



**IT'S TUESDAY
ALREADY?**

GROUP POETRY READING!



Part 3: Honing Your Performance



**REMEMBER
LAST
WEEK?**

Last week I briefly told you about Poetry Slam contests and how the delivery of a poem can really impact a performance. When you are at a reading it's not just your ears that are working. Your eyes are taking everything in.

Are you ready to
poetryyyyyy slillaamm!

Wait til you see
our jazz hands!



Then your groups all received your poems and got to work on them. You met with me and discussed ways to divvy them up and have the whole group take part. Some of you even began memorizing them.



Let's go to the library

Off book



Off-book simply means memorized. That's it. In a rehearsal process there comes a point where actors have to be off-book.


On book

“On book” is a phrase that means two things. An actor can still be “on book” meaning they don’t have the lines memorized. Also, when you are trying to memorize lines you can have someone “on book”. This means there is someone near you with the script who tells you the line if you forget.



AND NOW





I think that I shall never
see a poem as lovely as
a ... OOOWWW!

Today I just want to share some ideas to keep in mind as you
rehearse your group poems.




When you present your poems you want to look like a tight knit group. You should all be standing next to each other in the same straight line. No one should be in front or behind. This helps you look put together and organized.

Make sure there aren't any unnecessary long pauses in your reading. As you get comfortable with your lines you can anticipate when your line is coming up. This means you have to listen closely to your team members.



It's your turn to talk. You have a stomach ache or what?



Turn around!
You're stealing
focus!

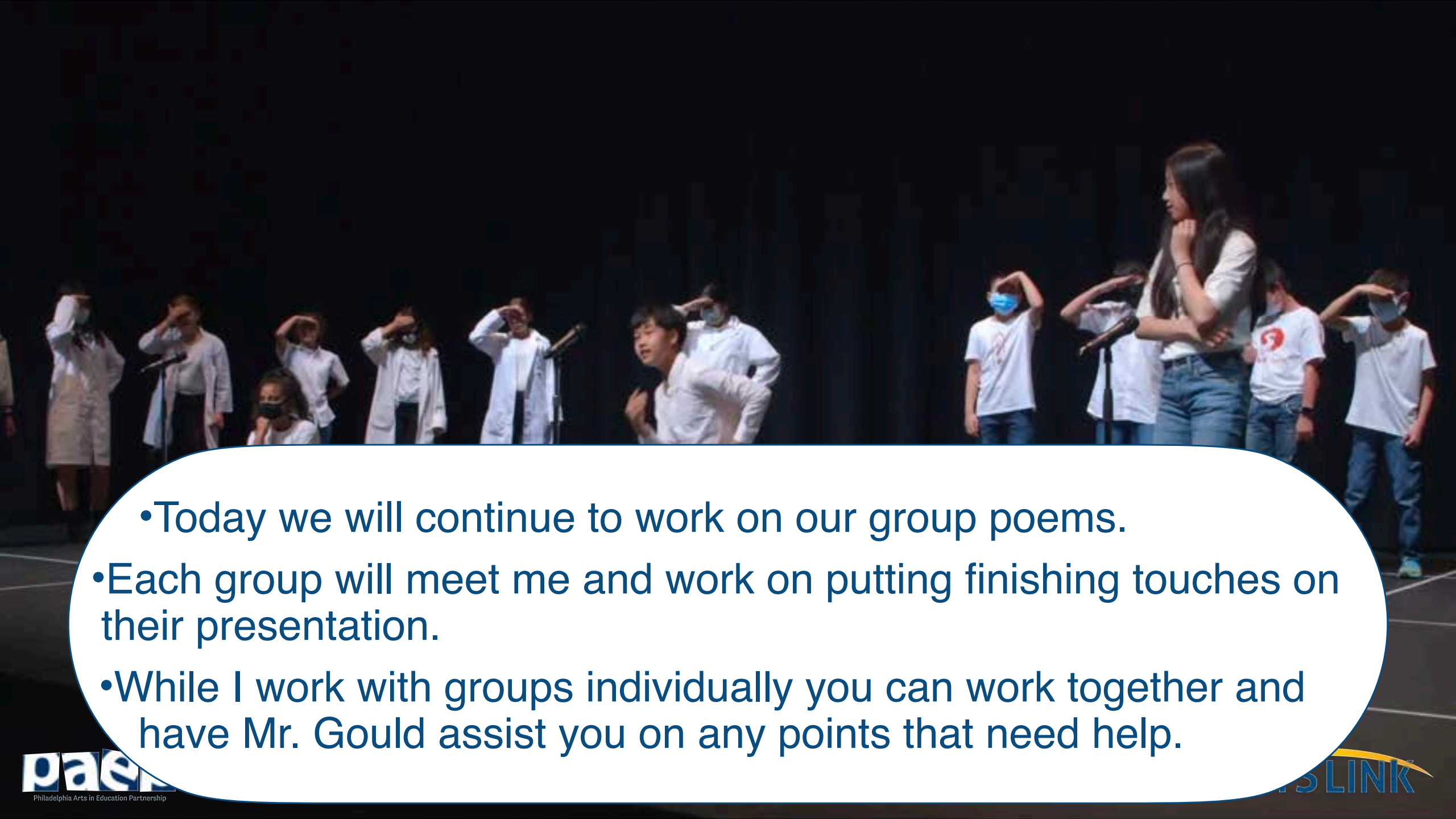
Also, respect your teammates by not stealing focus when they are speaking. Don't start moving around when they are talking. You want the audience to hear what they have to say. They've been respectful while you were talking so you can do the same for them.



INSTRUCTIONS



I'm off-book for my instructions.



- Today we will continue to work on our group poems.
- Each group will meet me and work on putting finishing touches on their presentation.
- While I work with groups individually you can work together and have Mr. Gould assist you on any points that need help.