

# play writing graphic organizer

Title of Scene:

Key Ideas:

Characters (and their characteristics):

Setting & Background Ideas:

Plot (problem and solution):

Props you might need:

# play writing 101

Things to keep in mind when you develop your scene:

- What makes a play fun to read?
- Remember who you are writing for. Don't forget to include their lingo!
- Look back at scripts we have read for help.
- Remember to think about your characters carefully and give them interesting characteristics.
- We will write the introduction and transitions between each scene together. Focus on the scene you are assigned.
- Use lined paper to write your script. Do not start writing until your group decides on the essentials from your graphic organizer.
- Re-read and rehearse your script. Does it make sense? Are we getting the message across?
- In your script, be sure to do the following:
  - Skip a line when a person starts and stops talking. Underline the speaker's name and use a colon (:) to indicate what they actually say.
  - Include directions and actions for each character. Use parenthesis to separate talking from directions. For example:

*Maria climbs over the fence. She yells to her friends in her yard.*

Maria: I will find the frisbee, it should not take more than a few minutes. I will be back soon!

*Maria begins to search for her frisbee. She looks up and sees a strange creature holding the toy.*

Maria: What or who are you?

Zoola: Qui co ni foresa mimi yo popo.

Maria: (looking very confused) Oh my! Do you speak English?