

WRITING SCRIPTS FROM NEWS STORIES

AGES: Elementary School, Middle School, High School, College

DESCRIPTION

Adapt scripts from stories in the news!

FULL LESSON PLAN

1. Examine the section of the newspaper you have and select stories you think could be the basis for a meaningful, interesting, and/or controversial live performance. Choose news items that have mass appeal and several points of view that can be researched. You do not have to limit your options to hard news. Unique, quirky ideas can lend themselves to informative, entertaining presentations. Make a list of all the stories and topics you find. These will be shared.
2. Select a news story that you can develop a scene or monologue from. These works will include dramatized versions of actual words stated by people involved in the news stories selected.
3. Locate first-person sources to enhance your script and/or other points of view about the events or issues from the news story you have chosen.
4. Your set must be very simple. Basic stage and personal props may be used, but essentially, it is your script and your characterization that tells the story!

* This activity could involve memorization of the script and a full performance.*

Scripts from News Stories

Rubric

Names:

Script is clearly related to the news story.

5 4 3 2 1

Script is detailed and creative. (x2)

5 4 3 2 1

Script shows depth of character.

5 4 3 2 1

Script Reading --- vocal characterization

5 4 3 2 1

TOTAL / 25

** Enrichment should include assessment of physical characterization **