

7. River Snag: Role-Playing

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Fun Writing at-home During Lockdown

Many students enjoy role-playing and filming. This could take a week.

Adapted for in-home students to create and share according to their circumstances.

Group -structuring a performance script to be filmed or shared online with other students.

Setting: The River

Background: A THREAT is facing the township along the river. An ELECTION is to be held on a SPECIAL DAY to select a CREATURE to challenge the Threat in a Duel on Presentation Day.

The THREAT is wasting their Future.

Characters:

Choose THREE challenger characters from:

- Murray A. Cod
- A Carping Local
- The Bore.
- Big Red
- Pest
- A Dragon Fly
- H2O
- The Frog Society
- Watcher

Concepts:

Include THREE of the following , in any way you wish:

- Snag
- Punt
- Raft
- Fin-ale
- Water Lore/Law
- Obs (observations)

SFX: Create and perform a song by a musical group such as:

- Old Salts
- Salinity Sanity
- The Nymphettes
- The Three Weeds
- Feral Fish
- The Croakers

Method of Presentation:

Choose your WEAPON against the THREAT. Use this in some way within your presentation.

- Legend
- TV Commercial
- Tall tale/tail
- Net
- Screen

5 Minute Presentation of Problem

Specify the date and significance of Presentation Day. (e.g. April 1st, February 29th, Solstice, Beginning of Summer, Festival of Flowers, Foundation Day etc)

Present a five minute solution to the Threat (and name it), indicating the views of your three chosen creatures.

Use your chosen form of weapon.

Allow each of the three characters to dramatise/suggest their election policy/platform for tackling the Threat.

Include appropriate music and/or sound effects.

Allow the audience to decide which creature is to win the election and be your representative duelling against the Threat on Presentation Day.

N.B.:

The Threat might be that the River is to be damned/dammed, Fire Blight, Pollution etc.

Possible Scenario:

The Threat is a tanker which has crashed into the river and is in danger of spilling toxic waste into the water supply. This is a snag for the festival organisers including Mayor Murray A. Cod. , The Bore and Ms PEST. Will the local Flower Festival, which is dependent upon water for prize blooms , have to be cancelled? Conflict between the legendary Native Violet supporters and those favouring the introduced exotic violet species as the Festival's symbol. The Carping Local is the florist who wants to take a punt on 'selling' artificial blooms to tourists rather than displaying free flowers by amateurs.

Fin Ale is the pop group sponsored by a Finnish beer company which is in competition with the local 'Croakers' supported by the Frog Society who sing only 'green' songs. A 'raft of ideas' is presented on how to handle the potential tanker spill and a solution is floated.

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