

CLASSROOM EXERCISE: THE CREATIVITY CONTRACT

MATERIALS

- Two large pieces of paper
 - Markers
 - Each student will need a sheet of paper and a writing instrument.
1. Have students individually brainstorm things they want to learn and goals they wish to achieve in this drama class.
 2. Bring the students back together for a group discussion. On a big sheet of paper, make three columns:
 - a. "What Do We Want to Learn and Achieve?"
 - b. "How Will We Achieve Our Goals?"
 - c. "Classroom Procedures."
 3. Have students share what they want to learn and achieve. Put these goals in the first column.
 4. Break down these goals into more specific tasks.
 5. In the second column, have the students work together to brainstorm "How Will We Achieve Our Goals?" These are the smaller steps that will help students achieve their bigger goals. Focus on making the statements positive rather than negative.
 6. In the third column, students will list Classroom Procedures. This refers to what happens if someone in the class needs some help with achieving their goals. It answers the question, "What happens if you ____ (fill in the blank)? Then you have to ____ (fill in the blank)."
 7. The Classroom Procedures will be different from class to class, but the goal is that the students will take ownership of their classroom behaviour and etiquette because they contributed to establishing it!
 8. On the second large piece of paper, label it "Creativity Contract." From the brainstorm, choose the class' favourite goal solutions and write them out. Leave room at the bottom for students to sign their names. Display the paper in the drama classroom for everyone to see.