

Creating the Director's Vision

Describe the story in one paragraph, five sentences, one sentence.

What is the genre of the story?

Can you change the genre? Why or why not?

Where does the play take place?

Can the location be changed? Why or why not?

When is the play set? Is there a specific period?

Can you change the time period? Why or why not?

Who is the audience for your play? How will your audience affect your vision?

What is the dominant theme for this play?

Why is this theme important?

What visual comes to mind when I think of this theme?

What is the dominant metaphor for this play?

What piece of art represents this play?

What type of music represents this play?

What song represents the main character?

What is the primary shape for each main character?

How do these shapes illuminate the main theme?

What is the primary color for each main character?

How do these colors coordinate or clash with the main theme?

What emotion describes this play the best?

Does the primary emotion change from the beginning to the end of the play?

Is this play heavy or light?

Is this play fast or slow?

Is this play tense or free?

Is this play iconic?

Will an audience have an expectation when they come see the play?

What do you want the audience to experience while watching the play?

What do you want the audience to take away with them after seeing this play?

PAGE BY PAGE: What is the one word, line of dialogue, image, or action that leaps out at me?

BASED on these answers, write your three sentence elevator pitch for your play version of this story.

GROUP MEMBERS:

- 1) ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE.
- 2) MAKE a character list for your play and a description of each character.
- 3) Sketch a SET RENDERING of an ABSTRACT set design to support your vision. (\$50 budget)
- 4) Sketch ABSTRACT costume renderings to support your vision. (\$50 budget)
- 5) List of props needed and ideas of how to procure or create those props that support your vision. (\$20 budget)
- 6) Describe any sound effects you would need for this show.
- 7) Is there anything else you would need to stage this show?