

Authentic Task #4

Content Standard I. A. 6: Predict a character's actions/behavior based on his/her characterization

Process Standard II. A. 1: Uses appropriate voice volume and clear articulation when speaking in front of the class

Process Standard II. C. 1: Contribute equally to small group discussions or collaborative tasks

Task: You are the soothsayer who warned Caesar to "[b]eware the Ides of March." After meeting you briefly in Act II, scene 4, Portia has come to visit you to hear your predictions about what will be the outcome of Brutus's involvement with the conspirators. With a partner, role play this scene; the soothsayer should provide a prediction to Portia about Brutus and support it using two specific examples from the play.

Criteria

- Makes a logical prediction of the outcome of Brutus's involvement in the conspiracy
- Supports the prediction with two examples from the text
- Assumes the character of either the soothsayer or Portia
- Uses appropriate voice volume and clear articulation
- Contributes equally to collaborative task

Rubric
Role Play: Portia and the Soothsayer

Criteria:	Excellent 3 points	Good 2 points	Poor 1 point
Makes a logical prediction about Brutus's involvement in the conspiracy	Prediction is clear and logical		Prediction is unclear or illogical
Prediction is supported with two examples from the text	Prediction is supported with two strong examples from the text	Prediction is supported with examples from the text	Prediction is not supported with examples from the text
Student assumes roles of Portia or the soothsayer	Role play is accurately "in character" and shows creativity	Role play is true to character	Role play misrepresents the character
Student uses appropriate voice volume & clear articulation	Voice volume is appropriate & articulation is clear throughout the role play	Appropriate voice volume & clear articulation are present in most of the role play	Voice volume is not appropriate and/or articulation is unclear
Students contribute equally to the collaborative task	Contributions are equal throughout the task	Contributions are equal during most of the task	Contributions are unequal during the task

Comments:

Total _____/15