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■ SHAKESPEARE'S TOOLKIT ■

Instructor

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Materials

Video modules, Handouts, Transcripts, MP3 Files, PDF of Powerpoint Slides, Completion Certificate

Course length

9 modules
3 hours, 3 minutes of video
6 credit hours

Course Description

Todd Espeland has the experience to know that having more tools in your toolbox makes you a better actor. This is especially important when teaching students how to approach Shakespeare. They need help breaking through the language barrier and into the character's needs and into the character's thoughts.

The tools that you'll receive in this course will do just that. The course looks at scansion as a tool for breaking down Shakespeare's verse, the importance of end of lines, and caesura. Caesura is an inner-line pause which is a lot of fun to play with and really, helps us provide insight to the character's thoughts and into their needs.

The course provides numerous examples and handouts, and culminates in a performance assignment to use with your students.

About the Instructor

Todd is Artistic Director of the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre, the founder and former Artistic Director of Commedia Zuppa and a graduate of the world renowned Dell'Arte International in Blue Lake California. While at Dell'Arte, Todd did extensive post-graduate work in Mask, Clown, Commedia Dell'Arte and Physical Theatre.

He has an MFA in Directing from the University of Nevada Las Vegas, where he directed such plays as *On the Verge*, *Equus* and toured work to the Adelaide Fringe Festival in Adelaide Australia. While in Las Vegas, he was a Clown consultant on Cirque du Soleil's show *Zumanity*, working alongside lead Cirque clown Shannan Calcutt. With Commedia Zuppa Todd has toured work nationally and internationally. He has also directed, served as a Master Teacher and artist in residence Off-Broadway for the Rosebud Theatre Company, and at many regional theatres, colleges and universities. He is a specialist in mask and movement actor training.

Todd has also served as a Guest Artist/visiting Assistant Professor at Kalamazoo College where he taught classes in acting, mask performance and directed recent productions of *Peer Gynt* and *Romeo and Juliet*. In 2002 his mask show *BOXHEAD* was nominated for a Brickenden Award for best touring production by the London Free Press. His production of *Richard the Third* won the Civic Theatre Production Excellence award (2015).

Course Curriculum

Lesson 1: Introduction 7:20

Lesson 1 outlines the course and explains the techniques that will be covered to build the tools to break down Shakespeare's characters and text.

Lesson 2: Warm-Up 9:02

This lesson teaches a vocal warm-up that gets the lips, teeth, and the tongue prepared for the language of Shakespeare's text.

Lesson 3: Scansion 41:47

This lesson covers scansion: a system of breaking down Shakespeare's verse in order to understand it, see how it's arranged, and then look at the arrangements and see how Shakespeare arranged this poetry.

Lesson 4: Scansion with a Sonnet 31:17

This lesson applies the scansion learned in lesson 3 to one of Shakespeare's sonnets.

Lesson 5: Ends of Lines 21:15

This lesson looks at ends of lines in Shakespeare's poetic form, and examines their importance.

Lesson 6: Ends of Lines with the Sonnet 10:58

This lesson reviews the ends of lines learnings and applies them to the ends of lines verse with the sonnet.

Lesson 7: Caesura 31:02

This lesson reviews Caesura: an inner-line pause that Shakespeare has built in for characters to take breath or to create suspense or to have an emotional gear shift.

Lesson 8: Performing Everything 11:58

This lessons applies the scansion, the ends of lines and the caesura to the sonnet, in order to perform.

Lesson 9: Non-Shakespeare Work and Recap 18:31

This lesson recaps the learnings of the course, as well as discusses how these learnings can be applied to non-Shakespeare work.

Standards Connections

National Core Arts Standards

Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation - Grade 6

TH:Pr4.1.6.a - Identify the essential events in a story or script that make up the dramatic structure in a drama/theatre work.

Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work - High School Proficient

TH:Cr1.1.HSI.c - Use script analysis to generate ideas about a character that is believable and authentic in a drama/theatre work.

Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work - High School Advanced

TH:Cr1.1.HSIII.c - Integrate cultural and historical contexts with personal experiences to create a character that is believable and authentic, in a drama/theatre work.

Organize and develop artistic ideas and work - Grade 6

TH:Cr2.1.6.a - Use critical analysis to improve, refine, and evolve original ideas and artistic choices in a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.

Organize and develop artistic ideas and work - Grade 7

TH:Cr2.1.7.a - Examine and justify original ideas and artistic choices in a drama/theatre work based on critical analysis, background knowledge, and historical and cultural context.

Organize and develop artistic ideas and work - Grade HS Advanced

TH:Cr2.1.HSIII.b - Collaborate as a creative team to discover artistic solutions and make interpretive choices in a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.

Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding - Grade 6

TH:Cn11.2.6.b - Investigate the time period and place of a drama/theatre work to better understand performance and design choices.

Refine new work through play, drama processes and theatre experiences using critical analysis and experimentation - Grade 7

TH:Cr3.1.7.a - Demonstrate focus and concentration in the rehearsal process to analyze and refine choices in a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.

Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work - Grade 7

TH:Pr6.1.7.a - Participate in rehearsals for a drama/theatre work that will be shared with an audience.

Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work - Grade 8

TH:Pr6.1.8.a - Perform a rehearsed drama/theatre work for an audience.

Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work - Grade HS Proficient

TH:Pr6.1.HSI.a - Perform a scripted drama/theatre work for a specific audience.

Refine new work through play, drama processes and theatre experiences using critical analysis and experimentation - Grade HS Advanced

TH:Cr3.1.HSIII.b - Synthesize ideas from research, script analysis, and context to create a performance that is believable, authentic, and relevant in a drama/theatre work.

Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work - Grade HS Advanced

TH:Re9.1.HSIII.a - Research and synthesize cultural and historical information related to a drama/theatre work to support or evaluate artistic choices.

California VAPA Standards (2019)

6.TH:Pr4 Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation.

6.TH:Pr4.a - Identify the essential events in a story or script that make up the dramatic structure in a drama/theatre work.

Prof.TH:Cr1 Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work

Prof.TH:Cr1.b - Use script analysis to generate ideas about a character that is believable and authentic in a drama/theatre work.

Adv.TH:Cr1 Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.

Adv.TH:Cr1.b - Integrate cultural and historical contexts with personal experiences to create a character that is believable and authentic, in a drama/theatre work.

6.TH:Cr2 Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.

6.TH:Cr2.a - Use critical analysis to improve, refine, and evolve original ideas and artistic choices in a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.

7.TH:Cr2 Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.

7.TH:Cr2.a - Examine and justify original ideas and artistic choices in a drama/theatre work based on critical analysis, personal experience, and historical and cultural context.

Adv.TH:Cr2 Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.

Adv.TH:Cr2.b - Collaborate as a creative team to discover artistic solutions and make interpretive choices in a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.

6.TH:Cn11.2 Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding.

6.TH:Cn11.2.b - Investigate the time period and place of a drama/theatre work to better understand performance and design choices.

7.TH:Cr3 Refine and complete artistic work.

7.TH:Cr3.a - Demonstrate focus and concentration in the rehearsal process to analyze and refine choices in a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.

7.TH:Pr6 Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.

67TH:Pr6 - Create through improvisation a drama/theatre work that will be shared with an audience.

8.TH:Pr6 Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.

8.TH:Pr6 - Perform a rehearsed, scripted scene from a drama/theatre work for an audience.

Prof.TH:Pr6 Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.

Prof.TH:Pr6 - Perform a rehearsed, scripted short drama/theatre work for a specific audience.

Adv.TH:Cr3 Refine and complete artistic work.

Adv.TH:Cr3.b - Synthesize ideas from research, script analysis, and context to create a performance that is

believable, authentic, and relevant in a drama/theatre work.

Adv.TH:Re9 Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.

Adv.TH.Re9.a - Research and synthesize cultural and historical information related to a drama/theatre work to support or evaluate artistic choices.

Colorado Academic Standards - Drama and Theatre Arts

Sixth Grade

DT.6.1.2.a - Students Can: Analyze to improve, refine, and evolve original ideas and artistic choices in a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.

DT.6.1.4.a - Students Can: Examine and articulate choices to refine a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.

DT.6.2.1.a - Students Can: Identify the essential events in a story or script that make up the dramatic structure in a drama/theatre work.

Seventh Grade

DT.7.1.2.a - Students Can: Examine and justify original ideas and artistic choices in a drama/theatre work based on background knowledge, historical, and cultural context.

DT.7.1.4.a - Students Can: Demonstrate focus and concentration in the rehearsal process to analyze and refine choices in a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.

DT.7.2.4.a - Students Can: Participate in rehearsals for a drama/theatre work that will be shared with an audience.

Eighth Grade

DT.8.2.4.a - Students Can: Perform/present a rehearsed/designed drama/theatre work for an audience.

High School - Fundamental Pathway

DT.H1.1.1.c - Students Can: Generate ideas about a character that are believable and authentic using script analysis.

High School - Professional Pathway

DT.H3.1.1.c - Students Can: Integrate cultural and historical contexts with personal experiences to create a character that is believable and authentic in a drama/theatre work.

DT.H3.1.3.a - Students Can: Collaborate on a drama/theatre work that examines a critical global issue using multiple personal, community, and cultural perspectives.

DT.H3.1.4.b - Students Can: Synthesize ideas from research, script analysis, and context to create a performance that is believable, authentic, and relevant in a drama/theatre work.

Common Core

Speaking and Listening

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.1 - Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.3 - Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.4 - Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

Language

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.L.1 - Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage

when writing or speaking.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.L.3 - Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.L.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.L.5 - Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.L.6 - Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

Reading: Literature

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.1 - Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.2 - Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.4 - Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone).

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.9 - Analyze how an author draws on and transforms source material in a specific work (e.g., how Shakespeare treats a theme or topic from Ovid or the Bible or how a later author draws on a play by Shakespeare).

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.10 - By the end of grade 9, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 9-10 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of the grades 9-10 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

Language

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.9-10.1 - Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.9-10.3 - Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.9-10.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9-10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.9-10.5 - Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.9-10.6 - Acquire and use accurately

general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

Florida Sunshine State Standards

Critical Thinking & Reflection

TH.912.C.1.2 - Create, refine, and sustain complex and believable characters for performance through the integration and application of artistic choices based on research, rehearsal, feedback, and refinement.

TH.912.C.1.3 - Justify a response to a theatrical experience through oral or written analysis, using correct theatre terminology.

TH.912.C.2.8 - Improve a performance or project using various self-assessment tools, coaching, feedback, and/or constructive criticism.

Historical & Global Connections

TH.912.H.1.1 - Analyze how playwrights' work reflects the cultural and socio-political framework in which it was created.

TH.912.H.1.2 - Study, rehearse, and discuss a broad range of theatre works by diverse playwrights to enrich one's perspective of the world.

Organizational Structure

TH.912.O.1.1 - Research and analyze a dramatic text by breaking it down into its basic, structural elements to support development of a directorial concept, characterization, and design.

TH.912.O.2.6 - Deconstruct a play, using an established theory, to understand its dramatic structure.

Skills, Techniques & Processes

TH.912.S.1.7 - Interpret dramatic texts, organize and conduct rehearsals, and justify directorial choices for formal and informal productions.

TH.912.S.1.8 - Use research to extract clues in dramatic texts to create performances or technical elements, choosing those that are most interesting and that best convey dramatic intent.

TH.912.S.2.8 - Strengthen acting skills by engaging in theatre games and improvisations.

TH.912.S.3.2 - Exercise artistic discipline and collaboration to achieve ensemble in rehearsal and performance.

TH.912.S.3.3 - Develop acting skills and techniques in the rehearsal process.

Georgia Performance Standards - Theatre Arts

Grade 6 - Creating

TA6.CR.1 - Organize, design, and refine theatrical work., a. Identify artistic choices, utilize theatre vocabulary, and demonstrate non-verbal communication skills in the rehearsal process., b. Interpret a character's motivation by understanding the relationship between their background and their behavior., c. Identify the variety of relationships between characters., d. Identify, define, and classify character traits., e. Recognize and demonstrate the roles, responsibilities, and skills associated with collaborative performance., f. Use resources to identify and create technical elements of theatre.

Grade 6 - Performing

TA6.PR.1 - Act by communicating and sustaining roles in formal and informal environments., a. Demonstrate effective verbal and non-verbal communication skills (e.g. rate, pitch, volume, inflection, posture, facial expression, physical movement)., b. Execute character creation in a performance., c. Demonstrate a variety of types of theatre performances.

Grade 7 - Creating

TA7.CR.1 - Organize, design, and refine theatrical work., a. Identify and rehearse effective communication skills., b. Compare and contrast character types and relationships by analyzing character motivations, objectives, and goals., c. Compare the physical, emotional, vocal, and social dimensions of a character., d. Investigate the role and responsibility of the cast and crew., e. Identify and model ensemble skills in the rehearsal process., f. Utilize staging and blocking choices to enhance the performance., g. Compare, contrast, and design elements of technical theatre., h. Utilize theatre vocabulary throughout the rehearsal process.

Grade 7 - Performing

TA7.PR.1 - Act by communicating and sustaining roles in formal and informal environments., a. Execute effective verbal and non-verbal communication skills in performance (e.g. rate, pitch, volume, inflection, posture, facial expression, physical movement)., b. Participate in a variety of acting exercises and techniques that can be applied in a rehearsal or theatre performance., c. Engage in various performance styles.

Grade 8 - Creating

TA8.CR.1 - Organize, design, and refine theatrical work., a. Differentiate the physical, emotional, vocal, and social dimensions of a variety of characters., b. Compare the relationships and interactions between characters by analyzing character motivation (objectives, obstacles, strategy, action, stakes, outcome)., c. Incorporate dramatic elements through improvisation., d. Connect theatre vocabulary to the application of theatre performance., e. Identify and demonstrate both ensemble and leadership skills in the rehearsal process., f. Evaluate the effectiveness of artistic and technical elements used in a theatre production., g. Design and create scenery, props, costumes, lighting, and sound., h. Assume different roles and responsibilities in the rehearsal process.

Grade 8 - Performing

TA8.PR.1 - Act by communicating and sustaining roles in formal and informal environments., a. Demonstrate the physical, emotional, vocal, and social dimensions of a character in different types of theatre performances (e.g. rate, pitch, volume, inflection, posture, facial expression, motivation, physical movement)., b. Demonstrate appropriate ensemble skills throughout a performance., c. Use appropriate listening and response skills during performances.

Grades 9-12 - ACTING LEVELS I-IV - Creating

TAHSA.CR.1 - Organize, design, and refine theatrical work., a. Use script analysis in the development and presentation of formal and informal theatre performances., b. Examine various theories of dramatic structure., c. Engage in and apply meaningful cultural, literary, and historical research to create acting choices or directorial concepts.

Grades 9-12 - ACTING LEVELS I-IV - Performing

TAHSA.PR.1 - Act and direct by communicating and sustaining roles within a variety of situations and environments., a. Examine and implement the voice, body,

observation, and imagination as tools of the actor in presentations of formal and informal theatre., b. Research and assess the development of acting skills for character creation and performance including historical movements, personal experience, and cultural influences., c. Act by developing, communicating, and sustaining roles within a variety of situations and environments., d. Identify and examine the responsibilities and tasks of an actor in relationship with directors, designers, and technical crew., e. Use the skills and tools of a director to conduct rehearsals for performance.

Grades 9-12 - ADVANCED DRAMA LEVELS I-IV -Performing

TAHSAD.PR.1 - Act and direct by communicating and sustaining roles within a variety of situations and environments., a. Examine and implement the skills and tasks associated with acting, incorporating voice, body, observation, and imagination to create characters for formal and informal performances., b. Implement the duties of the stage manager, including communication and safety procedures, that will assist the director in all areas of production., c. Develop a schedule and organizational plan to prepare a scene for performance, including a rehearsal schedule and a prompt script., d. Conduct rehearsals and present a full theatrical presentation to a live audience.

Grades 9-12 - FUNDAMENTALS OF THEATRE LEVELS I-IV - Creating

TAHSFT.CR.1 - Organize, design, and refine theatrical work., a. Recognize and/or employ realistic and conventional speech patterns within dialogue or dramatic verse., b. Incorporate dramatic elements through improvisation., c. Recognize and interpret artistic choices in performance.

Grades 9-12 - FUNDAMENTALS OF THEATRE LEVELS I-IV - Connecting

TAHSFT.CN.2 - Examine the role of theatre in a societal, cultural, and historical context., a. Identify and analyze plays and dramas from a variety of historical periods and cultures., b. Explore the works of milestone playwrights and plays, and the relevance of historical theatre., c. Recognize historical events that have influenced the role of theatre and how theatrical events have impacted cultural development., d. Interpret cultural and historical research for use in a production.

Grades 9-12 - THEATRE HISTORY AND LITERATURE I AND II - Creating

TAHSTL.CR.1 - Develop original theatre literature., a. Compare and summarize theatre literature from various historical periods, cultures, and styles., b. Examine and outline the steps and conventions involved in the creation of a theatre text., c. Develop original texts using theatre techniques (e.g. improvisation, adapting non-theatre literature, playwriting exercises).

Grades 9-12 - THEATRE HISTORY AND LITERATURE I AND II - Performing

TAHSTL.PR.1 - Analyze characters in theatre literature from the perspective of an actor/performer., a. Use performance (e.g. oration, improvisation, rehearsed monologues, scenes) to analyze a character's role and significance to the meaning of the play.

Grades 9-12 - THEATRE HISTORY AND LITERATURE I AND II - Responding

TAHSTL.RE.1 - Evaluate various aspects of theatre literature using appropriate supporting evidence., a. Develop and apply a set of comprehensive criteria for theatre text analysis., b. Compare and contrast theatre texts to live/film performance.

Grades 9-12 - THEATRE HISTORY AND LITERATURE I AND II - Connecting

TAHSTL.CN.1 - Connect theatre literature to its dramaturgical contexts and other disciplines., a. Trace the development of theatre from earliest forms to contemporary forms., b. Identify and summarize contributions made to the development of theatre literature by different cultures and traditions., c. Research and explain how cultural and historical factors have influenced playwrights and theatre literature., d. Identify the elements, influences, and contributions of other art forms and content areas to theatre literature.

North Carolina Essential Standards 2024

Beginning High School Create

B.CR.1.2 - Create scenarios that communicate character, setting, plot, and conflict.

Beginning High School Present

B.PR.2.1 - Develop scripted or devised theatre for presentation.

B.PR.2.2 - Demonstrate appropriate theatre audience behavior with the understanding of the impact on performers and technicians.

B.PR.2.4 - Identify the responsibilities of a performer in a variety of theatrical venues.

Beginning High School Respond

B.RE.1.1 - Analyze the dramatic structure of written and presented theatrical works.

Intermediate High School Present

I.PR.1.2 - Apply staging conventions to formal and informal theatrical productions by employing vocal and physical acting techniques.

I.PR.2.1 - Develop scenes for formal or informal presentations.

I.PR.2.2 - Exhibit audience etiquette appropriate for a variety of theatrical spaces, styles, and genres.

I.PR.2.4 - Compare the effect various theatrical venues have upon performance.

Intermediate High School Respond

I.RE.1.1 - Compare the structure, style and genre of various written and presented theatrical works.

I.RE.1.2 - Analyze how theatre artists' choices reflect various genres and styles.

Advanced High School Create

AD.CR.1.2 - Create a variety of extended scenes or plays inspired by various time periods or cultures.

Advanced High School Present

AD.PR.2.1 - Develop contrasting theatrical works for diverse genres, audiences, auditions, or productions.

AD.PR.2.4 - Adapt staging and direction for various stage configurations.

North Carolina Essential Standards 2010

Beginning High School Standards - Communication

B.C.1.3 - Understand how to read and write scripts that communicate conflict, plot, and character.

Beginning High School Standards - Analysis

B.A.1.1 - Interpret the plot structure and the thematic,

technical, and dramaturgical elements within scenes from plays.

Beginning High School Standards - Culture

B.CU.2.1 - Illustrate appropriate theatre etiquette as a member of an audience, as a performer, and as a technician.

B.CU.2.2 - Use acting conventions, such as stage presence, subtext, style, and ensemble work, to perform formal or informal works.

Intermediate High School Standards - Communication

I.C.2.2 - Interpret scenes through formal and informal presentations.

Intermediate High School Standards - Analysis

I.A.1.1 - Analyze the plot structure and the thematic, technical, and dramaturgical elements within plays.

Intermediate High School Standards - Culture

I.CU.2.1 - Understand theatre etiquette that is appropriate for a variety of theatrical spaces, styles, and genres.

I.CU.2.2 - Use production conventions, such as blocking or style, as given by directors or as indicated by playwrights.

Advanced High School Standards - Communication

A.C.2.2 - Interpret scripts through formal and informal presentations.

Advanced High School Standards - Culture

A.CU.2.2 - Integrate conventions and structures of theatre when creating formal or informal theatre productions.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Theatre Arts

MS 117.211 LI - Foundations: Inquiry and Understanding

C.1.E - identify theatrical vocabulary and terminology, including basic anatomy of theatre spaces.

C.1.F - identify the structure and form in examples of dramatic literature.

MS 117.211 LI - Historical and cultural relevance

C.4.A - demonstrate the role of theatre as a reflection of history, society, and culture through participation in dramatic activities.

MS 117.212 LII - Foundations: Inquiry and Understanding

B.1.E - demonstrate knowledge of theatrical vocabulary and terminology.

B.1.F - analyze and evaluate the structure and form of dramatic literature.

MS 117.212 LII - Historical and cultural relevance

B.4.A - demonstrate knowledge of theatre as a reflection of life in particular times, places, and cultures.

MS 117.213 LIII - Foundations: Inquiry and Understanding

B.1.E - apply knowledge of theatrical vocabulary and terminology.

B.1.F - explore and evaluate the structure and form of dramatic literature.

MS 117.213 LIII - Historical and cultural relevance

B.4.A - demonstrate theatre as a reflection of life in particular times, places, and cultures through performance.

B.4.B - explore theatre heritage such as historical and cultural influences as it is preserved in dramatic text,

traditions, and conventions.

HS 117.315 LI - Foundations: Inquiry and Understanding

C.1.E - analyze characters by describing attributes such as physical, intellectual, emotional, and social dimensions through reading scripts of published plays.

C.1.F - demonstrate a working knowledge of the language of theatre such as stage terminology, elements of theatre, or theatrical conventions.

HS 117.315 LI - Historical and cultural relevance

C.4.B - relate historical and cultural influences on theatre.

C.4.D - appreciate the cultural heritages of world drama and theatre and identify key figures, works, and trends in dramatic literature.

HS 117.316 LII - Foundations: Inquiry and Understanding

C.1.D - analyze dramatic structure and genre.

HS 117.316 LII - Historical and cultural relevance

C.4.A - analyze historical and cultural influences on theatre.

HS 117.316 LII - Critical evaluation and response

C.5.A - evaluate and apply appropriate audience etiquette at various types of performances.

HS 117.317 LIII - Foundations: Inquiry and Understanding

C.1.D - analyze and evaluate dramatic structure and genre.

HS 117.317 LIII - Historical and cultural relevance

C.4.D - research the influences of world drama and theatre and identify key figures, works, and trends in dramatic literature.

HS 117.318 LIV - Historical and cultural relevance

C.4.D - research the influences of world drama and theatre and identify key figures, works, and trends in dramatic literature.

Alberta, Canada

Acting Drama 20

1 - analyze a script for explicit character clues

10 - critique the work of self and others through observation of specific details

14 - identify and use operative words in a script

8 - demonstrate the ability to memorize required text

9 - demonstrate the ability to pick up cues effectively

Theatre Studies Drama 10 (Greek, Medieval or Elizabethan, and Canadian)

1 - recognize theatre has evolved as a traditional art form

2 - recognize innovations in the theatre

Theatre Studies Drama 30 (Early or Middle or Late drama)

4 - recognize dramatic structure of a play

Playwriting - Drama 20

1 - demonstrate understanding of the basic structure of a play

3 - demonstrate understanding of script format

Junior Goal II Objectives

become familiar with dramatic terminology and script format

Junior Goal III Objectives

- develop awareness of various conventions of theatre
- develop the ability to analyze and assess the process and the art

Junior Orientation

- meet deadlines and follow through on individual and group commitments
- recognize that there is an historical and cultural aspect of drama/theatre
- share ideas confidently with others
- support positively the work of others
- work cooperatively and productively with all members of the class in pairs, small groups and large groups

Junior Goal I Objectives

- develop the ability to initiate, organize and present a project within a given set of guidelines
- develop the ability to interact effectively and constructively in a group process
- develop the willingness to make a decision, act upon it and accept the results
- extend the ability to explore meaning through abstract concepts

Theatre Studies Level II - Intermediate (Theatre History)

- 4 - recognize that drama exists in every culture
- 6 - show awareness of selected periods and playwrights

Theatre Studies Level III - Advanced (The script)

- 10 - demonstrate understanding of the concept of dramatic convention
- 11 - demonstrate understanding of plot structure
- 12 - analyze a script to identify character, setting and plot
- 7 - define the elements of script, dialogue, directions, characters and settings
- 8 - demonstrate understanding of directions used in a script
- 9 - read a script aloud

Senior Goal III Objectives

- explore various conventions and traditions of theatre

Orientation Drama 10

- make effective decisions or choices
- positively support the work of others
- share ideas confidently
- work with abstract concepts

British Columbia (2018)

GRADE 6 - ARTS - Exploring and creating

- Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of personal, social, cultural, historical, and environmental contexts in relation to the arts

GRADE 6 - ARTS - Reasoning and reflecting

- Interpret works of art using knowledge and skills from various areas of learning

- Reflect on works of art and creative processes to understand artists' intentions

- Research, describe, interpret and evaluate how artists (dancers, actors, musicians, and visual artists) use processes, materials, movements, technologies, tools, techniques, and environments in the arts

GRADE 6 - ARTS - Communicating and documenting

- Express, feelings, ideas, and experiences through the arts

- Interpret and communicate ideas using symbols and elements to express meaning through the arts

- Take creative risks to express feelings, ideas, and experiences

GRADE 7 - ARTS - Reasoning and reflecting

- Interpret works of art using knowledge and skills from various areas of learning

- Reflect on works of art and creative processes to understand artists' intentions

- Research, describe, interpret and evaluate how artists (dancers, actors, musicians, and visual artists) use processes, materials, movements, technologies, tools, techniques, and environments in the arts

GRADE 7 - ARTS - Communicating and documenting

- Describe, interpret and respond to works of art

- Express, feelings, ideas, and experiences through the arts

- Interpret and communicate ideas using symbols and elements to express meaning through the arts

- Take creative risks to express feelings, ideas, and experiences

GRADE 8 - ARTS - Exploring and creating

- Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of personal, social, cultural, historical, and environmental contexts in relation to the arts

GRADE 8 - ARTS - Reasoning and reflecting

- Interpret works of art using knowledge and skills from various areas of learning

- Respond to works of art using one's knowledge of the world

GRADE 8 - ARTS - Communicating and documenting

- Describe, interpret and respond to works of art

- Interpret and communicate ideas using symbols and elements to express meaning through the arts

- Take creative risks to express feelings, ideas, and experiences

GRADE 9 - DRAMA - Exploring and creating

- Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of personal, social, cultural, historical, and environmental in relation to drama

- Take creative risks to experience and express thoughts, emotions, and meaning

GRADE 9 - DRAMA - Reasoning and reflecting

- Receive, offer, and apply constructive feedback

GRADE 9 - DRAMA - Communicating and documenting

- Compose, interpret, and expand ideas using symbolism, imagery, and elements

GRADE 9 - DRAMA - Connecting and expanding

- Demonstrate respect for themselves, others, and the audience

GRADE 10 - DRAMA - Explore and Create

- Develop performance skills in a variety of contexts

GRADE 10 - DRAMA - Reason and reflect

- Apply feedback to develop and refine ideas

- Describe, analyze, and respond using drama-specific language

- Examine the influences of social, cultural, historical, environmental, and personal context on drama

GRADE 10 - DRAMA - Communicate and document

Compose, interpret, and expand ideas using symbolism and imagery

GRADE 10 - DRAMA - Connect and expand

Demonstrate respect for self, others, and the audience

GRADE 11 - DRAMA - Explore and Create

Create, rehearse, and refine dramatic works through collaborative and individual presentation or performance

Develop and refine performance skills in a variety of contexts

GRADE 11 - DRAMA - Reason and reflect

Demonstrate awareness of self, others, and audience

Receive and apply constructive feedback to develop and refine ideas

GRADE 11 - DRAMA - Connect and expand

Demonstrate awareness of self, others, and audience

GRADE 12 - DRAMA - Explore and Create

Create, rehearse, and refine dramatic works through collaborative and individual presentation or performance

Develop and refine performance skills in a variety of contexts

Develop dramatic works for an intended audience

Intentionally select and combine dramatic elements and conventions

GRADE 12 - DRAMA - Reason and reflect

Receive, provide, and apply constructive feedback to refine dramatic works

Use self-reflection and awareness of audience to refine ideas

GRADE 12 - DRAMA - Connect and expand

Examine the impacts of dramatic works on culture and society

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Grades 9 & 10 - Foundations - Responsible Practices

C.3.3 - demonstrate an understanding of theatre and audience etiquette, in both classroom and formal performance contexts (e.g., as a performer: show willingness to take direction and behave appropriately towards other actors; as a viewer: demonstrate respect for performers and other audience members by paying attention, not interrupting or talking, and applauding when appropriate)

Grades 9 & 10 - Foundations - Concepts and Terminology

C.1.1 - identify the drama forms, elements, conventions, and techniques used in their own and others' drama works, and explain how the various components are used, or can be used, to achieve specific effects, with a focus on ensemble drama works (e.g., how a comic drama form can be used to convey a serious message, how setting and time period can be used to sharpen the focus on a moral dilemma, how characters can be used to vary the mood within a drama)

C.1.2 - demonstrate an understanding of and use correct terminology to refer to the forms, elements, conventions, and techniques of drama, with a focus on ensemble drama works (e.g., chorus, protagonist, ingénue, supporting role, act, scene, climax, resolution, improvisation, mask, freeze-frame image)