



Tableau Assignment

Family Vacation... **GONE WRONG**

YOUR TASK:

In groups of 4-6 students you will create a 4 scene series of tableau to tell the story of "A Family Vacation Gone Wrong." As we have practiced in class, your goal is to tell a story using the frozen picture tableau. Imagine that we, as the audience, are flipping through a **photo album** of what happened on the trip.

LOOK FOR'S

1. Expression: exaggerated FACE & BODY
2. Composition : LEVELS & DEPTH
3. Focus in freezes
4. Smooth transitions between scenes (quiet, quick, neutral)
5. Have a clear BEGINNING / MIDDLE / END
6. Using rehearsal time wisely

Tableau Order

Each scene represents a key component to your story from start to finish. As a group you will decide if your story begins packing for the trip, on the plane, packing up the family camper, etc. Be creative!

Your tableau must:

- o Be in chronological order (start-finish)
- o Contain 4 scenes (each scene will be held for 8-10 seconds)
- o Contain a clear beginning, middle and end
- o Use smooth transitions between scenes
- o Use facial expression and strong, expressive body language
- o Be well-rehearsed (at least 3 times from start to finish)
- o Contain ONE specific costumes/props for each character
- o OPTIONAL EXTRA ELEMENT: pick a musical soundtrack for your presentation

Class Time Schedule:

Class 1	Class 2
1. Choose your ideas and complete Part 1 of your handout.	5. Finish creating your tableau scenes
2. Decide your story specifics and characters in Part 2	6. Practice with your transitions
3. Map out your plans using the tableau table in Part 3	7. Choose costume items for presentation
4. Begin rehearsal	8. Rehearse your scene for the final time during the first half of class
	9. Present your amazing tableau.

Part 1

My group members are:

Where does a family vacation take place? Write 3 great possibilities.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Choose your favourite. Our family vacation destination is _____.

What could go wrong on this vacation? Brainstorm some ideas here.

Part 2

Casting your characters. Remember that a family does not need to be the traditional (2 parents, 2 children). Be creative and think of a modern family!

Assign a role for each of your group members.

1. _____ is playing
2. _____ is playing
3. _____ is playing
4. _____ is playing
5. _____ is playing
6. _____ is playing

What props and/or costumes do you need to use to portray your characters and set up the scenes? (i.e: wardrobe ideas: Little brother wears a baseball cap, or Grandma wears a shawl).

Part 3 - STORYBOARD

Map out your ideas for the tableaux of this story. Use stick figures to represent characters.

1.	2.	3.	4.
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