



Performing Arts Virtual Learning

**7th and 8th Grade  
Competitive Drama**

**Original Oratory**

**April 28, 2020**



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## **Original Oratory: Day 2**

**I can:**

- **Conduct research**
- **Organize thoughts for a speech/presentation**
- **Memorize lines for a performance**
- **Use compelling delivery**



# **Background**

**Yesterday's lesson introduced you to what Original Oratory Performances look like.**

**If you haven't done Day 1 of our Original Oratory unit and are unfamiliar with Original Oratory, take time to review the lesson before going forward.**



# **Warm Up**

**Review your KWL chart from yesterday's lesson. Ask yourself:**

- **Did anything I learn surprise me?**
  
- **What do I think the most challenging part of writing and performing an Original Oratory will be?**



# Original Oratory (OO) Writing Process

## **TODAY'S FOCUS:** Pick a Topic

Chose a persuasive topic using the suggestions and guided questions on our "Topic Selection" page.

## Research Topic

Look for stories and statistics that help prove your point. Stories, stories, stories. Examples, examples, examples.

## Write Outline

Organize your thoughts using our Five Pyramid Method (Introduction, 1st Main Point, 2nd Main Point, 3rd Main Point, Solution)

## Write Rough Draft

Start with the first main point, then 2nd, then 3rd. Save the intro and conclusion for last.

## Revise Final Draft

Have your teacher, another adult, or a peer look over your rough draft. Make any suggested revisions to develop your final draft.

# Picking a Topic



Make sure your topic is persuasive

Start with an area of interest and then answer these questions:

1. What is the single, most fundamental problem in American society?
2. What is the overarching mentality which produces this problem?
3. How does this problem affect us?
4. What can we do about this problem as a society?
5. What can I do as an individual?

## Topic Ideas

- Rudeness
- Happiness is not the same a joy
- All truths need not be spoken
- Everything happens for a reason
- Everything doesn't happen for a reason
- Argument culture
- Everybody wants to be liked
- Being known vs. being liked
- Fear is good and useful
- Balance
- Generosity
- Change
- Tolerance
- Life isn't what happens to you
- Blame game
- Talk vs. action
- Words count
- Self-esteem
- Anger is good OR Anger is bad
- "The Good Old Days" myth
- Earning and giving respect
- Trust
- Safety
- Revenge
- Love yourself
- Adversity is a good thing
- Creating drama in our loss
- Rules are good



# **Self-Assessment**

- 1. What is the single, most fundamental problem in American society?**
- 2. What is the overarching mentality which produces this problem?**
- 3. How does this problem affect us?**
- 4. What can we do about this problem as a society?**
- 5. What can I do as an individual?**
- 6. After taking time to answer the questions above, I've decided the topic for my Original Oratory will be:**