

## **Theatre Arts Beginning 10-Minute Play Project**

Goal: Write a 10-minute play.

Page Limit: 10-15 pages (in play format)

Font: Times New Roman, Courier New, or Calibri

Font Size: 12

Margins: 1 inch

Stage Directions: always in italics

Character names: always in capital letters

**The outline MUST be turned in with the final product.**

**Play submission: 1st preferred choice is to share it with me on google docs. 2nd choice is to email me your play.**

**Play must be submitted by 5:00 PM on Friday, December 13th. After that, it is late and will lose 10% each day it is late.**

Conditions & Limitations of the Play:

1. The play must take place in one location
2. The play needs to have three characters (no less than 2--no more than 4)
3. The characters need to be original (no characters that already exist)
4. The play must be original (not based on a world that already exists)
5. No language -- keep it PG
6. Content appropriate for high school (stay away from topics that are content-sensitive for teenage audiences. If you are not sure, then it is probably content-sensitive and should not be done.)
7. Your play must be written in playwriting format. This should include: description of setting, set pieces (if any), character dialogue, and stage directions.
8. Absolutely nothing offensive, racist, or derogatory to any group of people.
9. BE CREATIVE -- write the story that you want to write. Write a story that is interesting and something you would want to watch. If you can't watch your own play--then do not write that play.
10. If you write characters with dialects, do your best to create a truthful and honest representation. Do not fall into the stereotypes of the dialect.

**10-Minute Play  
Grading Rubric  
(Test Grade)**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Level 4</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 1</b>
<b>Playwriting Format -- the structure in which the play is written.</b>	The playwright has demonstrated a mastery level of the playwriting format.	The playwright has done an excellent job with the format and has very few errors throughout the final product.	The playwright has noticeable inconsistencies and errors in the format throughout the script, but the structure is present.	Significant errors in structure and format are present throughout the entire play. Little to no attempt has been made to write in a play structure.
<b>Characters in the play</b>	Characters are truly original and are distinctly different in dialogue via different traits (i.e. intelligence, social status, culture/race, etc...)	Characters are original but may lack significantly different speech patterns.	Characters may resemble other characters in existence, with inconsistencies in speech patterns--but some originality is present.	Characters are not original and have no difference in speech patterns.
<b>Story arc</b>	The play has a clear beginning, middle, and end and maintains a consistent theme throughout.	The play has a clear beginning, middle, and end but possesses inconsistencies in the theme throughout.	The play has difficulties in demonstrating a clear beginning, middle, and end and also struggles to stay consistent with the theme	The play is incomplete, or does not have a clear arc. The theme is also not apparent throughout.
<b>Conditions and Limitations Guidelines</b>	The play followed all conditions and limitations laid out in the directions.	The play mostly followed all the conditions and limitations laid out in the directions.	The play only had some representation of conditions and limitations laid out in the directions.	The play did not follow the conditions and/or limitations laid out in the directions.
<b>Page Count</b>	The play is 10-15 pages	The play is 8-10 pages	The play is 5-7 pages	The play is 5 pages or less.
<b>Total Points (100 Total)</b>	20	19-17	16-14	13-0

**Total Points:** \_\_\_\_\_/100      **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Original 10-Minute Play Outline**  
**To be completed before writing the final draft.**

**Name of Play:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CAST OF CHARACTERS (remember--2 characters minimum):**

**Name of Character 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Character 1's Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Character 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Character 2's Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Character 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Character 3's Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Character 4:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Character 4's Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the setting of your play (remember--one location for the whole play):**

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**What theme (or themes) are you focusing on for your play?**

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**Based on the plot of your play, what is the objective of each character? In other words, what is each character trying to accomplish by the time the play ends?**

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