Writing Monologues

Don't do it... unless your character mandates you do it. Then if you do it... write the ever-loving hell out of it.

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The USS Indianapolis monologue in 'Jaws'

Every so often, one of my university students will turn in script pages in which a character delivers a monologue ("a long speech by one actor in a play or movie"). More often than not, the monologue doesn't hold up.