

2019-2020 Class Drama Presentation

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Class 2A

Roles

Teacher _____

Student A _____

Student B _____

Student C _____

Student D _____

Student E (no speaking) _____

Student F (no speaking) _____

Person 1 _____

Factory Owner _____

Rubbish Thrower 1 _____

Rubbish Thrower 2 (no speaking) _____

Rubbish Thrower 3 (no speaking) _____

Old Teacher _____

Person A _____

Person B _____

Also:

PowerPoint Coordinator _____

Scene I - WYY Field Trip, Shenzhen, China, November 2019

(Slide 1)

(Teacher & Students enter.)

Teacher: OK class, this is the Maozhou River, the largest river in Shenzhen. It is more than 41 km in length. About 3 million people live along this river. There are also factories, shipping and farming.

Student A: Hey, what is that awful smell?

Teacher: Oh, that smell is from the Maozhou River. It always smells like this.

Student A: It's disgusting!

Student B: It smells like a toilet!

(Slide 2)

Student C: And there is so much rubbish. Look!

Student D: Hey, why is the water black?

Teacher: That's because of the pollution. I want you to see with your own eyes the danger of water pollution. Imagine if you had to smell this every day! Imagine if this pollution got into your drinking water!

Student C: It's too awful to think about!

Student D: But Teacher, how did this river get this way? Why did people let it happen?

Teacher: I'm glad you asked. To answer your question we must go back in time....

Scene II - Shenzhen November 1989

(Slide 3)

(Person 1 & Factory Owner enter.)

Person 1: Wow, another new building! Shenzhen is growing so fast. Hey, what is this building?

Factory Owner: This is my new factory. I am making lots of money producing industrial chemicals.

Person 1: Oh, I see. Hey, what's this green water coming out of this pipe? (Slide 4)

Factory Owner: Don't touch that! That is waste from our factory. It's dangerous!

Person 1: Dangerous? Then why is it going into the river?

Factory Owner: Because that's the cheapest way to get rid of it. This saves me a lot of money and increases my profit.

Person 1: But doesn't that waste damage the river? What about the people in that new housing estate across the river?

Factory Owner: Who cares? Besides, they damage the river too. See the black water coming out of that pipe over there? That's sewage from the housing estate. If they can put waste in the river, so can I! Bye bye! (*leaves*) (Slide 5)

(*Person 1 walks along the river. 3 men are throwing bags of rubbish into the river.*) (Slide 6)

Person 1: Hey, hello, what are you guys doing?

Boatman 1: We are from The Happy Face Waste Removal Company.

Person 1: Waste *removal*? But you are dumping rubbish INTO the river.

Boatman 1: Yes, of course. It's cheaper to just throw rubbish into the river..

Person 1: But won't the rubbish harm the river?

Boatman 1: That's not our problem. Have a Happy Face Day! Bye Bye! (*3 men exit.*)

Person 1: Wait! Wait! We may be creating a big problem for the future!

Scene III – Shenzhen 2019 (Slide 7)

(*Teacher & Students enter.*)

Student D: That's terrible! So water pollution is CAUSED by rubbish and waste from homes and factories?

Teacher: Yes, and also from farms which illegally throw animal waste and fertilizers into the river. Class, what are the RESULTS of water pollution? (Slide 8)

Student A: Water pollution can kill people or make us sick. (Slide 8. Animation 1.)

Student B: It can kill animals and damage the water ecosystem. (Slide 8. Animation 2.)

Student C: It reduces the amount of fresh water for irrigation. (Slide 8. Animation 3.)

Teacher: That's correct.

Student D: So Teacher, what are the SOLUTIONS to this water pollution problem?

Teacher: I'm glad you asked. To answer that question, we must go FORWARD in time...

Scene IV – Shenzhen 2049 (Slide 9)

(*Old Teacher & Persons A & B enter.*)

Old Teacher: Amazing! I can't believe it!

Person A: Excuse me, sir, what can't you believe?

Old Teacher: Years ago when I was a school teacher I used to take my secondary students to this river so they could see with their own eyes the danger of water pollution. This river used to be black! It smelled bad and had rubbish in it. Now look how beautiful and clean it is!

Person A: Well, it took a long time to fix the pollution in this river. First, we **(Slide 10)** built an advanced sewage treatment plant to treat sewage BEFORE it was discharged. That helped a lot.

Person B: Then we had to clean up the polluted river, which contained heavy metal poisons like nickel and lead in it. You can see how we did it in this video here.

(Slide 11. Play video clip.)

Old Teacher: That's incredible. Thank you both!

Person A: Thank you too, sir. As a teacher, you helped with the most important part of the solution: education. You raised the environmental awareness of the students at your school. Without greater awareness, the problem could never have been solved.

Person B: By the way, what was the name of your school? **(Slide 12)**

Old Teacher: My school? It was called TWGHs Mrs Wu York Yu Memorial College. *(All exit)*

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