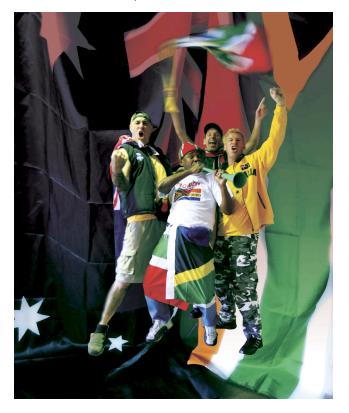


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# Zeal Theatre's Australia vs South Africa

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# Australia vs South Africa Wharf 2 Performance Information

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Venue Wharf 2, Sydney Theatre Company

Pier 4, Hickson Rd, Walsh Bay

Performance Times 10.30am, 1.30pm and 7pm various days

Duration 70 minutes, including post performance Q&A

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- **7. THE FORTUNE OF WAR HOTEL:** Stunt and Jeff arrive and are quickly engulfed by the crowd gathered to watch the big game. On the screen the black South African's actions are being continually replayed and the commentaries adding further to the outrageous international controversy. Ciya and Rixon enter go up to the bar to order a drink and relax to watch the game.
- **8. THE OLD SOUTH AFRICAN FLAG:** At the bar stands an older South African gentleman, Pik. As Ciya orders some beers, Pik goads them into a discussion of "the failure of the new South Africa, the stupidity of the new South African flag, the pride of

the Commonwealth and the monarchy" and the preference of living in Australia where "blacks are kept in their place". This ugly altercation is watched from a distance by Stunt and Jeff. Just before the game commences, the Pik taunts Ciya to a point of aggression, but Ciya backs down preferring to leave the pub instead of pursuing the argument. Stunt and Jeff initially mistake the two South African's as ganging up on a defenseless old guy. They realise that Ciya was the "guy from the telly" and so follow them outside the pub steaming for revenge.

- **9. OUTSIDE THE FORTUNE OF WAR HOTEL**. The Rixon is immediately decked and Ciya is overpowered and forced to kiss the Australian flag as retribution for his violation of Australia's respected sporting mascot. The four boys are pounced on by the police and shoved into the back of a police caged truck.
- **10. UNDER ARREST:** All four boys are driven to the nearest police station where they learn they will not be charged, rather held in the cells to cool off for a while. If they behave they may be allowed to leave at half time. The police lock the three white boys together and Ciya is placed in a separate cell.
- 11. AUSTRALIA VS SOUTH AFRICA: After calming down from the anger of the situation, the boys decide to play their own game of Australia vs South Africa and see who the better team is. They improvise a basketball type game throwing shoes, socks, shirts, etc into a shared garbage bucket between their cells. The game is played (improvised every performance), until Stunt refuses to strip any further bringing the game to a halt and giving victory to the South Africans. This splits the unity of the Australian side (and the brothers) and brings the South Africans together in victory. The police re-arrive, tell the boys its half time in the big game and let the white boys free. However, Ciya is to stay in jail for his own protection.
- **12. OUTSIDE THE POLICE STATION:** By now Stunt and Jeff hate each other due to their humiliating defeat and decide to go their own way home. Rixon doesn't wait for his friend to get released, rather he decides to go and watch the rest of the game on the television in his hotel room.
- 13. THE PAY OFF: Back in the police station cell, Ciya awaits his release. A mysterious man in suit arrives with security guards and without any dialogue, takes him out of the station, in their car, to a building, up an elevator, into an office foyer and finally a meeting room. Ciya is given no reason for the journey. Into the meeting room enters a television executive, Guy Doyle. He wants to quash the controversy surrounding Ciya's actions at the game, spin the story into an inspiring tale of freedom and enlightenment, and offer him one million dollars for the rights.

#### Australia vs South Africa

The following points are using discussion areas for students before seeing the production.

DRAMATIC FORM: This performance is an example of contemporary

Australian drama.

DRAMATIC STYLE: Playbuilt physical comedy.

A dramatic style where the emphasis is on the actors and

their development of a performance through

improvisation and characterisation.

CONVENTIONS: \*Actor devised – The actors develop the script in a

process of layering, whereby they develop dimension and

complexity in the plot and characters.

\*MINIMAL SETS & PROPS – Sets and props are introduced only because they assist the actors to symbolically represent places or characters.

\*TRANSFORMATIONAL ACTING – The actors change from being one character to another in front of the audience.

\*ECCLECTIC USE OF THEATRICAL STYLES – Contemporary Australian Theatre uses many different styles of theatre and entertainment to communicate to the audience. Popular examples are mimicking TV realism like 'Big Brother' and using elements of Epic Theatre such as song or contrasting announcements.

\*<u>SYMBOLIC USE OF SPACE</u> – The stage space becomes different places through the symbolic use of props and acting.

\*EPISODIC STRUCTURE – The performance tells a story that is presented in scenes that are episodes not strict recounts of a story in logical order.

\*SHIFTING ACTOR/AUDIENCE RELATIONSHIP – The audience is invited to either participate or sit back and follow the narrative passively at any time. Sometimes actors cross the fourth wall into the audience.

#### Themes

- National Identify and Sport
- Nationalism and Tribalism
- Stereotyping and Racism
- Media and Bias.

#### National Identity And Sport

Australia vs South Africa\_is a title that reminds us how much we relate our national identity to sport. We often relate out nation's standing in the world with the sporting success of its national teams. The play doesn't emphasize what sporting event Ciya, Rixon, Stunt and Jeff attend. This suggests that it is a sporting event like any one we may see at any time and relate our national identity to.

#### Nationalism And Tribalism

Stunt and Jeff show us how when Nationalism is used to create a group that are not accepting a sense of tribalism is created. Tribes of young people (often boys) use sport and nationalism to excuse racist beliefs and actions. The flag kissing scene is a moment of high dramatic tension that highlights the negative aspects of tribalism.

#### Stereotyping And Racism

There are many elements of racism in *Australia vs South Africa*. The main elements we see are that ignorance and stereotyping often feed racism. When a Sudanese taxi driver is asked what the South African mascot is because he is thought to be South African is an example of this. The play shows us many examples of this ignorance and how it fuels racism.

#### Media And Bias

When the Kangaroo mascot as a 'black' protest is charged and made more and more unrealistic by the media in the play, we see that the media in the play, we see that the media is not objective. The media sensationalises to sell papers and get ratings. The truth often becomes the victim in this situation and the news becomes fuel for tribal attitudes and beliefs. The recent Cronulla riots were said to have fuelled a lot of biased press and the play satirizes this intentionally.

## Company Backgrounds

Australia vs South Africa was playbuilt in collaboration by Australian Zeal Theatre and South African Ellis & Bheki. This inter-cultural collaboration has created a performance of amazing complexity and dimensions in language, physical expression, themes and characterisation. Take the time to look up their websites and explore more:

www.zealtheatre.com.au www.ellisandbheki.co.za

## Notes on *Australia vs South Africa's* development by co-writer Stefo Nantsou

In 2000, Zeal Theatre's Tom Lycos and Stefo Nantsou were performing *The Stones* at festivals in Monterey and San Diego, USA. South African performing duo Ellis and Bheki were performing their show *Squeak* at the same festivals. The two teams saw each other's work and enjoyed each other's similarities of style, sense of humour and social analysis. The two teams got to know each other a bit, had a few laughs, and went their separate ways.

In 2004, this time at a festival in Calgary, Canada, the boys met again, saw each other's shows again, got to know each other a little better, had a lot more laughs, and there was a wild idea about the possibility of working together some time in the future, and, again, they went their separate ways.

In 2005, after numerous successful seasons of Zeal shows at the Wharf 2 Theatre, The Sydney Theatre Company commissioned Tom and Stefo to write a new play. *Gronks* premiered in 2006 at the Wharf, toured Sydney schools, and played a season at the Victorian Arts Centre. Due to the success of *Gronks*, the STC commissioned Tom and Stefo to write another play and they remembered a certain wild idea and decided to see if it could be achieved.

Luckily, Ellis and Bheki were available and jumped at the opportunity of a co-collaboration with the Zeals, and in February 2007, Tom and Stefo flew to Durban, South Africa with a concept outline for a play called *Australia Vs South Africa* which would look at nationalism, sport, media panic and racism. For ten days the four boys work-shopped the story and theatrical ideas, created characters and scenarios, formalized a structure and then, once again, went their separate ways.

Returning to Oz, Tom and Stefo wrote a first draft of the play, e-mailing occurred back and forth across the Indian Ocean, the odd phone call here and there, until finally in early July 2007, the boys from Durban flew into Sydney and rehearsals began in earnest at the STC *Australia Vs South Africa* premiered at the Wharf 2 Theatre on July 30, 2007, some seven and a half years after the boys first met in Monterey.

## Styles Background

The eclectic nature of the playbuilding process often involves many styles together. Have a closer look at one of the styles and the theoriat that has contributed to this performance:

#### 1. Bertold Brecht's Epic Theatre

The Verfremdungseffekt (making strange).

This is when the audience is not permitted to become emotionally involved in the narrative of the play. The audience is encouraged to be more intellectually involved by removing the fourth wall, using direct audience address and the actor makes it clear they are performing a character.

The opening sequence and transformational acting in Australia v South Africa set up the convention that the audience will be challenged to think and therefore be more intellectually involved in the play.

You might like to look up other styles that have been used in this performance:

- 1. Jacques Lecoq (Physical Theatre)
- 2. Commedia dell' Arte
- 3. Television Realism
- 4. Theatre in Education (TIE)

#### Australia vs South Africa

#### An Element of Drama Analysis

Characters And Roles

#### Characters

CIYA & RIXON (SOUTH AFRICANS) STUNT & JEFF (AUSTRALIANS)

Characters will have a history and motivations on stage that are linked to the plot. The four boys come together in challenging but also hilarious ways.

ACTIVITY: DRAW A POLICE PROFILE FOR EACH CHARACTER

DETAILING THEIR HISTORY, PERSONALITY TRAITS

AND RECENT OFFENCES.

#### Roles

The actors are constantly transforming from their main characters to 18 other roles from taxi drivers to security guards and even media announcers.

#### **Focus**

The stage focus is directed by the actors through movement and sound. It is placed where they want the audience to concentrate so as to highlight important aspects of the performance. A great example of this in the play is towards the end when the focus is placed back on Ciya in the police station cell. It highlights the ridiculous situation he has found himself in.

## Space/Movement

The creation of imaginary spaces through actor movement is a strength in this play. We find ourselves in police lockups or taxis within the space of a second or two.

ACTIVITY: In two groups represent the following things without

speaking.

(These groups 1. THE LETTER A

move from 2. A KITTEN IN A BOX

concrete to 3. FREEDOM abstract 4. MEDIA

intentionally.) 5. AUSTRALIA

### Sound/Rhythm

The play uses a lot of sound scapes to evoke situations. A great example is the storm before the game.

#### ACTIVITY:

In small groups create a sound scape of one of the following and attempt to add detail that will communicate with the audience:

- 1. A SPORTS MATCH
- A BUSY OFFICE
- 3. A STREET AT NIGHT

#### Tension

This is possibly the most important element because it is the one that has the audience stay to see what will happen next. This play creates tensions between characters, between nations, between sporting teams and between truth and lies.

#### Mood and Atmosphere

These are manipulated solely by the actors who use very few props to develop atmosphere and change mood. The actors' physical and vocal expression sets the mood in the police lockup and allows the audience to understand the seriousness of the situation.

## Symbol

Nationalism has many symbols like flags and mascots. The play uses these symbols to great effect but the benches symbolize a variety of things too, from cell doors to sporting seats.

### **English Analysis**

Bias (Subjective) And Unbiased (Objective) Reporting

The play makes a clear statement that the media has become too subjective in its reporting. This is dangerous as it is presented as the truth which can mislead the community's opinions on important topics.

ACTIVITY: Write Ciya's story for a front page news story in:

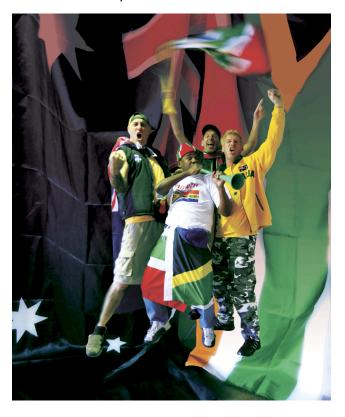
- 1. AN OBJECTIVE STYLE
- 2. A SUBJECTIVE STYLE FROM AN AUSTRALIAN BIAS
- 3. A SUBJECTIVE STYLE FROM A SOUTH AFRICAN POINT OF VIEW.

The play contains a lot of sporting and nationalistic jargon and colloquialisms. This language helps to promote stereotypes and create tribalism.

ACTIVITY: MAKE A LIST OF WORDS THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF FROM YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE THAT ARE USED IN THE SAME WAY.



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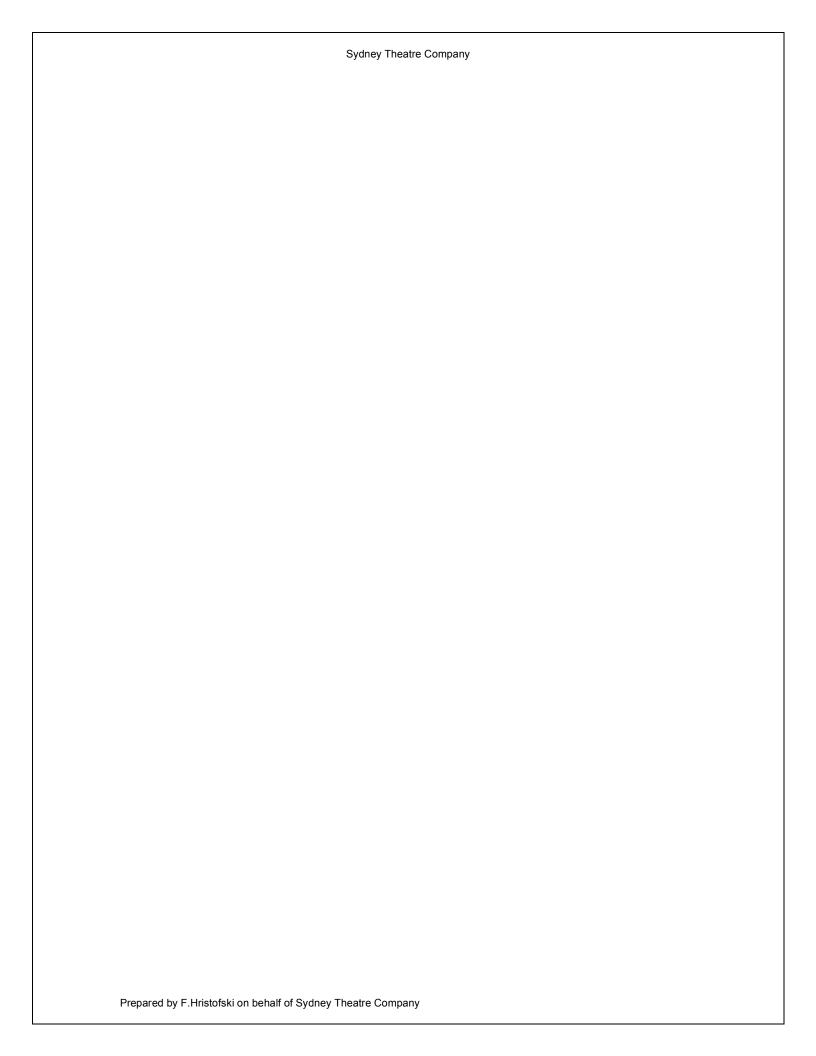
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- **7. THE FORTUNE OF WAR HOTEL:** Stunt and Jeff arrive and are quickly engulfed by the crowd gathered to watch the big game. On the screen the black South African's actions are being continually replayed and the commentaries adding further to the outrageous international controversy. Ciya and Rixon enter go up to the bar to order a drink and relax to watch the game.

- **8. THE OLD SOUTH AFRICAN FLAG:** At the bar stands an older South African gentleman, Pik. As Ciya orders some beers, Pik goads them into a discussion of "the failure of the new South Africa, the stupidity of the new South African flag, the pride of the Commonwealth and the monarchy" and the preference of living in Australia where "blacks are kept in their place". This ugly altercation is watched from a distance by Stunt and Jeff. Just before the game commences, the Pik taunts Ciya to a point of aggression, but Ciya backs down preferring to leave the pub instead of pursuing the argument. Stunt and Jeff initially mistake the two South African's as ganging up on a defenseless old guy. They realise that Ciya was the "guy from the telly" and so follow them outside the pub steaming for revenge.
- 9. OUTSIDE THE FORTUNE OF WAR HOTEL. The Rixon is immediately decked and Ciya is overpowered and forced to kiss the Australian flag as retribution for his violation of Australia's respected sporting mascot. The four boys are pounced on by the police and shoved into the back of a police caged truck.
- **10. UNDER ARREST:** All four boys are driven to the nearest police station where they learn they will not be charged, rather held in the cells to cool off for a while. If they behave they may be allowed to leave at half time. The police lock the three white boys together and Ciya is placed in a separate cell.
- 11. AUSTRALIA VS SOUTH AFRICA: After calming down from the anger of the situation, the boys decide to play their own game of Australia vs South Africa and see who the better team is. They improvise a basketball type game throwing shoes, socks, shirts, etc into a shared garbage bucket between their cells. The game is played (improvised every performance), until Stunt refuses to strip any further bringing the game to a halt and giving victory to the South Africans. This splits the unity of the Australian side (and the brothers) and brings the South Africans together in victory. The police re-arrive, tell the boys its half time in the big game and let the white boys free. However, Ciya is to stay in jail for his own protection.
- **12. OUTSIDE THE POLICE STATION:** By now Stunt and Jeff hate each other due to their humiliating defeat and decide to go their own way home. Rixon doesn't wait for his friend to get released, rather he decides to go and watch the rest of the game on the television in his hotel room.
- 13. THE PAY OFF: Back in the police station cell, Ciya awaits his release. A mysterious man in suit arrives with security guards and without any dialogue, takes him out of the station, in their car, to a building, up an elevator, into an office foyer and finally a meeting room. Ciya is given no reason for the journey. Into the meeting room enters a television executive, Guy Doyle. He wants to quash the controversy surrounding Ciya's actions at the game, spin the story into an inspiring tale of freedom and enlightenment, and offer him one million dollars for the rights.

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### Stage 5 Strand 1: Self and Relationships

Outcomes:	
A student:	
5.1 analyses how they can support their own and	
Evaluates their capacity to reflect on and respon	
Students learn about:	Students learn to
supporting others  - valuing difference and diversity  - recognising and challenging inequities  - use of inclusive and exclusive language  - supporting others to find their own solutions  - identifying positive and negative behaviours that impact on others	<ul> <li>explore attitudes to, and the importance of peer support for, students with particular needs</li> </ul>
challenges and opportunities	<ul> <li>critically analyse the gender stereotypes</li> </ul>
- during adolescence	that may impact on life choices and
<ul> <li>responding to challenges</li> </ul>	evaluate the effectiveness of strategies
	designed to redress inequities
Outcomes:	
A student:	modeling including and patient in a modeling of
5.3 A student analyses factors that contribute to	
developing equal and respectful	<ul> <li>explore how the appropriate use of</li> </ul>
relationships - active listening	<ul><li>personal</li><li>power can contribute to positive</li></ul>
- active listering - decision-making	relationships
- negotiation	relationships
- conflict resolution	
– use of power in relationships	
– empathy	
_ speaking up	
recognising and responding to abusive situations  - recognising situations where abuse may occur  - impact of violence and abuse on the individual and relationships  - practical personal safety strategies	<ul> <li>identify situations – such as in a crowd, at a party, going out with others in cars, at work – in which forms of abuse may occur and suggest possible protective strategies</li> <li>practise trust, talk, take control, as a strategy for dealing with abusive situations</li> </ul>
affirming diversity  - appreciating diversity as normal  - valuing individual differences and perspectives  discrimination, harassment and vilification  - impact of discrimination, harassment and vilification on individuals and the community	<ul> <li>design an advocacy strategy that affirms difference and diversity</li> <li>identify the various forms of discrimination</li> <li>explore the impact of discrimination and</li> <li>difference on marginalised group</li> </ul>

Learning Evacuiones	Descursos			
Learning Experience Activity 1:	Resources			
In small groups, students complete a mind map that identifies the various forms of discrimination and the impact it has on each of the young people in the performance. Identify factors by writing them randomly on the worksheet and placing a circle around each issue. See example.	Worksheets – mind map			
Activity 2: a) In small groups students explore the use of personal power by the security guards. Students:				
Activity 3: Students imagine they are part of the media group covering the game for your network. Students write an article to recall the events that have occurred. The article should analyse the stereotypes of the people involved and how they may impact on choices. Students should propose strategies designed to redress inequities.				
Activity 4: You are a newspaper reporter and your Editor has asked you to write an article about the values for the Australian and South African spectators to challenge negative community values and images relating to diversity. In the article students design a media campaign that affirms differences and diversity.				
Activity 5: Students choose a scene where they can propose and practice <i>trust</i> , <i>talk</i> , <i>take control</i> , as a strategy for dealing with an abusive situation for one of the characters	Refer to 'Scene Break Down'			
Activity 6: Students choose one of the characters and analyse that impact of the events on the individual's ability to behave in health and safe ways in relation to:    Mental health   Drug use   Sexual health   Personal safety   Accessing support services				
Students complete the table provided to develop a monologue for one of the characters.				
Activity 7: You are a newspaper reporter and your Editor has asked you to write an article about the Game, identify inequities that exist in the local community and propose actions to address them. In your article include information on:  The attitudes of young people The behaviours and consequences affecting young people The influences on health decision making Strategies to promote health and safe behaviours	Newspaper template			

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#### Activity 8:

As a concerned young person, you have identified key issues for individual or group action presented in the performance. Write a letter to raise awareness and gather support for the issue using ICT skills including mail merge.

You will need to research appropriate individuals and groups that this letter could be sent to.

#### Activity 9:

Write a letter to the state government presenting strategies that would support and improve the health and wellbeing of young people similar to the characters presented in the performance.

Letter head template

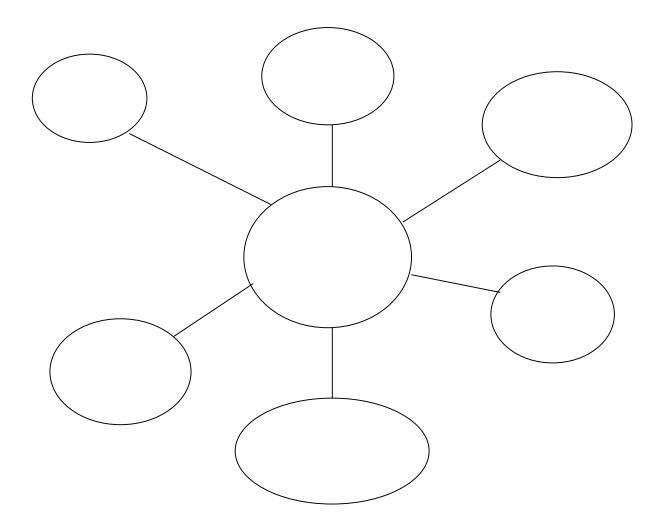
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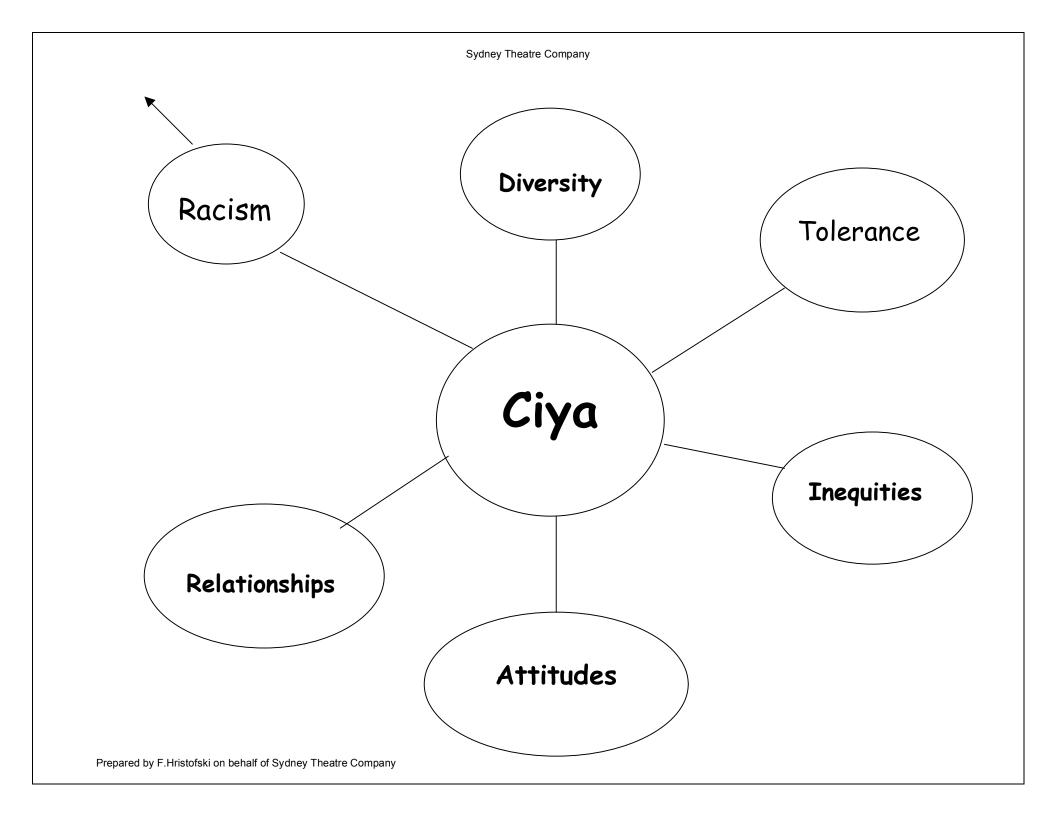
You are the Minister for Sport. You have been asked to appear on several current affair programs and explain what strategies the government will implement to address discrimination at international sporting events.

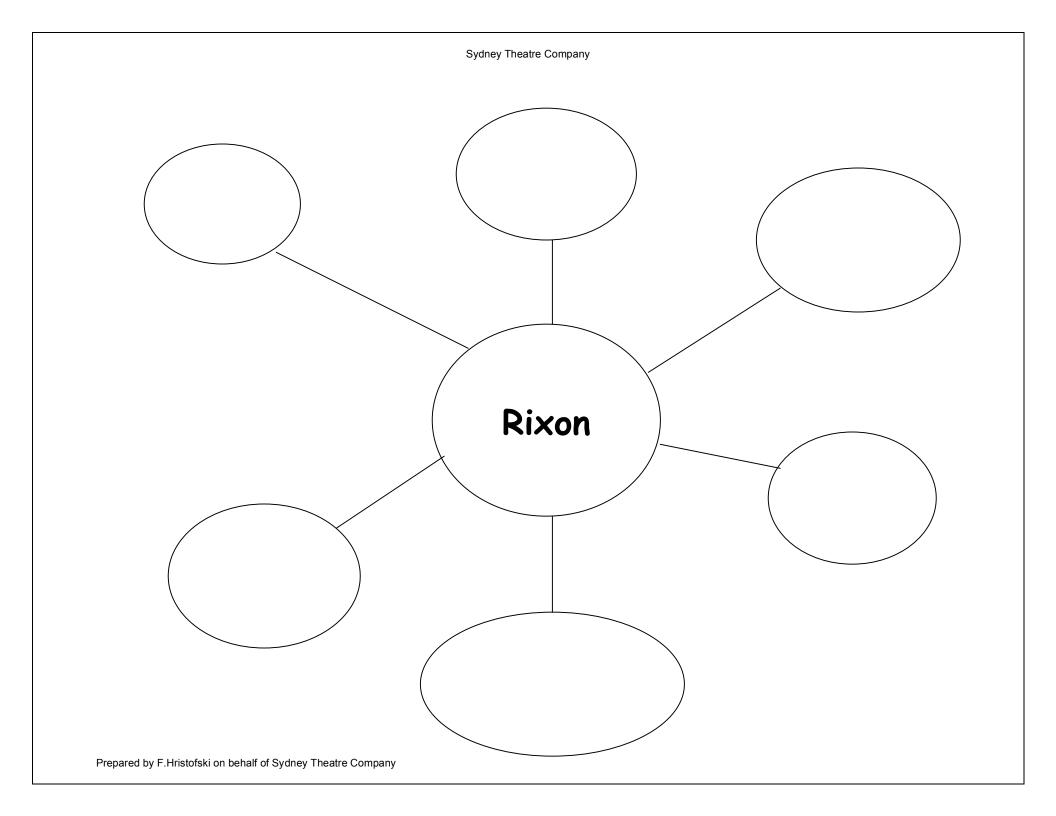
Prepare an outline of your strategies.

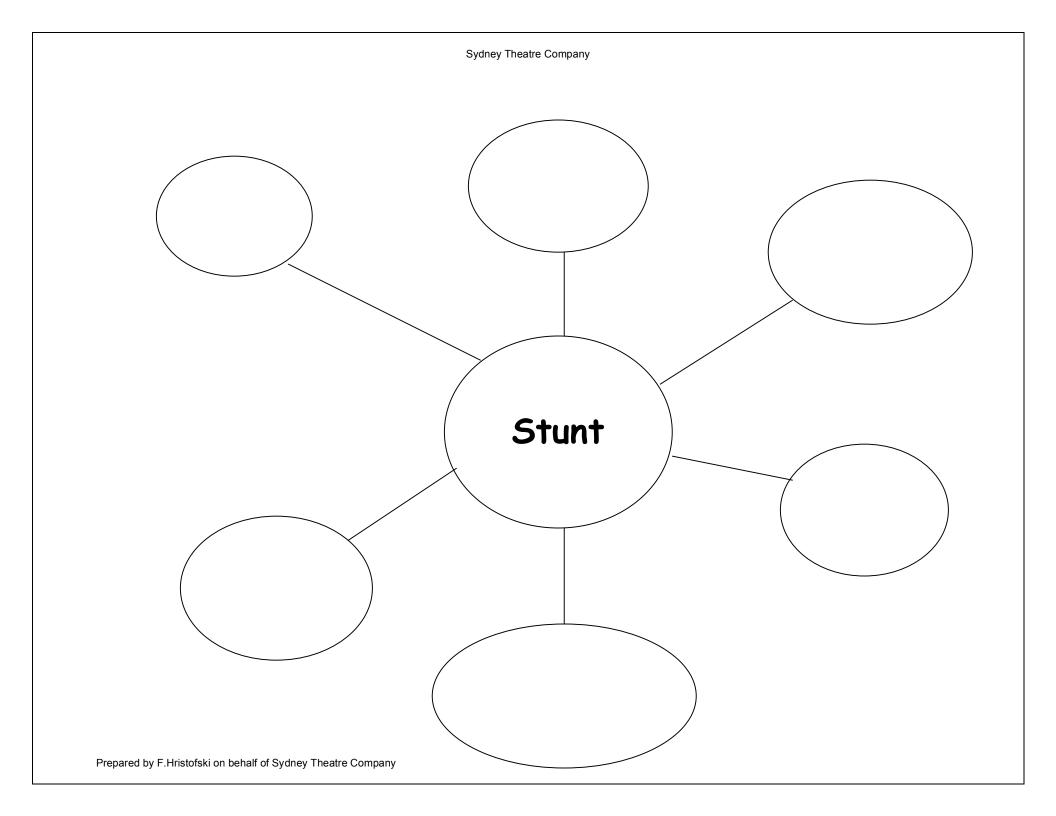
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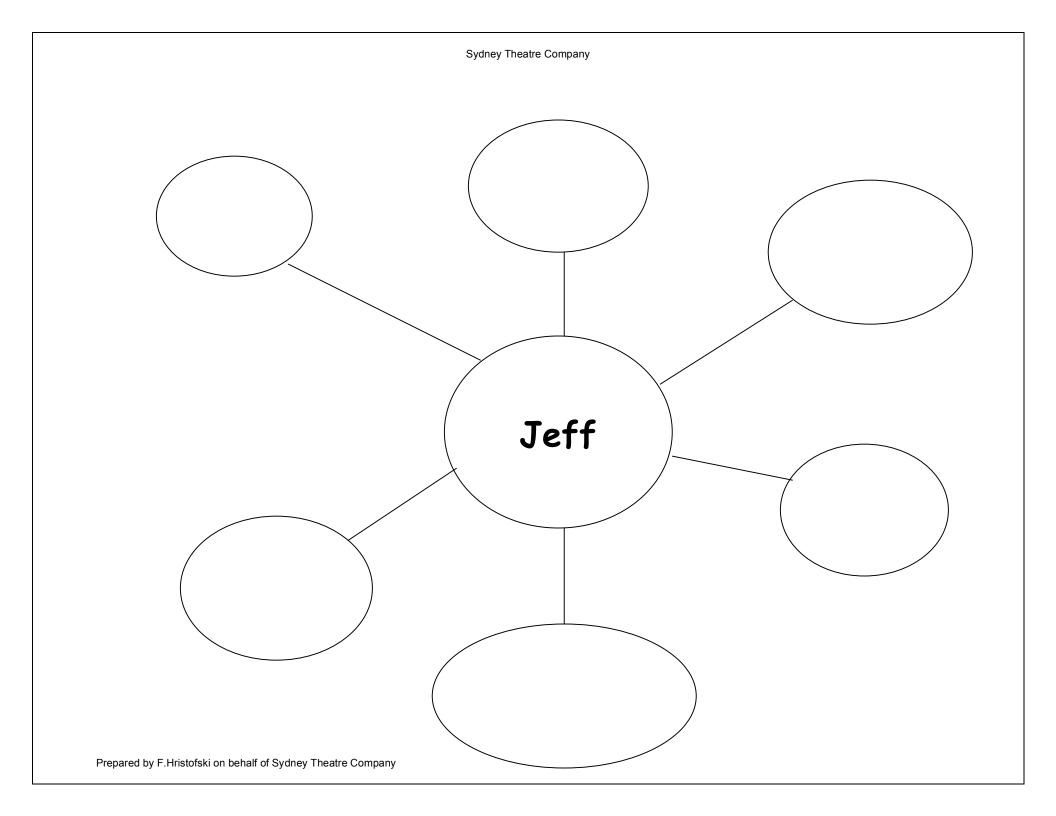
Identify the various forms of discrimination and the impact it has on each of the young people in the performance. Identify factors by writing them randomly on the worksheet and placing a circle around each issue.











## Activity 6:

Analyse the range of influences that impact on an individual's ability to behave in health and safe ways in relation to:

| Mental health
| Drug use
| Sexual health
| Personal safety
| Accessing support services

Complete the table below and then develop a monologue for one of the characters about themselves.

Character	Mental health	Drug use	Sexual health	Personal safety	Accessing support services

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Monologue: _		

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# Activity 10:

You are the Minister for Sport. You have been asked to appear on several current affair programs and explain what strategies the government will implement to support young people similar to the characters presented in the performance.			
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