

Theatre Arts I/II

Unit I-Theatre Terminology and Ensemble Building

PERSONAL CREDO POEM ASSIGNMENT

cre·do
'krēdō, 'krādō/
noun

1. a statement of the beliefs or aims that guide someone's actions.

Before you can believably become someone else on stage, you must know yourself. As an introductory exercise, you will write a "Personal Credo" Poem.

Instructions:

Bull Durham Credo:

In the movie *Bull Durham* Kevin Costner's character is asked what he believes in. His answer provides us with a poetic format. By following the formula below, tell what you believe in.

BULL DURHAM CREDO

I believe in the _____
the _____
the _____
the _____
the _____

_____, _____, _____
But (something you don't believe in, i.e. ("but the novels of Susan Sontag are self-indulgent, over-rated")

I believe in _____
I believe in _____
I believe in _____

_____, _____, _____
And I believe in _____
(longest and concluding--WHAM Line!)

TIPS

1.) You do not **HAVE** to stick to the format above. Please don't feel held back--if you would like to take this Credo further, feel free!

2.) Try not to be Cliche--Give me a real picture of some of the beliefs that shape your worldview and who you are, don't just re-write inspirational poster slogans!

EXAMPLES

I Believe

I believe in the love of life

The music that shakes my bones

The laughter that throws all cares away

The art of a story

The “second chance” rule

Love as an emotion, unity and forgiveness.

But the idea of war acting as a problem solver doesn't prove whose right. It only proves whose left.

I believe in what goes around comes around

I believe in fantasy as my reality

I believe in plaid pants

Mismatched socks, groovy tights and acid washed jeans.

And I believe in saying how I feel about something no matter the crowd,

No matter the crowd

I Believe

I believe in the importance of education

The smell of an old book

The sound of children playing

The evil in all of us

The good in all of us

Struggle, climax, resolution

But the belief that some people aren't as good as others is just plain stupid

I believe in ethnic and religious diversity

I believe in equality

I believe in tolerance

Religious rights, racial rights, gay rights

And I believe in humanity.

We are sometimes blind, arrogant and cruel but we will come through for the greater good of all before the end.



I Believe

I believe in the importance of teamwork

The ability to play together

The mental discipline to win

The patience to practice

The effectiveness of hard work

My baseball bat, my glove, my helmet



But the idea that it takes a whole team to win is sometimes a frustrating thing to accept

I believe in beating the opposition

I believe in my coach

I believe in my fellow players

Confident but not cocky, keeping my head up, winning gold

And I believe in myself. I need to set a good example both on and off the field.

I Believe

I believe in the strength of fear

The way time passes slowly

The idea that people want to be loved

The courage it takes not to wait

That poetry is not just for lovers

Selflessness, spirit and privacy

But I don't believe in the possibility of not caring about others, especially once you know them

I believe we were not meant to be alone

I believe that it's okay for boys to cry sometimes

I believe that everyone has a dirty little secret

Sharing with friends, helping enemies, and loving God.

And I believe that even when we think tomorrow may never come there is always hope for the future.



RUBRIC

Credo demonstrates appropriate use of punctuation, spelling, and other writing conventions

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Comments:

**Credo demonstrates purposeful use of figurative language, imagery, and other language tools
applicable to the genre of writing poetry**

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Comments:

Credo gives a strong sense of the writers core beliefs

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