Culminating Activity: Talk Show

**Task: Prepare and present a talk show.** Your group creates an interview scenario with various characters from at least two texts read in class. Prepare the questions carefully in advance, and avoid “yes or no” questions.

**Your group is responsible for choosing characters, rehearsing and performing a talk show segment, complete with costumes, props and blocking.**

*Follow these steps:*

1. Choose characters that might have something to say to each other. Consider what each character’s motivation is and what their feelings might be. You MUST include discussions about the conventions of your texts and how they apply.

1. Compose questions – Make sure they are not ‘yes or no’ questions. Make a list of any needed props and costumes.
2. Create a poster/power point summarising the important elements of fiction connections and how your books are similar or different. Present this information at the beginning or end of your presentation.



1. Prepare Written Component **Part 1**:
   1. “Performance Information” :

* The script of the show (EACH performer must submit a copy)
* the roles and corresponding actors

1. Prepare Written Component **Part 2**:
   1. “Context”

* Give a **short** description of your character (if you are the host, choose a character from one of the texts)
* Explain what connections your presentation covered (with evidence).
  1. “Self-evaluation”
* Explain why you wanted to be involved in this type of presentation, how you personally contributed to the task, what you did well, and what you could improve upon.

1. Refine your work through planning, blocking and **rehearsing**.
2. Let go! Have fun! Remember, this is supposed to be entertaining. If you are bored by your performance, your audience will be too!

**When you present:**

1. Be well prepared – have an outline of what topics you are going to cover
2. Make eye contact with your audience and be enthusiastic – if you are bored, so is your audience
3. DO NOT read from notes
4. Make sure you have a clear opening and closing – do not end with “and that’s it” or “I’m finished.
5. **BE CREATIVE!!!!** You are encouraged to use costumes, props, etc. that will make your presentation engaging.

**Checklist:**

* Have you covered all important connections?
* Does your presentation use specific details from each text?
* Does your presentation demonstrate a thorough understanding of the texts and their elements of fiction?
* Does each group member have a clear set of tasks to accomplish?
* Have you created a clear display poster or power point/prezi with no spelling mistakes?
* Does each member of the group know their part?
* Have you rehearsed at least twice as a group?