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Monologue Brainstorming Guide

Or, what should I write my monologue about?

- What is a **monologue**? - It's simply **one person speaking to someone else**
- This is a brief guide will help you to figure out what you might want to write about
- These questions are designed to help you write a monologue you **care about**
- Because if you **care** about what you're **writing**, your audience will **care** about **listening!**

1. What is a **problem** I see in my life? In my community? In the world? What is an issue worth exploring/wrestling with? _____

2. What kind of **person** might have to deal with this problem? Who will be my **speaker**? _____

3. Who will my speaker be **talking to**? Who will be my **listener**? _____

4. How will my speaker and listener **know each other**? What will be their **relationship**? _____

5. **Where** will my monologue take place? _____

6. What is the **crisis** that my speaker is experiencing? What will create **urgency** in this monologue for my speaker and/or my listener? _____

7. What will my speaker be **doing** as they say these words? _____

8. What will my speaker **want**? _____

- Once you've brainstormed and answered these questions for yourself, start on a clean sheet of paper to work on your **first draft** of your submission monologue.
- Keep in mind that this monologue will go through at least two rounds of **revision**, so it doesn't need to be perfect - **Just keep the pen moving for the next 15 minutes**