

ONE ACT PLAY

GUIDELINES

Your original One Act play should meet the following requirements:

- Maximum length of 5 pages
- Limit to 4 characters.
- 3 clearly established scenes
 - Include headings: Scene 1, Scene 2, Scene 3
 - Make sure it includes a setting if different from previous scene
- *It is preferable that your final product is typed.*
- Please be aware that you will be turning in your final draft only.
- Final drafts are due by **Monday, April 22nd**. At that time, please also indicate by highlighting or starring which scene you feel is the strongest scene in your play.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ALLOT YOURSELF ENOUGH TIME TO INCLUDE THE REVISION PROCESS. *Here are some tips to help you figure out which revisions you will need to make:*

- Read your play aloud to yourself.
- Ask classmates to read your play aloud.
- Ask a classmate to read through your play and circle and/or make notes where they have questions or are confused.
- USE THE QUESTIONS THROUGHOUT YOUR PLAYWRITING PACKET!

FORMATTING

1. Include the title of your play on the first page, or as a cover page.
2. Include your name under the title.
3. Label each scene (Scene 1; etc.)
4. Include a setting under the scene label.
5. Make sure each character's line has its own line on the page, so your actors are not confused.
6. Remember that stage directions should be included in parenthesis.
7. At the end of each scene, include directives that tell us the scene is over (Black out, Curtain; etc.)