

MIDLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS Midland Park, New Jersey CURRICULUM

Dramatics

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Dramatics

Course Description:

Dramatics is designed to help high school students develop an in-depth understanding of the theater. Students will participate in various activities involving performing, writing, and backstage responsibilities. The predominant goals of this course of study are: first, to appreciate the breadth of roles and contributors involved in theatrical productions; second, to understand the rules of performance art, as well as the expectations of those involved; and third, to create original content to be performed by and with peers. Students will participate in a variety of collaborative learning activities designed to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, cultural understanding, appreciation and respect for diversity, and an ability to incorporate this learning to other courses and scenarios.

Suggested Course Sequence:

Unit 1: The Theater Calls - The basics of theatre and performing. 5 weeks, and as needed throughout

Unit 2: Putting on a Show - & Creating Content for the Stage. 5 Weeks and continuous throughout

Unit 3: Acting for Television and Film - From stage to screen. 2 Weeks and continuous throughout

Unit 4: Summative - Portfolio and Journal review. 1 week, and continuous throughout.

Unit Title: The Theatre Calls - Theatre and Performance Basics

Grade Level: High School 9-12

Unit Summary: An overview of the theater, the stage, and performance art. An analysis of the various formats of performing, and the most famous performers of the past and present.

Interdisciplinary Connections: The historical connections made throughout this unit can be further discussed.

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	over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the	
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	collaborate with others.	
Unit Essential Ques	tion(s):	Unit Enduring Understandings:
 What technique 	ies can I use to overcome my fear of	 How and why the theater and performing arts underwen
speaking in fro	nt of a group?	dramatic changes over time

- speaking in front of a group?
- How can I warm up my voice and my body so that I am ready for a performance?
- What did the theater and performing arts look like throughout various time periods?
- How and why did theater arts change over time?
- What does it mean to analyze a piece of writing to be performed?
- How does one effectively learn from others' performances?

- dramatic changes over time
- The necessity of an analytical approach to reading performance pieces
- The capability to learn from viewing and critiquing others' ability to engage with audiences in a performance

Students will...

- Research/Discuss the evolution of staged performance
- Participate and lead improv and warm up exercises and games
- Learn and practice the vocabulary of theatre
- Discover the elements of a staged show
- Learn and practice the basic elements of performance

Formative Assessments:

Performance, Participation, Quizzes, Tests

Summative/Benchmark Assessment(s):

Resources/Materials (copy hyperlinks for digital resources): Stage access, Computers, Internet access, student Google accounts, Google Classroom, printing capability

Modifications:

- Special Education Students alternative pacing of unit, reduce amount of work required, provide written and oral instruction
- English Language Learners

- At-Risk Students allow extended time for project completion, provide hands-on activities, accept participation
- at any level
- Gifted and Talented Students

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Lesson	Lesson Objective(s)	Time frame (day(s) to complete)
Name/Topic		
Introduction	Introduce students to	1 Week and continuous
	Improvisational - Games and	
	Warm-Up Exercises.	
	Create a safe space where students	
	can be creative.	
History of	Introduce a brief history of theatre.	2 Weeks and reviewed as needed
the Theatre	Theatre Then & Now - Compare and	
	Contrast.	
	Discuss/Research/Presentations	8
	etiquette, superstitions, legends	
	and "curses".	
Theatre	Introduce and discuss drama	3 Class Periods and reviewed as needed
Vocabulary	vocabulary.	
& The	Students will tour the stage in	
Elements of	Memorial Hall as we review a	
Drama – The	diagram of the stage and discuss	
Stage	the space.	
The Basics	Analyze Professional examples.	2 Weeks and continuous
of	Students will explore how to train	
Performing	their voice through the announcer's	
	test.	
	Students will act without words,	
	use props and try other techniques.	
	Summative Evaluation:	
	Mimic the best then make it your	
	own.	g g

Teacher Notes:

Additional Resources Click links below to access additional resources used to design this unit:

http://www.historyworld.net/wrldhis/PlainTextHistories.asp?ParagraphID=cui

http://www.glencoe.com/theatre/Timeline/timeline_content.html

http://www.biography.com/people/groups/actors-and-actresses-theater-actor-and-theater actress-male

http://www.biography.com/people/groups/actors-and-actresses-theater-actor-and-theater actress-female

http://www.imdb.com/list/ls050274118/

Unit Title: Putting on a Show - The Rules & Roles

Grade Level: High School 9-12

Unit Summary: An overview of the rules and terminology involved in various performance formats. An overview and student sampling of the different roles necessary for a successful production. A consideration of emulating such a network within this course.

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Unit Essential Question(s):		Unit Enduring Understandings:
 What are the dif 	ferent types of performers	 Performers have unique specialties and stock characters to
and the characters	they can play?	employ in their work
 What are the diff 	erent roles behind the scenes of a	There exists a hierarchy and chain of command within
production and wh	at are their responsibilities?	every production to ensure efficiency and communication
• How do all of the	people involved in a performance	Each contributor has an essential role to play in a
collaborate, coexist, and succeed?		successful production.

Students will...

performance and why?

- Research the different types of performers and develop unique performance specialties
- Create an ongoing portfolio of original stock characters to be performed by and with peers
- Research the different roles of behind the scenes contributors

• What are the expectations of everyone involved in a

- Understand the hierarchy of a production and be able to employ each of the necessary roles as expected
- Write original pieces to be performed by and with peers with each piece requiring a number of behind the scenes roles to be performed as well
- Create original content to be performed for peers
- · Review and revise peers' work

Formative Assessments:

Performance, Participation, Quizzes, Tests, Scene/Monologue/Scriptwriting Summative/Benchmark Assessment(s):

Resources/Materials (copy hyperlinks for digital resources): Stage access, Computers, Internet access, student Google accounts, Google Classroom, printing capability

Modifications:	At-Risk Students
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Lesson Name/Topic	Lesson Objective(s)	Time frame (day(s) to complete)
Introduction & Pre-Assessment	What roles and rules are involved in theater arts?	1 Class Period
Applying the Rules - How to Put on a Show	Introduce Stagecraft, Terminology Review previous vocab	4 Class Periods and ongoing
Learning the Roles: Behind the Scenes of a Production	Introduce Hierarchy, Equipment Understanding Theatre through Script and Structure	1 Week and ongoing
Summative Evaluation	Contribution to the Fall Play	2 Weeks and throughout marking period 1
Character Development	Stock Characters Learning the Roles: Types of Performers and their Characters Research/Performance	2 Weeks and ongoing
Original Monologues	Research/Write/Direct Monologues/Scenes Performance	2 Weeks and ongoing

Teacher Notes:

Additional Resources

Click links below to access additional resources used to design this unit:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theatre_technique

http://campuses.fortbendisd.com/campuses/documents/teacher/2010/ teacher_20100525_1349.pdf

http://www.savoyhill.co.uk/technique/directingtheactor.html http://www.theatreheroes.com/#lacting-tips/c1lp0

http://www.fictionfactor.com/guests/common.html https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_stock_characters

Unit Title: Acting for Television and Film

Grade Level: High School 9-12

Unit Summary: Students will apply their knowledge of stage acting, performance and behind the scenes roles to the film set.

Interdisciplinary Connections: The content that students create during this unit can be connected to any other discipline, as per their choosing.

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Unit Essential Ques	tion(s):	Unit Enduring Understandings:	
 How is actir 	ng for television and film different	On camera performers need different techniques to	
from the sta	nge?	convey their message.	
200	u create tension and suspense on	There is a sense of intimacy with the audience that needs	
screen?		to be authentic.	
	ning and reacting so important when	The camera doesn't lie.	
	nt of the camera?		
	inner monologue and how do you		
use it?	. /611		

Students will...

- Research the different types of on-camera acting based on the target audience.
- Understand how to bring a consistent and quality performance to the screen take after take.
- Analyze how an actor can enhance his or her character beyond the page.
- Learn why different shots require different performance techniques.

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Name/Topic		
Introduction to TV and Film	Favorite Television Shows and Movies. Students should consider memorable performances and analyze why those performance left such a lasting impression on them.	1 Class Period
Techniques to make the transition from stage to screen	Listening and reacting, the inner monologue, acting with the eyes, the dramatic need and the shot type.	2 Class Periods
Exemplars of Screen Performances	View and Discuss overall impact. Analyze techniques and character's overarching dramatic need and need within the scene.	2 Class Periods
Research	Research A Soap Opera Scene, A Commercial and a Film Scene/Monologue	3 Class Periods
Rehearse	Practice on camera techniques	3 Class Periods
Perform/Film	Record Performance	1 Week
Edit Scene	Add music/sound effects and special effects to enhance and/or change the meaning of the scene	1 Week
View and Critique	Watch and discuss the performances	2 Class Periods

Teacher Notes:

Additional Resources

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http://fresnoartscouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/TV-Film-Acting-Class-Lesson-Plan.pdf

https://www.schooltheatre.org/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.ashx?DocumentFileKey=4c7b4df4-d970-4b37-98c7-44c45eb4128a

http://teachersinstitute.yale.edu/curriculum/units/1995/2/95.02.09.x.html

Unit Title: Portfolio Contributions

Grade Level: High School 9-12

Unit Summary: Students should be expected to reflect on their contributions to the class at various points throughout the course; their portfolio as a whole, each writing piece, and overall contributions should be considered.

Interdisciplinary Connections: Self-reflection is necessary throughout the disciplines.

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 How did each student contribute to the overall vision of the class? 		 Reflecting on one's work is essential for improvement The overall product and the methods to achieve such a 	
• How can each student improve his/her work?		product can always be improved upon	
 How can the class more effectively achieve its goals? 		• The importance of contributing to the overall vision of a group is vital	
 How does the class improve upon what it is already effectively producing? 			
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Students will...

- Re-visit each of their pieces and contributions to the class
- Examine how they have improved over a period of time regarding each writing format, as well as overall
- Respond to peer feedback and critique
- Adjust personal, as well as group, goals for moving forward in the course

Formative Assessments:

Portfolio/Journal Entries - Self Reflection

Summative/Benchmark Assessment(s):

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			Name/Topic		
			Introduction &	What is the purpose of keeping a	1 Class Period

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Pre-Assessment	portfolio?	
Portfolio Review	Set up Portfolio to include prompts, reflections and peer reviews.	1 Class Period
Entries	At the end of class students will be given to write in their journals and or will be asked to do this for homework. At the end of each marking period journals will be assessed.	Ongoing

Additional Resources Click links below to access additional resources used to design this unit: http://www.forbes.com/sites/ehrlichfu/2013/08/15/why-college-students-need-to-selfreflect/