

# Unit 8: Monologues

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## Unit Overview

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In this unit, students will apply all acquired performance skills for their individual cumulative monologue presentation.

VPA.1.1.12.C.2	Formulate a process of script analysis to identify how the physical, emotional, and social dimensions of a character are communicated through the application of acting techniques.
VPA.1.1.12.C.CS2	Characters have physical, emotional, and social dimensions that can be communicated through the application of acting techniques.
VPA.1.3.12.C.1	Create plays that include well-structured plots and subplots, clear thematic intent, original characters, and technical theatrical elements appropriate to a variety of theatrical genres.
VPA.1.3.12.C.2	Create and evaluate performances by citing evidence of specific physical choices, sustained vocal technique, and clearly motivated actions.
VPA.1.3.12.C.CS1	Effective scripted and improvisational performances require informed, supported, and sustained choices by actors, directors, and designers. Theatre genres are created by combining complex narrative structures, technical theatrical elements, and thematic intent.
VPA.1.3.12.C.CS2	Presentation of believable, multidimensional characters in scripted and improvised performances requires application of specific physical choices, sustained vocal technique, and clearly motivated actions.
VPA.1.4.12.A.1	Use contextual clues to differentiate between unique and common properties and to discern the cultural implications of works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
VPA.1.4.12.B.1	Formulate criteria for arts evaluation using the principles of positive critique and observation of the elements of art and principles of design, and use the criteria to evaluate works of dance, music, theatre, visual, and multimedia artwork from diverse cultural contexts and historical eras.

## Transfer

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Students will be able to independently use their learning to...

- Synthesize basic skills and apply to individual performance
- Choose text appropriately
- Create characters based on text and personal experiences
- Perform independently
- Self-critique

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For more information, read the following article by Grant Wiggins.

## **Meaning**

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## **Understandings**

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Students will understand that...

- All acquired performance skills must be applied
- Monologues should be chosen appropriately to an actor's strengths
- Self critique assists personal skill growth
- Performing independently requires focus and concentration
- There is a difference between a monologue and a speech

## **Essential Questions**

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Students will keep considering...

- What skills are gained from independent performance?
- Who are you talking to?
- What is the point of this monologue?
- What is the difference between a monologue and a speech?
- How do you create a character when provided the small amount of monologue text?
- What are the differences between performing a monologue and a partner/group scene?
- What are the challenges of independent performance?
- How do you create a life for a character outside of a monologue?
- How are you able to apply your cumulative acting skills to your monologue performance?
- Why are creative circumstances so important to a monologue character?

## **Application of Knowledge and Skill**

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## **Students will know...**

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Students will know...

- How to apply their basic performance skills independently
- How to properly choose a monologue appropriate to their strengths
- How to bring life to an isolated character
- Given circumstances are essential to effective performance
- How to create a dynamic short performance
- How to create a life for their character from text
- Reflect on personal performance
- Focus their attention to performance
- Rehearse independently

## **Students will be skilled at...**

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Students will be skilled at...

- Characterization
- Performing alone
- Applying basic performance skills
- Finding a performance focal point

## **Academic Vocabulary**

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- Character
- Actor
- Stage
- Expression
- Emotion
- Given Circumstances
- Character biography
- Monologue
- Objective
- Focal Point
- Moment before
- Inflection

- Beat

## Learning Goal

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- Students will be able to synthesize basic skills and apply to individual performance
- Students will be able to choose text appropriately
- Students will be able to create characters based on text and own personal experiences
- Students will be able to perform independently
- Students will be able to reflect on performance

Use Documents tab to attach proficiency scale.

Select all applicable standards from the Standards tab.

Be sure to include the Anchor Standards for ELA, the Practice Standards for Math, the English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects, and the applicable Technology standards.

CRP.K-12.CRP1	Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
CRP.K-12.CRP2	Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
CRP.K-12.CRP4	Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.
CRP.K-12.CRP6	Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
CRP.K-12.CRP7	Employ valid and reliable research strategies.
CRP.K-12.CRP9	Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.

## Target 1--(Level Four)

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SWBAT:

Synthesize basic skills and apply to individual performance

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| VPA.1.3.12.C.2   | Create and evaluate performances by citing evidence of specific physical choices, sustained vocal technique, and clearly motivated actions.   |
| VPA.1.3.12.C.CS1 | Effective scripted and improvisational performances require informed, supported, and  |

sustained choices by actors, directors, and designers. Theatre genres are created by combining complex narrative structures, technical theatrical elements, and thematic intent.

VPA.1.3.12.C.CS2

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## **Target 2--(Level One)**

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SWBAT:

Choose text appropriately

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- Choose text appropriately

VPA.1.1.12.C.2

Formulate a process of script analysis to identify how the physical, emotional, and social dimensions of a character are communicated through the application of acting techniques.

VPA.1.1.12.C.CS1

Theatre and the arts play a significant role in human history and culture.

VPA.1.3.12.C.2

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VPA.1.3.12.C.CS1

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## **Target 3--(Level Four)**

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SWBAT:

Create characters based on text and own personal experiences

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VPA.1.1.12.C.2

Formulate a process of script analysis to identify how the physical, emotional, and social dimensions of a character are communicated through the application of acting techniques.

VPA.1.1.12.C.3

Apply the basic physical and chemical properties (e.g., light, electricity, color, paint, scenic construction, costumes, makeup, and audio components) inherent in technical theatre to safely implement theatre design.

VPA.1.1.12.C.CS2

Characters have physical, emotional, and social dimensions that can be communicated through the application of acting techniques.

VPA.1.1.12.C.CS3

Theatre production is an art, but it is also a science requiring knowledge of safety procedures, materials, technology, and construction techniques.

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## Target 4--(Level Four)

SWBAT:

Perform independently

- Perform independently

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## Target 5-- (Level Three)

SWBAT:

Reflect on performance

- Reflect on performance

VPA.1.2.12.A.CS2	Access to the arts has a positive influence on the quality of an individual's lifelong learning, personal expression, and contributions to community and global citizenship.
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## **Summative Assessment**

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- Individual monologue performance assessment
- Personal written reflection

## **21st Century Life and Careers**

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CRP.K-12.CRP2	Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
CRP.K-12.CRP4	Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.
CRP.K-12.CRP6	Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
CRP.K-12.CRP8	Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
CRP.K-12.CRP11	Use technology to enhance productivity.

## **Formative Assessment and Performance Opportunities**

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- Informal performances
- Peer critiques of other students.
- Self-critique.
- Short informal performances in a group participation setting.
- Stars and wishes
- Written reflection assessments.

## **Differentiation / Enrichment**

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- Enhanced communication skill
- Peer critique
- Self-critique
- Teacher monitoring/assessing
- The assessment grade is based on effort, attempt at skill, and participation. Allowing all to succeed in the activity.

## **Unit Resources**

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Rubric to follow

- Assessment Rubric
- Character Biography Guide
- Critique Sheets
- Given Circumstances, environment, emotions, situation resources
- Monologue Checklist
- Self Critique Sheet