

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will have a basic understanding of Filipino Dula (plays) and will be able to create a short, original skit that reflects Filipino culture and values.

Materials and Prep

- Paper and pencil for writing scripts
- Space to perform the skit (indoor or outdoor)
- Optional: costumes or props from home (if available)
- Basic knowledge of Filipino culture and common themes in Dula

Activities

- **Introduction to Dula:** Start by explaining what a Dula is and why it is important in Filipino culture. Discuss common themes, such as family, friendship, and values.
- **Character Creation:** Have the student create two or three characters for their skit. Encourage them to think about what makes each character unique and how they relate to each other.
- **Writing the Script:** Guide the student in writing a simple script for their skit. Remind them to include dialogue that shows the characters' personalities and the main theme of the Dula.
- **Rehearsal:** Allow the student to practice their skit. Encourage them to use different voices for different characters and to add gestures to make it more lively.
- **Performance Time:** Have the student perform their skit for family members or even record it. Celebrate their effort and creativity!

Talking Points

- "What do you think a Dula is? It's like a story acted out by people!"
- "Can you name some themes in Filipino plays? They often talk about family and friendship!"
- "What kind of characters do you want to create? Remember, they should be interesting!"
- "Why is it important for characters to have different personalities? It makes the story more fun!"
- "How can we show emotions through our voices and actions? Let's practice!"
- "What is the main message you want to share with your skit? Every Dula has a lesson!"
- "How do you feel about performing? It's okay to be a little nervous; everyone gets that way!"
- "What was your favorite part of writing your skit? Let's share what we loved the most!"
- "How can we make our performance special? Adding costumes or props can be really fun!"