

Short Play Project

For a play lasting 15 to 30 minutes

In this project you will:

1. Explore the concept of archetype as it relates to character and narrative theme.
2. Create two characters and share them with your classmates.
3. Working either along or in a group of no more than three, **write a short (1-2 paragraph) premise** for your play. Your premise should include:
 1. The archetypal theme of your play. Main archetypes include:
 - Overcoming the Monster**
 - Rags to Riches**
 - The Quest**
 - Voyage and Return**
 - Comedy**
 - Tragedy**
 - Rebirth**
 2. The basis for the archetype. For example, if your archetype is rags to riches, how did the main character(s) attain their riches and what obstacles did they have to overcome?
 3. The main characters with short descriptions.
4. **Write an outline** for your play. The outline should include all the main plot points of the play. It can be written in outline or narrative format but should be in the same chronological order that the audience would experience it in.

Your outline should include enough content to cover 15-30 minutes of performance. You may go longer with permission of the teacher.

5. **Write your script!**

Please see the rubric for expectations: <http://english.cailab.net/rubrics/ShortPlayRubric.pdf>.