



Performing Arts Virtual Learning

# Competitive Drama

# Memorization Unit: Part 8

April 16, 2020



# 7th and 8th Grade Competitive Drama

Lesson: April 16, 2020

**Objective/Learning Target:**

**Th 8.1.a Memorizes lines as needed for a performance**



**QUICKWRITE: On a seperate piece of paper, please respond to the following question.**

**What is a mnemonic device?**

**1 minute timer**

**Quickwrite Expectations**

- Focus on your paper.
- Write for the entire time
- Do not worry about spelling, grammar, or punctuation

# What is a mnemonic device?

**mnemonic** [ ni-mon-ik ] [SHOW IPA](#) 

[SEE SYNONYMS FOR mnemonic ON THESAURUS.COM](#)

*adjective*

- 1 assisting or intended to assist the memory.
- 2 pertaining to [mnemonics](#) or to memory.

*noun*

- 3 something intended to assist the memory, as a verse or formula.
- 4 *Computers.* a programming code that is easy to remember, as *STO* for “store.”



**In other words, it is anything that is to assist in you memory.**

# Do you currently use any mnemonic devices?

**The Great Lakes**

**HOMES**

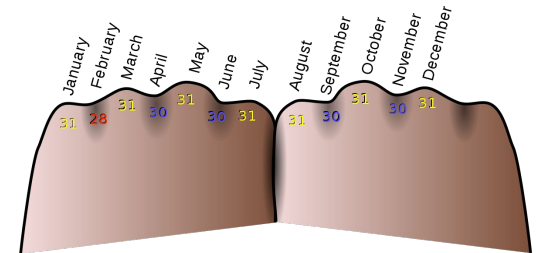
**Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, Superior**

Red  
 Orange  
 Yellow  
 Green  
 Blue  
 Indigo  
 Violet

P.lease - Parentheses  
 E.xcuse - Exponents  
 M.y - Multiplication  
 D.ear - Division  
 A.unt - Addition  
 S.ally - Subtraction

**Order of the planets: My Very Excited Mother Just Served Us Nachos**

Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune



**Columbus History:**

In fourteen hundred ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue

Mnemonic Devices: Bottle Ends And Cows Goes Charles Fisher

**BEAD GO Catch Fish!**

Treble clef  
 Order of flats

B<sub>4</sub>, E<sub>5</sub>, A<sub>4</sub>, D<sub>5</sub>, G<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>5</sub>, F<sub>4</sub>

STANLEY DAVIS

**Any others that you remember?**

## First Letter Mnemonic Device



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For this memorization technique, you will need a separate piece of paper and something to write with.

You will only be working on lines 16-20. **Remember we are doing this to narrow down the best memorization technique for you.**

You will be working with lines

**1) Write down the first letter for each word.**

**2) Be sure to include the punctuation.**



# Activity Directions & Practice

Lauren ♥ Tothero



**Let's see how actor Lauren Tothero puts this memorization technique into action!**

**Demonstration of how to use first letter mnemonic device.**

# Self Assessment: Prep Script & 1st Letters

- 1) Circle the first letter of each word in lines 16-20.

15 he just sits and waits for us.  
16 My brother isn't any better. He's constantly doing stupid  
17 things. He has no fear of getting in trouble. He's been  
18 suspended more times than I've made the honor roll, and  
19 believe me, that's saying a lot! He's going to end up in  
20 prison before he even gets out of elementary school.  
21 My younger sister isn't as bad as...

- 2) Write the first letters and punctuation onto a separate piece of paper.

M b i ' a b . H ' c d s t . H h n f  
o g i t . H b s m t + l ' m t h r , a  
b m , t ' s a l ! H ' g t e u i p b  
h e g o o e s .

**For practice, go over this quick  
and short script!**





## Practice

Using only your 1st letters paper, go through your script. Refer back to instructional video for clarification.

Do not spend more than 10 minutes on lines 16-20.

10 minute timer



Time to practice!



## Additional Resources

# Need to be inspired?

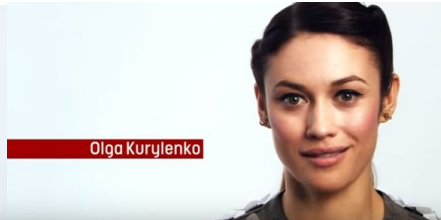
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