

Lesson 14: Manual and Skit

STEP 1:

With your team, brainstorm ideas for your skit. As you share ideas, answer the following questions:

1. What is the purpose of our skit? _____

2. Who is our audience? _____

3. Should our skit be PROFESSIONAL or INFORMAL? (Circle one)
Explain why _____

Use the information in the table below as you write your skit to ensure you are writing for the correct audience.

	Professional	Informal
Length	short or long	short
Preparation	large amount of time	very little preparation time
Visual Aids	frequently used, polished	sometimes used
Rehearsals	YES	NO
Refinements	YES	NO
Audience	large: adults, experts	small: family, friends, classmates
Vocabulary	academic, consistent	language often varies from one performance to the next

Teacher Checkpoint: _____

STEP 2:

Now that you have the idea for your skit, it's time to capture the details:

Skit Title:

Props Needed/Team member responsible:

Prop	Team Member Responsible

Backdrop: YES NO

If YES....

What will the backdrop be? _____

Who will design backdrop? _____

What role will each team member play in the presentation?

Team Member	Character

Teacher Checkpoint: _____

STEP 3: Outline

Use your own paper to create your outline. Your outline doesn't have to follow this list exactly, but be sure to include all the major categories listed below.

I. Basic Information

a. Introduce our Team

b. _____

II. Purpose/Goals of the Rover Mission

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

III. Important Facts/Notes to Tell Audience

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

IV. Rover Design

a. Landing on Mars _____

b. Overcoming Conditions on Mars _____

c. Powering & Controlling the Rover _____

d. Communicating with Earth _____

e. Special Instruments _____

V. Other Information (if needed)

a. _____

b. _____

VI. Conclusion

Teacher Checkpoint: _____

Explanation:

To make a large project easier, share the work. Using the chart below, record the duties each person on your team will be responsible for.

Team Member	Responsible For...

Teacher Checkpoint: _____

Evaluation:

What are the key elements of an effective presentation that your group should keep in mind when writing your Mars Rover skit?
