of assignments:

- November 30th - Video Lesson #1: Who is the Hero?
 - Character Monologue due by Sunday, December 6th @ 11:59p
- December 7th - Video Lesson #2: Creating-A-Scene(s)
 - Scene #1 due by Sunday 13th @ 11:59pm
- December 14th - Video Lesson #3: Story Structure
 - Scene #2 due by Sunday 20th @ 11:59pm
 - **Feedback will be given before Monday the 21st to incorporate when writing your plays!**

- **Tuesday, January 5th by 11:59p**
 - **Rough Draft of Play is due on Google Classroom!**

- **Wednesday, January 13th by 1pm**
 - **Final Draft of Play due on Google Classroom with notes incorporated from the rough draft submission!**

Final projects will be graded according to the following scale:

Character Monologue, Scene, Story Structure - 10 pts. each

Rough Draft - 10pts.

Final Play - 60pts.

Final project grades will be out of 100 pts. and will be tallied into a student's second semester grade under "Final projects, performance tasks, & exams"