

scene two

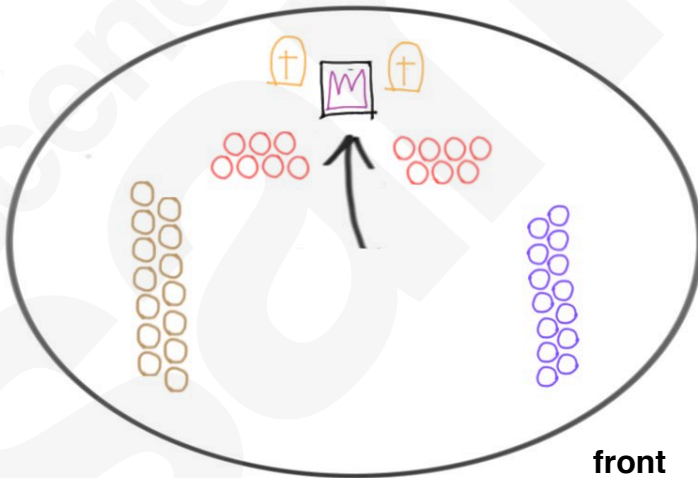
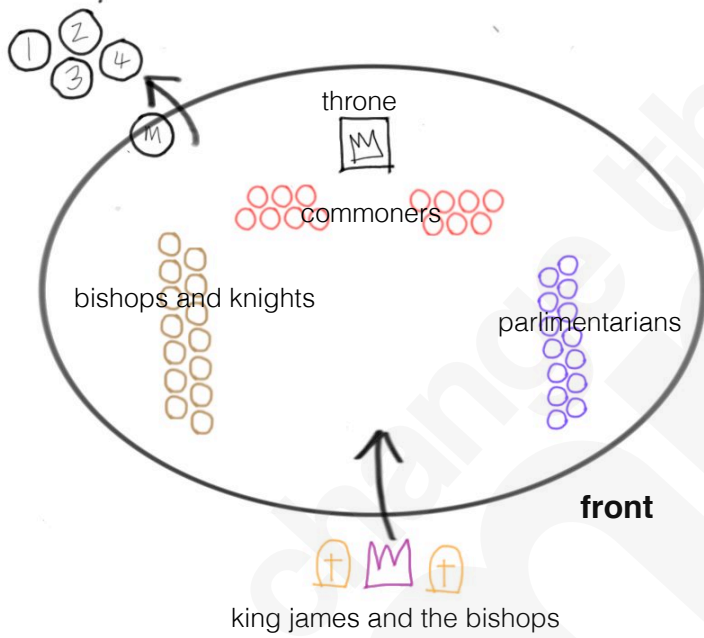
the king's coronation



setting the scene

This scene portrays the coronation of King James. There are 3 groups on the stage: The commoners, the parliamentarians and the Bishops and Knights. Each of these have an action and phrase to say by way of introduction before the Kings' procession enters. The procession consists of King James and a few bishops who walk behind him. The scene begins with the Old man setting the scene and introducing the different people before the King enters and walks to the throne where he sits down and the Archbishop puts the crown on his head. Everyone cheers.

stage setting



workshop

Split the group into 3 groups:

The Bishops and Knights
The Commoners
and the Parliamentarians.

Introduce the different groups and explain who they were. (See background info) Position them as stage settings.

Teach each group their chant:

(this is done to a steady 4/4 beat- you could clap or drum this out to help)

Parliamentarians:

Order, Order. Equal rights for all. In God's eyes all of us are one.

Commoners:

**Bread for our food, money for our bed, get your jellied eels or
you'll end up dead!**

Bishops and Knights

**God save the King, God save the King, bless his holy name to
the ends of the earth.**

You can add gestures to illustrate the chant e.g mime the gavel on order, order, open hands for 'equal rights for all' , point to your eyes for 'in God's eyes' , then hold up a single digit for 'all of us are one'.

Each group has a few minutes to practice.

Then the leader 'conducts' the chants from the front pointing to each group when it's their turn. The order is as follows:

(Insert order)

Choose one person to be King James together with 3 or 4 Bishops. Explain what they are doing and then walk it through with them. They are positioned at the back ready to parade in once the chants are finished and the fanfare begins. Once the fanfare starts the king walks down the centre and sits on a throne and the bishops flank him or stand behind.

Finally get everyone to practice the shout. The cue is: **“Three cheers for King James.”** Everyone responds **‘hip hip hooray’**

Walk through the whole scene.

script

Old Man: King James after many years as the King of Scotland has realised his dream to unite the kingdom and has journeyed south to sit on the English throne. Some would say he has reached the end of his quest but history tells us that his quest has just begun. Image the scene.....the church was full.....parliament on one side....and the bishops and knights on the other. Outside the streets were bustling with the common people.....and then.....(announces) Lord Ladies and Gentlemen let us be bowed for the entrance of the great and divinely chosen King James 1st of England.

(Procession music begins)

(Stage directions) King's procession enters- each group bows as he goes past. Once he is crown King , somebody shouts: God Save the King! (everyone echos). One of the Commoners then shouts: Three cheers for the King- Hip hip ...etc.