Dramatic Monologue

Rules

Dramatic presentation must be written or adapted from another author and performed by the student. May represent a character from history, fiction, or the Bible.

One copy of the script is due by deadline listed on Date/Deadline Page of Registration Packet. Two copies of the script, complete with stage directions, are required on ShowCase day.

All scripts must be memorized.

The script may not have been previously submitted in ShowCase with any of the same performers. The performance may not be a musical, reader’s theater, or choral speaking.

Student may wear a costume and use props as necessary. Costumes, props and equipment must be provided by the students (i.e., extension cords, sound effect equipment, furniture, etc.) and must be the sole work of students participating in the drama.

No firearms may be used, and there will be no discharge of blanks, caps, or any explosives.

Microphones are not needed, therefore, not supplied. Recorded sound effects are permitted (background music, storms, animals, gunfire, etc.).

Monologue must stay within the performance time limit of six minutes and the stage setting/striking limit of five minutes.

No adult participation will be permitted with the exception of the director, or stage setting and striking helpers.

Judging Criteria

Presentation
- convincing character portrayal
- appearance of spontaneity
- ability to handle props casually and naturally

Poise/Self-Confidence
- movements, gestures, voice inflections, diction, eye contact and posture appear natural
- proper volume and articulation

Content
- appropriate selection of topic
- effective in message and impact
- imaginative, yet believable

Delivery
- actor projects voice using diaphragm for support (not yelling)
- actor employs voice and tempo variations (not monotone)
- actor speaks with clear diction (not mumbling)
- actor recreates mood, experience, emotion of character
- actor uses emotion to bring character to a dramatic climax
- actor creates spontaneity of situation and character