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J' Accuse

This can be used as a #stay-at-home discussion starter or for a mini script. Or a mini performance which can be recorded.



J' Accuse (Water on Trial)

Introduction:.

It is the year H2O. The status of Water has changed.

Aqua (Water) is on trial.

The Judge and jury (audience) listen to the witnesses who speak for or against Water's actions/situation/dilemma.

After listening to the evidence from the witnesses, the judge must pass sentence.

Aqua (Water) is given an opportunity to speak in its defence and begins a J' Accuse (I accuse) statement.

Problem:

- Decide on the charge against Water.
- Why has the status of Water changed? In what way?
- Decide what the sentence will be.
- Why is the timing of this court-case/ judgement so significant?
- Include Water's J' Accuse reply which must include:

I am not guilty. I am not to blame. It is what people do with me that matters. I respect people who.....

But I accuse.....

When I am out of control, it is the fault of others.

I accuse....

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Cast:

1. Aqua (Water) wears an appropriate mask.
2. Judge who must give an appropriate sentence. (may be sentenced to confinement/lead a purer life or set free in the community under the care of a responsible person.)

Include at least two characters from the following:

Water-Waster

Clean Up Australia Campaigner

Swimmer / aqua-robics instructor/triathlete

Thirsty person

Flood (relative)

Plumber

Desert

Gardener

Pollutant

Soft-drink manufacturer

'J' Accuse was a famous speech by Zola. But Hazel Edwards' out of print 'Playing With Fire'(Nelson) collection of scripts has a version which uses Fire not Water. Any threat can be used. As a Tournament of Minds problem writer Hazel also scripted a THREAT script based on this concept.

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