

Vista Murrieta High School:Drama Department

Everyday Action Assignment

Description: Plays are filled with simple actions from which the actor must find intentions/objectives that stimulate imagination and make actions significant to the playwrights meaning.

Objective: Select an “everyday action” and a connected problem. To solve the problem you need specific circumstances, a properly stated intention, a score of definite things to do, and imagination. Execute all physical actions precisely, clearly and with complete commitment. Don’t rush them. Give them form. **All steps must be written in detail in Drama Notebook!**

Possible Ideas:

Petting an animal

Building a fire

Drinking tea / coffee

Wrapping/Unwrapping a present

Digging a hole

Examining clothes

Hanging a picture

Opening a locker

Hunting for a lost ring

Arranging furniture

Feeding fish

Packing a suitcase

Washing hands

Picking flowers

Turning on a light

Many other options are possible, if you have a creative idea just make sure you clear it with teacher PRIOR to continuing assignment.

Example:

Polishing Silver – You are in an antique shop in a foreign country. You discover among many dusty articles a blackened silver bowl, which you think is the work of Benvenuto Cellini. Beneath the tarnish may be revealing marks. If you are right, the proprietor obviously does not suspect its origin (or value).

Intention – I want to get this tarnish off this bowl without attracting the attention of the proprietor.