

## Fences: Performance and Author's Purpose

**Question:** How do an actor's choices change the audience's perception of a character or a scene? How do performance choices represent an analysis of author's purpose?

Read Act. 1 Scene 3 and then watch the two performances.

Watch the two versions of Troy Maxson in this scene, performed by both James Earl Jones and Denzel Washington:

	What character traits does the actor attempt to emphasize in the scene?	Write two specific choices you notice the actor make at certain lines (gestures, volume, movement, tone, how a line is read)	Based on the performances and choices in this scene, what theme does it seem like the actors and director want to most emphasize? Explain.
James Earl Jones as Troy			
Denzel Washington as Troy			

Evaluate:

- Which Troy do you think most captured the essence of the ideas and characters in the play as Wilson intended? Explain.

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