

Name: _____

Playwriting Creativity Worksheet

Answer the following questions to get you started on your way to writing a play!

CHARACTER: *Pick a character (someone other than yourself). This character can be the product of your imagination or based on someone you actually know – parent, sister, brother, friend, enemy.*

- a) What is his/her name (if this character is based on someone you know, give him/her a new name)
- b) How old is this person?
- c) What does this person look like?
- d) Describe his/her personality:
- e) What would you say is this person's most distinctive characteristic? (*physical or psychological*)
- f) What does this person WANT? (*what do they need to tell*)

SETTING: *Choose a specific place for your character to be in.*

Describe in detail where your character is:

- a) What is your character doing there?
- b) How does he/she feel about the place?

SECOND CHARACTER: *Someone new enters the scene.*

What is this character's relationship to your first character? (*circle one*)

Friend
Stranger

Relative

Enemy

- a) What is the new character's name?
- b) How old is this person?
- c) Briefly describe his/her appearance:
- d) Briefly describe his/her personality:
- e) What does this person WANT? (*is it something from the first character*)

RELATIONSHIP: *Figure out the storyline of the characters and their situation together.*

- a) What brings these two characters together? (*describe the situation*)
- b) What keeps the characters on stage? (*why don't they leave*)
- c) Why is this moment special? (*why not another time/place*)
- d) How do you RAISE THE STAKES for the characters and situation?

DIALOGUE: *Determine who speaks the first line, put the character's name in the center of the page and begin writing your play.*