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# CHARACTER CREATION: SUPERHERO SERIES: MULTI PLATFORM

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This unit focuses on character creation: How do you create a character from the ground up? Use this unit as a precursor to a playwriting unit, to a devising unit, or to a class production.

Using the archetypes of the superhero, the sidekick, and the supervillain, students work on exercises to help them create unique characters through physical and vocal qualities, character profiles, and theatrical writing.

Because many of the exercises have an individual focus, this unit works in a distance learning environment or for your no-technology students.

## 1 - Introduction to Character Creation

Students start with a name exercise and a non-human personification exercise as an introduction to character creation. The purpose is to show students some of the details that go into creating an interesting dynamic character—in action and in writing.

## 2 - Superhero Character Creation

Students apply what they learned about physical and vocal qualities in a character. They complete a character profile for an original superhero, then experiment with creating physical and vocal attributes before writing a monologue.

## 3 - Adding Support with a Super Sidekick

Students continue work by completing a character profile for a superhero sidekick, then experiment with creating physical and vocal attributes before writing a monologue.

## 4 - Creating Conflict with the Supervillain

Students continue work by completing a character profile for a supervillain, then experiment with creating physical and vocal attributes before writing a monologue.

## 5 - Monologues, Scenes, and More

Students will spend this lesson writing for their three characters (superhero, sidekick, villain) before choosing one for their culminating assignment. This lesson provides a number of options in terms of scene writing, design, and improv for you to choose from

## 6 - Culminating Assignment

Using their chosen character, students write an original monologue for this character, design a costume and a prop/tool, and perform their monologue with specific physical and vocal quality choices.

# Standards Connections

## National Core Arts Standards

### Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work - Grade 6

TH:Cr1.1.6.b - Identify solutions to design challenges in a drama/theatre work.

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

TH:Pr4.1.6.b - Experiment with various physical choices to communicate character in a drama/theatre work.

### Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation - Grade 7

TH:Pr4.1.7.b - Use various character objectives in a drama/theatre work.

### Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work - Grade 8

TH:Cr1.1.8.c - Develop a scripted or improvised character by articulating the character's inner thoughts, objectives, and motivations in a drama/theatre work.

### Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work - High School Accomplished

TH:Cr1.1.HSII.c - Use personal experiences and knowledge to develop a character that is believable and authentic in a drama/theatre work.

### Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation - Grade 6

TH:Pr5.1.6.a - Recognize how acting exercises and techniques can be applied to a drama/theatre work.

TH:Pr5.1.6.b - Articulate how technical elements are integrated into a drama/theatre work.

### Organize and develop artistic ideas and work - Grade 7

TH:Cr2.1.7.b - Demonstrate mutual respect for self and others and their roles in preparing or devising drama/theatre work.

### Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation - Grade 7

TH:Pr5.1.7.a - Participate in a variety of acting exercises and techniques that can be applied in a rehearsal or drama/theatre performance.

### Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation - Grade 8

TH:Pr5.1.8.b - Use a variety of technical elements to create a design for a rehearsal or drama/theatre production.

### Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation - Grade HS Proficient

TH:Pr5.1.HSI.a - Practice various acting techniques to expand skills in a rehearsal or drama/theatre performance.

### Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation - Grade HS Accomplished

TH:Pr5.1.HSII.b - Apply technical elements and research to create a design that communicates the concept of a drama/theatre production.

### Refine new work through play, drama processes and theatre experiences using critical analysis and experimentation - Grade 6

TH:Cr3.1.6.a - Articulate and examine choices to refine a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.

TH:Cr3.1.6.b - Identify effective physical and vocal traits of characters in an improvised or scripted drama/theatre work.

TH:Cr3.1.6.c - Explore a planned technical design during the rehearsal process for a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.

### 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.

TH:Cr3.1.7.b - Develop effective physical and vocal traits of characters in an improvised 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.

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

TH:Cr3.1.HSI.b - Explore physical, vocal and physiological choices to develop a performance that is believable, authentic, and relevant to a drama/theatre work.

### 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.

## Common Core

### 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.2 - Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

### 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.9-10.2 - Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

### Writing

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.3 - Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

## California VAPA Standards (2019)

### 6.TH:Cr1 Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work

6.TH:Cr1.c - Identify solutions to design challenges in a drama/theatre work.

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

6.TH:Pr4.b - Experiment with various physical choices to communicate character in a drama/theatre work.

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

7.TH:Pr4.b - Use various character objectives in a drama/theatre work.

### **8.TH:Cr1 Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work**

8.TH:Cr1.b - Develop a scripted or improvised character by articulating the character's inner thoughts, objectives, and motivations in a drama/theatre work.

### **Acc.TH:Cr1 Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.**

Acc.TH:Cr1.b - Use personal experiences and knowledge to develop a character that is believable and authentic in a drama/theatre work.

### **6.TH:Pr5 Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.**

6.TH:Pr5.a - Recognize how acting exercises and techniques can be applied to a drama/theatre work.

6.TH:Pr5.b - Articulate how technical theatre elements are integrated into a drama/ theatre work.

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

7.TH:Cr2.b - Demonstrate mutual respect for self and others and their roles in preparing or devising drama/theatre work.

### **7.TH:Pr5 Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.**

7.TH:Pr5.a - Participate in a variety of acting exercises and techniques that can be applied in a rehearsal or drama/theatre performance.

### **8.TH:Pr5 Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.**

8.TH:Pr5.b - Use a variety of technical theatre elements to create a design for a rehearsal or drama/theatre production.

### **Prof.TH:Pr5 Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.**

Prof.TH:Pr5.a - Practice various acting techniques to expand skills in a rehearsal or drama/theatre performance.

### **Acc.TH:Pr5 Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.**

Acc.TH:Pr5.b - Apply technical theatre elements and research to create a design that communicates the concept of a drama/theatre production.

### **6.TH:Cr3 Refine and complete artistic work.**

6.TH:Cr3.a - Receive and incorporate feedback to refine a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.

6.TH:Cr3.b - Identify effective physical and vocal traits of characters in a drama/theatre work.

6.TH:Cr3.c - Explore planned designs during the rehearsal process for a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.

### **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:Cr3.b - Develop effective physical and vocal traits of characters in an improvised 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:Cr3 Refine and complete artistic work.**

Prof.TH:Cr3.b - Explore physical, vocal and physiological choices to develop a performance that is believable, authentic, and relevant to a drama/theatre work.

### **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.

### **Acc.TH:Pr6 Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.**

Acc.TH:Pr6 - Present a drama/theatre work using creative processes that shape the production for a specific audience.

## **Florida Sunshine State Standards**

### **Critical Thinking & Reflection**

TH.68.C.1.1 - Devise an original work based on a community issue that explores various solutions to a problem.

TH.68.C.1.2 - Develop a character analysis to support artistic portrayal. Create, refine, and sustain complex and believable

TH.68.C.1.3 - Determine the purpose(s), elements, meaning, and value of a theatrical work based on personal, cultural, or historical standards.

TH.68.C.1.4 - Create and present a design, production concept, or performance and defend artistic choices.

TH.68.C.1.5 - Describe how a theatrical activity can entertain or instruct an audience.

TH.68.C.2.1 - Use group-generated criteria to critique others and help strengthen each other's performance.

TH.68.C.2.2 - Keep a rehearsal journal to document individual performance progress.

TH.68.C.2.3 - Ask questions to understand a peer's artistic choices for a performance or design.

TH.68.C.2.4 - Defend personal responses to a theatre production.

TH.68.C.3.1 - Discuss how visual and aural design elements communicate environment, mood, and theme in a theatrical presentation.

TH.68.C.3.3 - Determine personal strengths and challenges, using evaluations and critiques to guide selection of material for a portfolio.

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.1.5 - Make and defend conscious choices in the creation of a character that will fulfill anticipated audience response.

### **Historical & Global Connections**

TH.68.H.1.1 - Explore potential differences when performing works set in a variety of historical and cultural contexts.

TH.68.H.1.2 - Analyze the impact of one's emotional and social experiences when responding to, or participating in, a play.

TH.68.H.1.4 - Create a monologue or story that reflects one's understanding of an event in a culture different from one's own.

TH.68.H.1.5 - Describe one's own personal responses to a theatrical work and show respect for the responses of others.

TH.68.H.1.6 - Discuss how a performer responds to different audiences.

TH.68.H.2.4 - Discuss the differences between presentational and representational theatre styles.

TH.68.H.3.3 - Use brainstorming as a method to discover multiple solutions for an acting or technical challenge.

### **Innovation, Technology & the Future**

TH.68.F.1.1 - Manipulate various design components to imagine the world of the character.

TH.68.F.1.2 - Use vocal, physical, and imaginative ideas, through improvisation, as a foundation to create new characters and to write dialogue.

TH.68.F.1.3 - Demonstrate creative risk-taking by incorporating personal experiences in an improvisation.

### Organizational Structure

TH.68.O.1.1 - Compare different processes an actor uses to prepare for a performance.

TH.68.O.1.2 - Discuss how color, line, shape, and texture are used to show emotion in technical theatre elements.

TH.68.O.1.3 - Explain the impact of choices made by directors, designers, and actors on audience understanding.

TH.68.O.1.4 - Discuss how the whole of a theatre performance is greater than the sum of its parts.

TH.68.O.3.2 - Explore how theatre and theatrical works have influenced various cultures.

TH.68.O.3.3 - Discuss the collaborative nature of theatre and work together to create a scene or play, respecting group members' ideas and differences.

TH.912.O.1.4 - Write an original script or a dramatic adaptation of a literary work to demonstrate knowledge of theatrical conventions.

### Skills, Techniques & Processes

TH.68.S.1.1 - Describe the responsibilities of audience members, to the actors and each other, at live and recorded performances and demonstrate appropriate behavior.

TH.68.S.1.2 - Invent a character with distinct behavior(s) based on observations of people in the real world and interact with others in a cast as the invented characters.

TH.68.S.1.3 - Describe criteria for the evaluation of dramatic texts, performances, direction, and production elements.

TH.68.S.2.1 - Discuss the value of collaboration in theatre and work together to create a theatrical production.

TH.68.S.2.2 - Discuss and apply the theatrical production process to create a live performance.

TH.68.S.2.4 - Memorize and present a character's lines from a monologue or scene.

TH.68.S.3.1 - Develop characterizations, using basic acting skills, appropriate for selected dramatizations.

TH.912.S.1.5 - Write monologues, scenes, and/or short plays using principles and elements of writing found in dramatic literature.

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

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.

TA6.CR.2 - Develop scripts through theatrical techniques., a. Identify the elements of a story., b. Identify the theme and structure of a play., c. Articulate creative ideas in oral and

written forms., d. Use the dramatic writing process to generate a script., e. Demonstrate the conventions of dialogue and stage directions.

### 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.

TA6.PR.2 - Execute artistic and technical elements of theatre., a. Incorporate technical elements in performance.

### Grade 6 - Responding

TA6.RE.1 - Engage actively and appropriately as an audience member., a. Identify the role of the audience in different environments., b. Analyze the relationship between an audience and a performer., c. Create guidelines for behaviors appropriate to a theatre experience., d. Model appropriate audience behaviors.

### 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.

TA7.CR.2 - Develop scripts through theatrical techniques., a. Create ideas for stories., b. Analyze the theme and structure of a play., c. Use the dramatic writing process to generate a script., d. Utilize dramatic conventions in the scriptwriting process (e.g. stage directions, dialogue, scenes).

### 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.

TA8.CR.2 - Develop scripts through theatrical techniques., a. Classify different points of view in a story., b. Identify, analyze, and articulate the structure of a script., c. Utilize improvisation techniques to generate script ideas., d. Use the dramatic writing process to generate a script.

### 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.

TA8.PR.2 - Execute artistic and technical elements of theatre., a. Incorporate artistic and technical elements into a theatre production., b. Resolve conflicts in technical applications.

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

TAHSA.CR.2 - Develop scripts through theatrical techniques., a. Examine theatre practices regarding the development, structure, layout, and format of scripts., b. Use improvisation, personal experiences, heritage, imagination, literature, and history to develop scripts., c. Perform formal and informal monologues and scenes based on published and original scripts.

### **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 - FUNDAMENTALS OF THEATRE LEVELS I-IV - Performing**

TAHSFT.PR.1 - Act by communicating and sustaining roles in formal and informal environments., a. Observe and demonstrate aspects of verbal and non-verbal techniques in common human activity for performance (e.g. voice, breathing, posture, facial expression, physical movement)., b. Construct and interpret artistic choices in performance including the objectives, decisions, and actions of characters., c. Explore various acting methods and techniques (e.g. Stanislavski, Uta Hagen, sense memory, emotional recall) for the purpose of character development., d. Perform acting choices for an audience based on critiques.

TAHSFT.PR.2 - Execute artistic and technical elements of theatre., a. Identify and define the various collaborative roles and relationships of technical production personnel (e.g. sound, lighting, set, scenic, costume, dramaturge, makeup, marketing, business aspects) in relation to the directors and performers., b. Identify and apply the various aspects of directing, staging, performance spaces, and rehearsal management., c. Recognize and apply the basic elements and procedures involved in the construction of props, scenery, and platforms., d. Formulate effective theatrical designs in order to support the text and directorial concept.

### **Grades 9-12 - TECHNICAL THEATRE LEVELS I-IV - Creating**

TAHSTT.CR.1 - Create technical elements of theatre (e.g. sets, props, costumes, makeup, lighting, sound)., a. Explore and utilize the elements of design and principles of composition for a theatrical context., b. Create basic to advanced technical elements by choosing appropriate materials, tools, and techniques., c. Analyze and/or develop choices in technical elements (e.g. sets, lights, costumes,

sound) of informal and formal productions and theatrical texts as a part of the design process, considering mood, tone, and symbolism., d. Create industry standard paperwork (e.g. budgets, cut lists, materials, cue sheets, lighting and costume plots, schedules, calendars) as it relates to completing design renderings and/or models., e. Conceptualize and/or generate design elements for a dramatic work (e.g. scene, one act, full-length, musical).

## **North Carolina Essential Standards**

### **Beginning High School Standards - Communication**

B.C.1.1 - Use non-verbal expression to illustrate how human emotion affects the body and is conveyed through the body.

B.C.1.2 - Apply vocal elements of volume, pitch, rate, tone, articulation, and vocal expression.

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

B.C.2.1 - Use improvisation and acting skills, such as observation, concentration, and characterization in a variety of theatre exercises.

### **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.

### **Intermediate High School Standards - Communication**

I.C.1.1 - Use non-verbal expression to illustrate how human motivations are prompted by physical and emotional needs.

I.C.1.2 - Apply vocal elements of volume, pitch, rate, tone, articulation, and vocal expression appropriately to theatrical texts, such as monologues and scenes.

I.C.2.1 - Use improvisation and acting skills, such as observation, concentration, and characterization, to demonstrate given situations.

### **Intermediate High School Standards - Aesthetics**

I.AE.1.1 - Use technical knowledge and design skills to formulate designs.

### **Proficient High School Standards - Communication**

P.C.1.1 - Use non-verbal expression and physical self-awareness to communicate movement elements and characterization, including size, weight, and rate of movement.

P.C.1.2 - Apply vocal elements of volume, pitch, rate, tone, articulation, and vocal expression to develop characters.

P.C.1.3 - Create original works, such as monologues, scenes, or performance pieces.

## **Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Theatre Arts**

### **MS 117.211 LI - Creative Expression: performance**

C.2.A - demonstrate safe use of the voice and body.

C.2.B - imagine and clearly describe characters, their relationships, and their surroundings.

C.2.E - express emotions and ideas using interpretive movements and dialogue.

C.2.F - create environments, characters, and actions.

### **MS 117.211 LI - Creative Expression: production**

C.3.A - create character, environment, action, and theme collaboratively through the safe use of props, costumes, and visual elements.

### **MS 117.211 LI - Critical evaluation and response**

C.5.A - identify and apply audience etiquette at all

performances.

### **MS 117.212 LII - Creative Expression: performance**

B.2.A - demonstrate safe use of the voice and body.

B.2.C - select movements and dialogue to portray a character appropriately.

### **MS 117.213 LIII - Creative Expression: performance**

B.2.A - demonstrate safe use of the voice and body.

B.2.B - portray characters through familiar movements and dialogue.

B.2.C - create characters, dialogue, and actions that reflect dramatic structure in improvised and scripted scenes, individually and collaboratively.

B.2.D - express thoughts and feelings using effective voice and diction.

### **HS 117.315 LI - Foundations: Inquiry and Understanding**

C.1.D - develop and practice effective voice and diction to express thoughts and feelings.

### **HS 117.315 LI - Creative Expression: performance**

C.2.A - demonstrate safe use of the voice and body.

C.2.C - employ effective voice and diction to express thoughts and feelings.

C.2.D - use physical, intellectual, emotional, and social awareness to portray believable characters and convey a story when applying acting concepts, skills, and techniques.

C.2.F - create, write, and refine original monologues, improvisations, scenes, or vignettes that reflect dramatic structure to convey meaning to the audience through live performance or media forms.

### **HS 117.316 LII - Foundations: Inquiry and Understanding**

C.1.B - develop and practice stage movement techniques consistently to express thoughts, feelings, and actions non-verbally.

C.1.C - demonstrate effective voice and diction.

### **HS 117.316 LII - Creative Expression: performance**

C.2.A - model safe, appropriate techniques to allow for physical, vocal, and emotional expression.

C.2.C - demonstrate effective voice and diction to express thoughts and feelings.

C.2.D - apply physical, intellectual, emotional, and social interactions to portray believable characters and convey a story when applying acting concepts, skills, and techniques.

C.2.F - create, write, devise, and refine original monologues, improvisations, scenes, or vignettes to convey meaning to the audience through live performance or media forms.

### **HS 117.317 LIII - Foundations: Inquiry and Understanding**

C.1.B - experiment with stage movement.

### **HS 117.317 LIII - Creative Expression: performance**

C.2.E - write dialogue that reveals character motivation, advances plot, provides exposition, and reveals theme.

## **Alberta, Canada**

### **Technical Theatre/Design 10-20-30 - Costume**

1 - demonstrate understanding of the purpose of costume

### **Speech Drama 10**

10 - demonstrate safe and appropriate projection

### **Speech Drama 20**

15 - demonstrate expressive reading of literature

16 - communicate mood and emotion through voice

### **Speech Drama 30**

24 - select appropriate visual elements such as props and costumes to enhance spoken interpretation

### **Improvisation Drama 10**

24 - select and use vocal techniques appropriate to a character

25 - select and use language appropriate to character and situation

30 - demonstrate understanding of and apply the concepts of a character's objectives and motivation

### **Acting Drama 20**

3 - demonstrate understanding of and identify motivation and objectives (overall, main and immediate).

### **Acting Drama 30**

18 - use various vocal skills to enhance characterization

20 - physicalize character through selected and economical movement and gesture

### **Playwriting - Drama 20**

3 - demonstrate understanding of script format

8 - use effective diction

9 - define character objectives

### **Junior Goal II Objectives**

develop the body and voice as tools of communication

### **Junior Goal III Objectives**

develop awareness of drama and theatre presentations as possible

### **Junior Orientation**

communicate through use of voice and body

demonstrate a willingness to take calculated and reasonable risks

move in a variety of ways

share ideas confidently with others

show awareness of story sequence

support positivity the work of others

understand that technical elements enhance verbal/physical communication

### **Movement Level I - Beginning**

17 - use movement to communicate non-verbally

### **Speech Level II - Intermediate**

13 - use voice to communicate mood and emotion

14 - use a variety of character voices

9 - use volume, articulation and projection to achieve clarity

### **Speech Level III - Advanced**

15 - demonstrate the effect of character on oral interpretation

16 - use movement and gesture to clarify and enhance speech and character

### **Junior Goal I Objectives**

develop a positive self-image

develop self-confidence

develop self-discipline

explore and develop physical and vocal capabilities

### **Technical Theatre - Application**

15 - use the project

### **Senior Goal I Objectives**

apply imaginative and creative thought to problem-solving situations

- extend physical and vocal capabilities
- extend the ability to concentrate
- increase self-confidence
- increase self-discipline

### Senior Goal II Objectives

be capable of creating and expressing a believable character from scripted and non-scripted material

### Orientation Drama 10

- demonstrate effective use and management of time
- demonstrate self-discipline, self-direction and a sense of responsibility
- demonstrate willingness to challenge and extend oneself: physically, emotionally, intellectually and artistically
- make effective decisions or choices
- positively support the work of others
- share ideas confidently
- solve problems imaginatively and creatively

## British Columbia (2018)

### GRADE 6 - ARTS - Exploring and creating

Intentionally select and apply materials, movements, technologies, environments, tools, and techniques by combining and arranging artistic elements, processes, and principles in art making

### GRADE 6 - ARTS - Communicating and documenting

Take creative risks to express feelings, ideas, and experiences

### GRADE 7 - ARTS - Exploring and creating

Intentionally select and apply materials, movements, technologies, environments, tools, and techniques by combining and arranging artistic elements, processes, and principles in art making

### GRADE 7 - ARTS - Communicating and documenting

Take creative risks to express feelings, ideas, and experiences

### GRADE 8 - ARTS - Communicating and documenting

Take creative risks to express feelings, ideas, and experiences

### GRADE 9 - DRAMA - Exploring and creating

Create dramatic works both collaboratively and as an individual, using ideas inspired by imagination, inquiry, and purposeful play

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

### GRADE 10 - DRAMA - Explore and Create

Explore and create dramatic works to express ideas and emotions

### GRADE 11 - DRAMA - Explore and Create

Purposefully select and combine dramatic elements and conventions

### GRADE 11 - DRAMA - Reason and reflect

Demonstrate awareness of self, others, and audience

### GRADE 11 - DRAMA - Connect and expand

Demonstrate awareness of self, others, and audience

### GRADE 12 - DRAMA - Connect and expand

Demonstrate respect for self, others, and audience

## Ontario, Canada

### Grades 9 & 10 - Foundations - Responsible Practices

C.3.1 - identify and follow safe and ethical practices in drama activities (e.g., exhibit safe use of sound and lighting boards; follow procedures for the environmentally responsible use of materials and energy; prepare an individual or group seminar report on the nature and purpose of one or more of the following: copyright protection, royalties, public domain, intellectual property rights)

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 - Creating and Presenting - Presentation Techniques & Technologies

A.3.2 - use a variety of voice and movement techniques to support the creation of character or atmosphere during rehearsal (e.g., use voice and movement to suggest an airport, circus, or factory environment)

A.3.3 - use a variety of technological tools (e.g., light, sound, set design, props, models) to enhance the impact of drama works

### Grade 11 - Foundations - Concepts and Terminology

C.1.2 - use correct terminology for the various components and processes of their own and others' drama works

### Grade 12 - Foundations - Responsible Practices

C.3.1 - identify and follow safe and ethical practices in all drama activities

## Virginia Standards Of Learning (2020)

### Grade Six

6.1 - The student will apply creative thinking to theatre.

6.2 - The student will use a creative process to develop solo and collaborative presentations, using body, voice, and imagination.

### Grade Six

6.3 - The student will analyze, interpret, and evaluate theatrical works

6.4 - The student will identify connections between personal experience and dramatizations

6.5 - The student will identify communication and collaboration skills for theatre experiences.

### Grade Six

6.6 - The student will explain influences of history, culture, and current events on the development of theatrical works.

### Grade Six

6.11 - The student will analyze how theatre incorporates other art forms.

### Grade Six

6.12 - The student will demonstrate how meaning is expressed both physically (through movement, gesture, and other forms of physical expression) and verbally (through vocal choices).

6.13 - The student will identify techniques and skills for actor preparation, including memorization and warm ups for performance.

6.14 - The student will demonstrate theatre as dramatized storytelling by preparing and presenting short scenes that include characters, setting, properties, conflict, and a progressive chain of events.

6.15 - The student will identify functions of a theatre director.

6.16 - The student will develop technical theatre and production skills.

#### **Grade Seven**

7.1 - The student will demonstrate creative thinking by improvising scenes from given situations.

7.2 - The student will demonstrate a creative process for theatre.

#### **Grade Seven**

7.3 - The student will analyze, interpret, and evaluate theatre.

7.4 - The student will justify personal responses to theatrical productions.

7.5 - The student will identify and apply communication and collaboration skills for theatre experiences.

#### **Grade Seven**

7.6 - The student will explore historical and cultural aspects of theatrical works

7.8 - The student will identify appropriate resources for scripts and materials, with a focus on ethical and legal considerations.

#### **Grade Seven**

7.11 - The student will explain how other fine arts and fields of knowledge are applied in theatre

#### **Grade Seven**

7.12 - The student will develop physical and vocal technique for theatre performance.

7.13 - The student will explain techniques and skills for actor preparation, including concentration, discipline, preparation, and imagination for theatrical performance.

7.14 - The student will research, analyze, rehearse, and present a scripted character in a memorized scene and/or monologue.

7.15 - The student will identify functions, skills, and responsibilities of the creative team and production staff.

7.16 - The student will develop technical theatre and production skills

#### **Grade Eight**

8.1 - The student will refine creative problem-solving, ensemble-building, and improvisational skills by devising and improvising theatrical works.

8.2 - The student will demonstrate a creative process for theatre.

#### **Grade Eight**

8.3 - The student will analyze, interpret, and evaluate theatre.

8.4 - The student will explain responses to theatrical productions based on personal background and experience.

8.5 - The student will apply communication and collaboration skills for theatre experiences.

#### **Grade Eight**

8.6 - The student will explore historical and cultural aspects of theatrical works.

#### **Grade Eight**

8.11 - The student will synthesize knowledge from other content areas to support theatre arts processes.

#### **Grade Eight**

8.12 - The student will develop physical and vocal technique for theatre performance.

8.13 - The student will use character analysis techniques to

research, develop, and present a scripted character.

8.14 - The student will demonstrate the mental and physical discipline necessary for creating and maintaining an imagined reality during performance.

8.15 - The student will fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a production staff member.

8.16 - The student will develop technical theatre and production skills.

#### **Theatre Arts I: Introduction to Theatre**

TI.1 - The student will create and write a monologue and/or scene.

#### **Theatre Arts III: Intermediate Acting & Playwriting**

TIII.1 - The student will demonstrate playwriting.

TIII.2 - The student will apply the creative process for theatre.

#### **Theatre Arts III: Intermediate Acting & Playwriting**

TIII.5 - The student will exhibit collaboration skills for theatre productions and processes.

#### **Theatre Arts III: Intermediate Acting & Playwriting**

TIII.12 - The student will integrate acting skills and techniques involving voice and movement.

TIII.13 - The student will demonstrate techniques for actor preparation.

TIII.14 - The student will apply skills and concepts for theatre performance.