

## Standard Playwriting Format

Please follow these standard formatting rules:

- Act and Scene headings are centered.
- Character's names are centered and capitalized.
- Stage directions are indented one tab and italicized.
- Character's names in stage directions are capitalized.
- Parenthetical stage directions are used for small actions.
- Include a Title Page and Cast of Characters.
- Optional: Include Setting and Time

PLAY TITLE

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## CHARACTERS

BIG PAPI            Strong, outspoken type.  
Likes to hit baseballs out  
of ballparks.

AYANNA            Strong, outspoken type.  
Fights for the will of the  
people.

TOM                Free spirit. Likes to throw  
a football downfield.

SETTING

Boston.

TIME

Evening. Some time in the 2000's.

SCENE 1

*Fenway Park, a section of the stands, early evening. BIG PAPI, AYANNA and TOM enter. TOM is wearing a football helmet.*

BIG PAPI

Why don't you take that helmet off?

TOM

I'm ready to play!

BIG PAPI

*(annoyed)*

We aren't playing right now!

*BIG PAPI attempts to take TOM's helmet off, but AYANNA stops him.*

AYANNA

Oh, why don't you just leave him alone? Having his helmet on makes him feel good.

BIG PAPI

There's a time and a place for everything.

*Takes TOM's helmet off.*

*The sound of crowd cheering is heard.*

AYANNA

What was that?!

*All three run stage right. Then they turn around and run back stage left.*

BIG PAPI

We gotta get outa here.

*They look around for an exit. AYANNA suddenly notices a football on the ground. She picks it up.*

AYANNA

Hey, Papi. Go long.

*BIG PAPI runs offstage right. TOM follows.*

AYANNA

Keep going!

*Blackout.*