

Journal Responses for Play Study

Directions: You will be reading a play aloud in class. Over the course of the play, people will take turns reading characters. Please volunteer as often as you wish, as reading aloud with expression and truthfulness is a great skill to have both as an actor and as a person in many circumstances outside the theatre. After each reading session has ended, please answer the following questions in your observation notebook. Keep in mind these responses will be looked for in the next notebook check.

1. Based on the text, what seems to be the theme of this play? Please support your answer from examples in the text.
2. What are the objectives of the characters in each scene? In other words, what are the characters' goals or wants throughout?
3. Do the issues of the play seem relevant to a 21st century audience? Why or why not? Please elaborate on your answer.
4. Do you think this play would be well-received by a teenage audience (such as Green Hope)? Why or why not?
5. *(to be answered after the play is finished)* Were the themes you addressed at the beginning of the play change at all? If not, no explanation is needed. If yes, explain why.
6. *(to be answered after the play is finished)* What is your critique of the play? Provide a one-paragraph critique of the play overall.