

Conflict In Script Writing

Grades 11-12

Educational Objective: The students will demonstrate their ability to understand the importance of conflict in their writing by writing and performing several conflict statements.

Materials Needed: Clip of “Raiders Of The Lost Ark.” Paper and pencils.

Hook: Show the beginning of “Raiders Of The Lost Ark”

Step 1: Ask the question “What does Indian Jones want?” The answer – He wants the Idol. Write on the board:

“ _____ wants _____ but _____.”

Fill in the blanks as it pertains to Indiana Jones.

“Indiana wants the idol but (list all the things get in his way).”

Guy with gun, spiders, pit, booby traps, henchman, bad guy, natives, etc.

Briefly talk about other popular movies and fill in the blanks.

Step 2: Everyone needs a piece of paper and pencil. Put them in groups of five and have them sit in a circle. Have them write out “ _____ wants _____ but _____ ” on their paper. Then have them fill in the first and second blank. Give them a minute or two. Then have them pass their paper to their left. Now have them take their new paper and fill in the third blank. Give them a moment and then have them pass to the left again. Have them fill in another “but _____” under the first. Then pass the paper to the left and so on until everyone has their own paper and a list of five conflicts. Note: They should only read the first line and not all the conflicts. Just write their own.

Step 3: Have everyone read their papers aloud to their group. Have each group choose the best one and then perform them. Give them 5-10 minutes to prepare and practice.

Step 4: Perform.

Step 5: Talk about the conflict statements. Tell them to get ideas from everywhere. When ever they get an idea write it down in this form.