



WORKSHOP #1 PREPARATION

Dramatic Building Blocks, Writing Action & Dialogue, Play Starting, Play Formatting

What would be helpful for my Teaching Playwright to know advance of the workshop?

- Please contact your playwright directly.
- Will we have kids the whole day?
- Anything you want the teaching playwright to know about your students or the day?
- Are there any student accommodations the teaching playwright should provide?
- When and where will you and the teaching playwright be meeting?

How might I prepare my Young Playwrights?

- Read 10-Minute Plays and discuss how each play engaged students.
 - See examples on your **Classroom Teacher Resource** page under the LEARN tab at: www.vtyoungplaywrights.org
- Share with students:
 - The “Stuck in Vermont” video on the home page at www.vtyoungplaywrights.org
 - The VYP Playwrights Toolbox under the LEARN tab.
 - Direct link: www.vtyoungplaywrights.org/toolbox
 - There is a slide show plus a download available there.
 - The VYP Festival page: under the CELEBRATE tab
 - Workshop highlights video
 - Staged reading highlight video
 - Q & A highlight video
 - Download selected plays from last year’s festival

How should I prepare the Workshop Room?

- One dedicated room for the full day, 8:30-2:30 with a 30 minute lunch
- Adjustable seating for writing and moving
 - Some teachers arrange in a circle or semi-circle, creating a performance area for readings and improvisations.
 - Individual writing space is also important.
- White board, chalkboard, or easel with pens
- Have students wear name tags
- Consider participating as a student yourself, or please support the playwright in creating a positive learning environment by staying in the room as an engaged observer.

What happens in the case of a school closing?

In the unlikely case of a school closing during your residency, please contact your teaching playwright directly. They were copied in your confirmation email and their phone number is listed in the confirmation letter. We will do our best to reschedule. However, lost time during a playwright’s visit, due to school events or activities, cannot be made up.