

Hail to the King!

Teacher's note: This activity will encourage your students to utilize their extemporaneous and impromptu skills. The class should be divided into four groups and once placed, the students should pick a speaking order. From there, each group will have one person eulogize the "King." The speeches should reference celebrated qualities of leadership (fairness, bravery, generosity, etc.) and can be stories used as examples. For example, "the King would give a homeless person the shirt off his back. . . I saw him once . . ." In the first speech round, speeches should last 10 seconds. If the person cannot eulogize for the allotted time they must sit down and they can no longer help the group. After each group has had their first speaker present, the next round commences. Each corresponding speech will be increased by 10 seconds of time for each round. Each team can use one "life line" for the entire game, in which any member of the team can save the present speaker by finishing his or her speech. The last team standing wins the activity. Speakers cannot reuse previously used eulogy topics.