

QTELL

Queens Theatre English Language Learners Play-Making Program

Workshop #1 - Introduction to Program

FOCUS: ESTABLISHING CLASSROOM COMMUNITY

- **Icebreakers:** Name Game, “Detective”
- **Focus Activity:** Partner Interviews and Presentations
- **Theater Skill-building:** Common Characteristics Musical Chairs (“Everybody Who”), “Building Bridges” Discussion
- **Key Common Core Principles:** Respond to Demands of Audience, Task, Purpose & Discipline; Demonstrate Independence; Comprehend & Critique

Workshop #2

FOCUS: ESTABLISHING CLASSROOM COMMUNITY/STORY BASICS

- **Icebreakers:** Anger Ball Toss, Numbers Passing
- **Focus Activity:** Class Code of Conduct Creation, Scene Tableaux
- **Theater Skill-building:** Story Basics Discussion, Rehearse Improvisation Activity Using Keywords
- **Key Common Core Principles:** Build Content Knowledge; Introduce Journal Writing; Demonstrate command of the conventions of English grammar

Workshop #3 - Story & Theme Basics

FOCUS: STORY & THEME BASICS

- **Icebreakers:** Zip-Zap-Zop, Mirror Exercise
- **Focus Activity:** Story Basics Discussion, Three Word Scene Rehearsal & Presentation
- **Theater Skill-building:** Rehearse/Present/Reflect on Improvisation Activity Using Keywords “Building Bridges,” Brainstorm Exploration of Theme Activity (Optional)
- **Key Common Core Principles:** Build Content Knowledge; Use Technology Capably; Demonstrate Independence, Write Complete Narrative; Demonstrate command of the conventions of English grammar

Workshop #4

FOCUS: STORY & CHARACTER EXPLORATION

- **Icebreakers:** Theatre Games, Introduce Vocal/Physical Warm-Ups
- **Focus Activity:** Brainstorm Story Ideas
- **Theater Skill-building:** Structured Improv to Develop Characters & Script
- **Key Common Core Principles:** Build Content Knowledge; Comprehend & Critique; Participate in Class Collaboration; Demonstrate ability to collaborate in small groups

Workshop #5 - Explore/Develop Story, Character & Theme

FOCUS: STORY, CHARACTER & SETTING EXPLORATION

- **Icebreakers:** Theatre Games, Vocal/Physical Warm-Ups
- **Focus Activity:** Outline Two or Three Story Possibilities
- **Theater Skill-building:** Divide Into Small Groups, Develop Characters/Setting/Plot of Story Possibilities
- **Key Common Core Principles:** Build Content Knowledge; Analyze Character Development; Demonstrate understanding of figurative language

Workshop #6

FOCUS: STORY EXPLORATION

- **Icebreakers:** Theatre Games, Vocal/Physical Warm-Ups

- **Focus Activity:** Discuss Two or Three Story Possibilities
- **Theater-making Activity:** Divide Into Small Groups, Continue Developing Characters/Setting/Plot of Story Possibilities, Share With Entire Group
- **Key Common Core Principles:** Build Content Knowledge; Build on Each Other's Ideas; Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences

Workshop #7 - Story Development

FOCUS: STORY DEVELOPMENT

- **Icebreakers:** Theatre Games, Vocal/Physical Warm-Ups
- **Focus Activity:** Continue Sharing Story Possibilities With Entire Group
- **Theater Skill-building:** Discuss & Decide Story We Want To Tell, Outline Story Points
- **Key Common Core Principles:** Build Content Knowledge; Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, etc.
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Workshop #8

FOCUS: STORY DEVELOPMENT

- **Icebreakers:** Theatre Games, Vocal/Physical Warm-Ups
- **Focus Activity:** Character Emotion Exploration
- **Theater Skill-building:** TA Provides Rough Script Outline, Students Write Dialogue for Scenes in Small Groups, Share With Entire Group
- **Key Common Core Principles:** Discuss Point of View; Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, etc.

Workshop #9 - Developing Story, Characters & Theme

FOCUS: STORY DEVELOPMENT

- **Icebreakers:** Theatre Games, Vocal/Physical Warm-Ups
- **Theater Skill-building:** Students Brainstorm Scene Connectives, Song/Movement, Small Group Develop Connectives, Share With Entire Group
- **Key Common Core Principles:** Build Content Knowledge; Produce clear and coherent writing; Use of Figurative Language

Workshop #10

FOCUS: 1ST STUMBLE-THRU OF ENTIRE ROUGH DRAFT OF SCRIPT

- **Icebreakers:** Theatre Games, Vocal/Physical Warm-Ups
- **Theater Skill-building:** TA Provides 1st Rough Draft of Script, Develop/Rehearse Script, Director Notes
- **Key Common Core Principles:** Build Content Knowledge; Adapt Speech to Contexts

Workshop #11- Developing Story, Characters & Theme

FOCUS: CONTINUE 1ST STUMBLE-THRU OF ENTIRE ROUGH DRAFT OF SCRIPT

- **Icebreakers:** Theatre Games, Vocal/Physical Warm-Ups
- **Theater Skill-building:** Develop/Rehearse Script, Director Notes
- **Key Common Core Principles:** Responding to Demands of Audience, Task, Purpose & Discipline; Journal Writing Prompts – Perspective; Adapt speech to a variety of contexts

Workshop #12

FOCUS: 2ND STUMBLE-THRU OF ENTIRE ROUGH DRAFT OF SCRIPT

- **Icebreakers:** Theatre Games, Vocal/Physical Warm-Ups
- **Theater Skill-building:** Develop/Rehearse Script, Director Notes
- **Key Common Core Principles:** Respond to Demands of Audience, Task, Purpose & Discipline; Comprehend & Critique, Use of Descriptive Details

Workshop #13 - Develop/Refine Story, Characters & Theme

FOCUS: CONTINUE 2ND STUMBLE-THRU OF ENTIRE ROUGH DRAFT OF SCRIPT

- **Icebreakers:** Theatre Games, Vocal/Physical Warm-Ups
- **Theater Skill-building:** Refine/Rehearse Script, Director Notes
- **Key Common Core Principles:** Demonstrate Command of Theatre Language; Adapt speech to a variety of contexts

Workshop #14 - Refine Story, Characters & Theme

FOCUS: LARGE & SMALL GROUP REHEARSALS

- **Icebreakers:** Theatre Games, Vocal/Physical Warm-Ups
- **Theater Skill-building:** Refine/Rehearse Script (Small Groups & Entire Ensemble), Director Notes
- **Key Common Core Principles:** Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, etc.; Participate in a variety of collaborations

Workshop #15 - Prep For Queens Theatre Culminating Event

FOCUS: LARGE & SMALL GROUP REHEARSALS

- **Icebreakers:** Theatre Games, Vocal/Physical Warm-Ups
- **Theater Skill-building:** Refine/Rehearse Script (Small Groups & Entire Ensemble), Director Notes
- **Key Common Core Principles:** Adapt speech to a variety of contexts; Participate in a variety of collaborations; Respond to Demands of Audience, Task, Purpose & Discipline