



## NORTHROP MATINEE

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# Pilobolus *Rules @ Play*

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Intended Audience: Grades 6-12 and 3-5

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# MN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ANCHOR STANDARDS ADDRESSED

Reading 4: Read critically to comprehend, interpret, and analyze themes and central ideas in complex literary and informational texts.

Listening, Speaking, Viewing, and Exchanging Ideas 2: Communicate with others, applying knowledge of vocabulary, language, structure, and features of spoken language, considering audience and context.



# LEARNING TARGET

Students will analyze the concept of rules and will determine benefits and limitations of having rules in place.



# THE PILOBOLUS DANCE COMPANY

Pilobolus is known as a rebellious dance company that tests the limits of human physicality to explore the beauty and the power of connected bodies.

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# WHAT DOES PILOBOLUS MEAN?

Pilobolus is a genus of fungi that grows on the waste of herbivores, such as horses, for instance.

Like other fungi, Pilobolus disperses its spores for the purpose of reproduction. It does this in a spectacular manner by shooting out spores at high velocity.



# VIDEO: PILOBOLUS SHOOTING ITS SPORES



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**SO THAT'S PRETTY BIZARRE,  
RIGHT? YEP.**

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# THE PILOBOLUS DANCE COMPANY: RULES @PLAY

This performance is a lively, interactive show created specifically for a youth audience.

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# THE PILOBOLUS DANCE COMPANY: RULES @PLAY

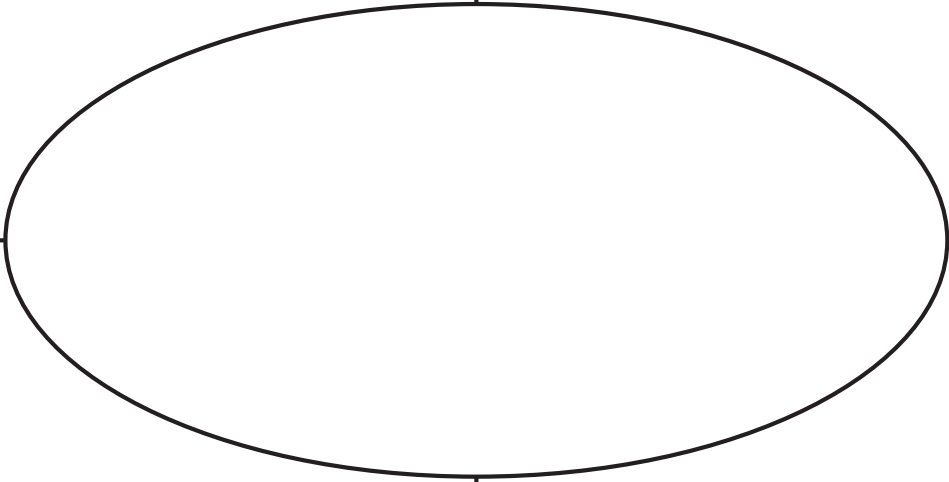
The performance centers on rules. Let's think about that concept.

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**Directions:** Fill in the Frayer Model below to help deepen your knowledge about the concept of “rules.” Begin by defining rules. Then, describe the characteristics of rules, examples of rules, and non-examples of rules.

<b>Definition</b>	<b>Characteristics</b>
<b>Examples</b>	<b>Non-examples</b>



## SMALL GROUP THINKING GUIDE

### Frayer Model on Rules



# SHARE DIALOGUE

Share the responses you recorded on the Frayer Model with the whole class.



# THE CONCEPT OF RULES

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## DIALOGUE

When are rules good?

When are rules bad?

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# THE PILOBOLUS DANCE COMPANY: RULES @PLAY

Throughout life, we all encounter rules, and we often view them negatively. Rules, however, can define a situation, provide guidance, and offer equitable opportunities for success when they are fair.

Rules @ Play explores how rules can provide opportunities to solve problems and overcome challenges.

Rules can also spark creativity, and in this case, give Pilobolus tools to create dances.

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# SEE YOU SOON!

All students are welcome at the University of Minnesota!

The U of M looks forward to seeing YOU at the University of Minnesota soon—and maybe one day as a college student!

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