# Wikia in Secondary Education

**Scriptwriting**

Grade 9-12

| Objective | To write and perform a play in groups using major elements of script |
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| Materials | • computer with internet access<br>• TV monitor or projector to display teacher work |
| Notes to Teacher: | • You will need to create a wiki on Wikia before the lesson. You will have to request permission to create a wiki from Wikia. They usually respond quickly after you request to make a wiki.<br>• Students should have some prior knowledge of scriptwriting, but it does not need to be extensive.<br>• Be prepared for vandalism to occur on your students' wiki's. Remember, you can always retrieve information that has been deleted. |
| Procedure | 1. Make sure your projector, TV monitor, and computer are turned on and have your wiki on the screen.<br>2. Begin the lesson by discussing with the students the elements of a script (i.e.-main character, plot).<br>3. Tell the students that they will be writing a play.<br>4. Construct a sample play on Wikia.<br>5. Tell the students what the title is (or have them come up with one in class).<br>6. When a title is selected, click Edit on the wiki and put in the title of your play.<br>7. Proceed to write a scene with the students.<br>8. Write the scene in the wiki, and then click save.<br>9. Show the students how the script looks in the wiki.<br>10. Split the classroom up into groups, and have them start writing. Each group will need their own article space in the wiki. They can enter what they have at the end of the day into the computer in the classroom, or they may bring up the wiki at home or in the computer lab to add things and edit it (as long as the computer has internet connection).<br>11. When the plays are completed, have the students begin preparing to perform the play.<br>12. When all the groups are done, have the students perform their plays for each other. |
| Evaluation | The students will be evaluated on the following:<br>• Managing time and working in groups.<br>• Identifying and using the major elements of scripts.<br>• Respecting the work of others. |

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