

Safe Driving Lesson Plan

Role Playing

Grade level: 10-12

Subject area: Drama

Duration: 30-50 minutes

Objectives:

Students will do the following:

- Study the potential dangers, risks and statistics associated with a variety of road safety issues such as speeding, driving while distracted, and driving while drowsy.
- Write a two-minute scene that involves risky driving behavior in some way.

Materials:

- Impact Posters
- Impact Probability Wheel
- Impact DVD mini-documentaries

Procedures:

1. Explain to students that car accidents remain the leading cause of death among teens aged 16-19. And of the 5,500 teenagers killed in car accidents last year, 75 percent of them had nothing to do with drugs or alcohol. Most crashes could be avoided by following common safety practices. The focus of this lesson is to consider safe driving practices and think about what students can do to become better drivers.

2. Break the students up into groups of three. Have the students write a two-minute scene that involves risky driving behaviors in some way. The scene does not necessarily need to take place inside a vehicle. Have the students act out the scenes in front of the class.

Variations

- Assign each group a different genre, such as Western, horror, Shakespearian, or comedy. Have the student write their scenes for that genre.
- Have each group of students improvise a scene, with each scene's first word being the last word from the previous group's scene.

Standards:

The following standard is from the National Standards for Arts Education for students in grades 9-12:

- Write dialogues and scenes, applying basic dramatic structure: exposition, complication, conflict, crises, climax and resolution.