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STAGING

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This is a mini-unit on staging. Along with the driving question for the unit, students will explore about how staging affects the performance. Students will draw a plot design (ground plan) to emphasize the need to plan where scenic elements will be placed. They will also practice taking cues from the script, in order to create staging.

1 - Introduction to Staging

Students are introduced to staging through video demonstration and discuss the role of staging in a performance. How does staging help to visualize a location? The lesson concludes with a Greek Myth Staging Activity.

2 - Staging Effectiveness

Students complete a Staging Vocabulary Activity. They are then given a setting description and have to draw a set based on the description. The point of the activity is not to excel in drawing but learning how to plan and translate a description into a physical setting.

3 - Changes and Transitions

Students discuss scene changes and transitions. How can a poorly rehearsed transition hinder a technically effective performance? They then apply this discussion to a Scene Assignment. Groups create a scene and must demonstrate a scene change within the scene.

4 - Scene Assignment: Presentation

Students review what makes a scene technically effective. They are given time to rehearse and then present their scenes. The emphasis is on the groups demonstrating a knowledge of staging effectiveness.

5 - Reflection

Students discuss the scenes from the previous class and reflect as a group on the process. They then address how lighting, sound, costume and staging interact together to create a technically effective scene.

Standards Connections

National Core Arts Standards

Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work - Grade 6

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

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

Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work - Grade 7

TH:Cr1.1.7.a - Investigate multiple perspectives and solutions to staging challenges in a drama/theatre work.

TH:Cr1.1.7.b - Explain and present solutions to design challenges in a drama/ theatre work.

Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work - Grade 8

TH:Cr1.1.8.a - Imagine and explore multiple perspectives and solutions to staging problems in a drama/ theatre work.

TH:Cr1.1.8.b - Imagine and explore solutions to design challenges of a performance space in a drama/theatre work.

Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work - High School Proficient

TH:Cr1.1.HSI.a - Apply basic research to construct ideas about the visual composition of a drama/theatre work.

TH:Cr1.1.HSI.b - Explore the impact of technology on design choices in a drama/theatre work.

Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work - High School Accomplished

TH:Cr1.1.HSII.b - Understand and apply technology to design solutions for a drama/theatre work.

Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work - High School Advanced

TH:Cr1.1.HSIII.b - Create a complete design for a drama/theatre work that incorporates all elements of technology.

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

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

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

TH:Pr5.1.7.b - Choose a variety of technical elements that can be applied to a design in a drama/theatre work.

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.b - Use researched technical elements to increase the impact of design for a drama/theatre production.

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.

Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation - Grade HS Advanced

TH:Pr5.1.HSIII.b - Explain and justify the selection of technical elements used to build a design that communicates the concept of a drama/theatre production.

Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work - Grade 6

TH:Re9.1.6.b - Apply the production elements used in a drama/theatre work to assess aesthetic choices.

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

TH:Cr3.1.HSI.c - Refine technical design choices to support the story and emotional impact of a devised or scripted drama/ theatre work.

California VAPA Standards (2019)

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

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

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

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

7.TH:Cr1.a - Investigate multiple perspectives and solutions to staging challenges in a drama/theatre work.

7.TH:Cr1.c - Explain and present solutions to design challenges in a drama/ theatre work.

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

8.TH:Cr1.a - Imagine and explore multiple perspectives and solutions to staging problems in a drama/ theatre work.

8.TH:Cr1.c - Imagine and explore solutions to design challenges of a performance space in a drama/theatre work.

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

Prof.TH:Cr1.a - Apply basic research to construct ideas about the visual composition of a drama/theatre work.

Prof.TH:Cr1.c - Explore the impact of technical theatre elements on design choices in a drama/theatre work.

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

Acc.TH:Cr1.c - Understand and apply technical theatre elements to design solutions for a drama/theatre work.

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

Adv.TH:Cr1.c - Create a complete design for a drama/theatre work that incorporates all technical theatre elements.

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

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

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

7.TH:Pr5.b - Choose a variety of technical theatre elements that can be applied to a design in a drama/theatre work.

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.b - Use researched technical theatre elements to increase the impact of design for a drama/theatre production.

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.

Adv.TH:Pr5 Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.

Adv.TH:Pr5.b - Explain and justify the selection of technical theatre elements used to build a design that communicates the concept of a drama/theatre production.

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

6.TH.Re9.c - Identify the technical theatre elements used in a drama/theatre work to justify aesthetic choices.

Prof.TH:Cr3 Refine and complete artistic work.

Prof.TH:Cr3.c - Refine design choices using technical theatre elements to support the story and emotional impact of a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.

Colorado Academic Standards - Drama and Theatre Arts

Sixth Grade

DT.6.1.1.a - Students Can: Identify possible solutions to staging challenges in a drama/theatre work.

DT.6.1.1.b - Students Can: Identify possible solutions to design challenges in a drama/theatre work.

DT.6.2.2.b - Students Can: Articulate how technical elements are integrated into a drama/theatre work.

DT.6.3.4.b - Students Can: Analyze the production elements used in a drama/theatre work to assess aesthetic choices.

Seventh Grade

DT.7.1.1.a - Students Can: Integrate multiple perspectives and solutions to staging challenges in a drama/theater work.

DT.7.1.1.b - Students Can: Explain and present possible solutions to design challenges in a drama/theater work.

DT.7.2.2.b - Students Can: Choose a variety of technical elements that can be applied to a design in a drama/theatre work.

Eighth Grade

DT.8.1.1.a - Students Can: Imagine and explore multiple perspectives and solutions to staging problems in a drama/theatre work.

DT.8.1.1.b - Students Can: Imagine and explore possible solutions to design challenges of a performance space in a drama/theatre work.

DT.8.2.2.b - Students Can: Implement a variety of technical elements to create a design for a rehearsal or drama/theater production.

High School - Fundamental Pathway

DT.H1.1.1.a - Students Can: Apply basic research to construct ideas about the visual composition of a drama/theatre work.

DT.H1.1.1.b - Students Can: Explore the impact of technology on design choices in a drama/theatre work.

DT.H1.1.4.c - Students Can: Refine technical design choices to support the story and emotional impact of a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.

DT.H1.2.2.b - Students Can: Use research and script analysis to discover the impact design has for a drama/theatre production.

High School - Advanced Pathway

DT.H2.1.1.b - Students Can: Understand and apply technology to design solutions for a drama/theatre work.

DT.H2.2.2.b - Students Can: Apply technical elements and research to create a design that communicates the concept of

a drama/theatre production.

High School - Professional Pathway

DT.H3.1.1.b - Students Can: Create a complete design for a drama/theatre work that incorporates all elements of technology.

DT.H3.2.2.b - Students Can: Explain and justify the selection of technical elements used to build a design that communicates the concept of a drama/theatre production.

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.2 - Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

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.

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.

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.

Florida Sunshine State Standards

Critical Thinking & Reflection

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.2.2 - 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.912.C.1.4 - Research and define the physical/visual elements necessary to create theatrical reality for a specific historical and/or geographical play.

TH.912.C.2.1 - Explore and describe possible solutions to production or acting challenges and select the solution most likely to produce desired results.

TH.912.C.2.3 - Analyze different types of stage configurations to determine the effects of each as potential production solutions.

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

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

TH.68.H.2.5 - Compare decorum, environments, and manners from a variety of cultures and historical periods to discover and influence historical acting styles and design choices.

TH.68.H.2.6 - Describe historical and cultural influences leading to changes in theatre performance spaces and technology.

TH.68.H.2.8 - Identify and describe theatrical resources in the community, including professional and community theatres, experts, and sources of scripts and materials.

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.1.4 - Survey an aspect of theatre to understand the ways in which technology has affected it over time.

TH.68.F.2.1 - Research careers in the global economy that are not directly related to the arts, but include skills that are arts based or derive part of their economic impact from the arts.

TH.68.F.2.2 - Identify industries within the state of Florida that have a significant impact on local economies, in which the arts are either directly or indirectly involved in their success.

TH.68.F.3.2 - Develop a list of line items that would typically be found in a production budget for a performance.

TH.912.F.1.1 - Synthesize research, analysis, and imagination to create believable characters and settings.

TH.912.F.2.4 - Apply the skills necessary to be an effective director, designer, stage manager, and/or technician in the mounting of a theatrical performance.

Organizational Structure

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.2.1 - Diagram the major parts of a play and their relationships to each other.

TH.68.O.2.2 - Explain how a performance would change if depicted in a different location, time, or culture.

TH.68.O.2.5 - Explain how the contributions of significant playwrights, performers, directors, designers, and producers from various cultures and historical periods have influenced the creative innovations of theatre.

TH.68.O.3.1 - Compare theatre and its elements and vocabulary to other art forms.

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.1.3 - Execute the responsibilities of director, designer, manager, technician, or performer by applying standard theatrical conventions.

TH.912.O.3.2 - Analyze a variety of theatre and staging configurations to understand their influence on the audience experience and response.

TH.912.O.3.6 - Apply standard drafting conventions for scenic, lighting, and sound design to create production design documents.

Skills, Techniques & Processes

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

TH.68.S.1.4 - Discuss the ways in which theatre experiences involve empathy and aesthetic distance.

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

TH.68.S.2.3 - Analyze the relationships of plot, conflict, and theme in a play and transfer the knowledge to a play that contrasts in style, genre, and/or mood.

TH.68.S.3.2 - Use the elements of dramatic form to stage a play.

TH.68.S.3.4 - Lead small groups to safely select and create elements of technical theatre to signify a character or setting.

TH.912.S.2.1 - Create one or more technical design documents for a theatrical production.

TH.912.S.3.4 - Apply scientific and technological advances to develop visual and aural design elements that complement the interpretation of the text.

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

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.2 - Execute artistic and technical elements of theatre., a. Select a variety of technical elements that can be applied to a theatrical work., b. Incorporate artistic and technical elements into a theatre performance.

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.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.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 -Creating

TAHSAD.CR.1 - Organize, design, and refine theatrical work., a. Examine various theories of dramatic structure., b. Engage in and apply meaningful cultural, literary, and historical research to create acting choices or directorial concepts.

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

TAHSAD.PR.2 - Execute artistic and technical elements of theatre., a. Engage as a creative team in script analysis to plan and create technical elements of a theatre production.

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

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 - MUSICAL THEATRE LEVELS I-IV - Performing

TAHSMT.PR.2 - Execute artistic and technical elements of theatre., a. Engage as a creative team in script analysis to plan and create technical elements of a theatre production, including sets, props, costumes, makeup, lighting, and sound.

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).

Grades 9-12 - TECHNICAL THEATRE LEVELS I-IV - Producing

TAHSTT.PR.1 - Produce technical elements in theatre., a. Identify, explain, and demonstrate standard safety guidelines and operating procedures for tools and equipment used in formal and informal theatre productions., b. Identify and interpret design and construction documentation, materials, techniques, and procedures for production., c. Differentiate between stock and non-standard material, scenic, or technical elements related to a production., d. Conduct initial research about design to inform further development of the production concept., e. Explore and/or produce an appropriate series of design documentation for a theatrical production (e.g. thumbnail sketches, swatches, first renderings, mixed media presentation).

Grades 9-12 - TECHNICAL THEATRE LEVELS I-IV - Responding

TAHSTT.RE.1 - Respond to technical elements of theatre using appropriate supporting evidence., a. Revise projects, plans, and/or procedures after peer criticism to improve development of technical elements., b. Identify and analyze the characteristics of different types of performance spaces and how they can influence production decisions (e.g. proscenium stage, studio/black box, thrust stage, classroom, arena, found space),. c. Evaluate design choices of professional designers., d. Evaluate design and technical elements in a post mortem following the completion of a theatre production.

Grades 9-12 - TECHNICAL THEATRE LEVELS I-IV - Connecting

TAHSTT.CN.1 - Connect technical elements of theatre., a. Explore and understand the collaborations between designers and directors to develop design elements., b. Investigate the history of theatre architecture, stage technology, and other technical elements., c. Understand technical theatre career options and various industry unions (e.g. International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Actor's Equity, United Scenic Artists, Stage Directors and Choreographers Society, League of Resident Theatres),. d. Explore connections with other disciplines associated with technical theatre (e.g. scientific principles behind technical theatrical practices, physics of electricity and sound, basic structural engineering, load ratings, working load limits),. e. Connect design themes with historical and social relevance using dramaturgical research and an understanding of historical and cultural artistic movements (e.g. expressionism, realism, Kabuki, Sanskrit Drama).

North Carolina Essential Standards 2024

Sixth Grade Present

6.PR.1.1 - Apply feedback to refine choices in devised or

scripted theatrical works.

6.PR.1.2 - Communicate ideas and feelings through physical and vocal choices during presentations.

6.PR.2.3 - Identify simple technical theatre elements that enhance productions in various spaces.

Sixth Grade Respond

6.RE.1.1 - Analyze dramatic elements in theatrical works.

Seventh Grade Present

7.PR.2.1 - Apply dramatic styles to formal or informal performances.

7.PR.2.3 - Present a variety of simple technical elements to reflect dramatic styles and choices in theatrical productions.

7.PR.2.4 - Compare the theatrical modifications needed by performers in different venues.

Seventh Grade Respond

7.RE.1.2 - Recognize the creative choices made in theatrical works crafted by peers and others.

7.RE.2.2 - Evaluate choices made in devised or scripted performance, based on objective criteria.

Eighth Grade Connect

8.CN.1.2 - Explain how theatrical skills and processes can be applied to solve a variety of problems.

Eighth Grade Present

8.PR.1.2 - Communicate various styles of character, conflict, and resolution through blocking as given by directors or indicated by playwrights.

Eighth Grade Respond

8.RE.2.2 - Evaluate theatrical work of others with a specific plan for improvement.

Beginning High School Connect

B.CN.2.1 - Identify the various roles that contribute to the creation, production, design, and marketing of theatre.

Beginning High School Create

B.CR.1.3 - Incorporate introductory technical elements using available facilities, technology, and tools to enhance theatrical works.

Beginning High School Present

B.PR.2.3 - Implement technical elements to support scripted or devised presentations.

Intermediate High School Create

I.CR.1.3 - Implement original technical designs into theatrical works using available facilities, technology, and tools.

Intermediate High School Present

I.PR.2.3 - Implement technical elements to enhance theatrical works.

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.

Accomplished High School Connect

AC.CN.2.2 - Analyze how technical elements enhance theatrical works.

Accomplished High School Create

AC.CR.1.3 - Implement original technical designs reflecting specific situations, styles, or genres incorporating available facilities, technology, and tools.

Accomplished High School Present

AC.PR.2.3 - Implement technical designs to tailor theatrical works for a range of audiences, spaces, or budgets.

Advanced High School Create

AD.CR.1.3 - Implement original technical designs reflecting various time periods or cultures incorporating available facilities, technology, and tools.

Advanced High School Present

AD.PR.2.3 - Implement technical elements effectively from design through actualization to enhance theatrical works.

North Carolina Essential Standards 2010

Beginning High School Standards - Aesthetics

B.AE.1.1 - Understand the major technical elements, such as sound, lights, set, and costumes, and their interrelationships.

B.AE.1.2 - Explain how the major technical elements, such as sound, lights, set, and costumes, are used to enhance formal or informal productions.

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 - Aesthetics

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

I.AE.1.2 - Use the major technical elements, such as sound, lights, set, and costumes, for formal or informal audiences.

Proficient High School Standards - Aesthetics

P.AE.1.1 - Analyze design concepts for aesthetic impact of technical elements.

P.AE.1.2 - Apply working knowledge to solve problems in the major technical elements, such as sound, lights, set, and costumes, for formal or informal audiences.

Advanced High School Standards - Aesthetics

A.AE.1.1 - Use technical knowledge and design skills to formulate designs for a specific audience.

A.AE.1.2 - Use the knowledge and skills associated with technical roles, such as lighting operator, prop master, or stage manager, in an appropriate and effective manner.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Theatre Arts

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.

C.3.B - create suitable environments for dramatizations.

C.3.D - use technology in theatrical applications such as live theatre, video, and film.

MS 117.212 LII - Creative Expression: production

B.3.B - create theatrical elements such as scenery, properties, lighting, sound, costume, makeup, and publicity appropriate to specific performances.

B.3.D - use technology in theatrical applications such as live theatre, video, and film.

MS 117.213 LIII - Creative Expression: production

B.3.A - recognize and select specific technical elements to suggest environment, establish mood, and support character and actions for performance.

B.3.B - create theatrical elements such as scenery,

properties, lighting, sound, costume, makeup, and publicity using the principles of design.

B.3.D - use technology in theatrical applications such as live theatre, video, and film.

MS 117.213 LIII - Critical evaluation and response

B.5.C - demonstrate knowledge of production elements in theatre, film, television, and other media.

HS 117.315 LI - Foundations: Inquiry and Understanding

C.1.H - define the roles of and appreciate the collaborative relationships between all artistic partners such as playwrights, composers, directors, actors, designers, technicians, and audience.

HS 117.315 LI - Creative Expression: production

C.3.A - develop and practice technical theatre skills.

C.3.B - apply technical knowledge and skills safely to create or operate theatrical elements such as scenery, properties, lighting, sound, costumes, makeup, current technology, or publicity.

C.3.C - perform a role such as actor, director, designer, technician, or editor in production decision making and collaborate with others in a production role to tell a story through live theatre or media performance.

C.3.D - demonstrate responsibility, artistic discipline, and creative problem solving by concentrating in one or more areas of theatre production such as acting, technical theatre, or theatre management.

HS 117.316 LII - Creative Expression: production

C.3.A - develop and practice safe and effective stagecraft skills.

C.3.D - perform a role such as actor, director, designer, technician, or editor in production decision making and collaborate with others to tell a story through live theatre or media performance.

C.3.E - develop responsibility, artistic discipline, and creative problem solving by concentrating in one or more areas of theatre production such as acting, technical theatre, or theatre management.

HS 117.317 LIII - Creative Expression: production

C.3.D - perform a role such as actor, director, designer, technician, or editor in production decision making and collaborate with others to tell a story through live theatre or media performance.

C.3.E - perform the role of actor, director, or technician, demonstrating responsibility, artistic discipline, and creative problem solving.

Alberta, Canada

Technical Theatre/Design 10-20-30 - Management - Set

1 - demonstrate understanding of the purpose of stage scenery

10 - demonstrate understanding of and use ground plans

11 - demonstrate understanding of proper placement of stage scenery: balancing, angling, masking, sight lines, backdrops, scrims

2 - recognize the importance of illusion in set design

4 - recognize and use theatre terminology related to the proscenium

6 - recognize different types of stages: proscenium, thrust, arena, flexible

8 - recognize different types of scenery: bare stage, curtain set, drop and wing set, box set, unit set, suggestive or selective set, flats, projections, scrims, cyclorama

9 - demonstrate understanding of and use scale

Junior Orientation

demonstrate a willingness to take calculated and reasonable risks

focus concentration on one task at a time

generate imaginative and creative solutions to problems

listen effectively

meet deadlines and follow through on individual and group commitments

offer and accept constructive criticism, given specific guidelines, with a desire to improve

share ideas confidently with others

support positivity 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 a sense of responsibility and commitment

develop self-discipline

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

extend the ability to think imaginatively and creatively

Technical Theatre - Levels I, II, III - Awareness

1 - recognize the basic terminology associated with the component being studied

2 - demonstrate understanding of the basic functions of the component being studied.

3 - show awareness of the importance of research

4 - show awareness of available resources pertaining to the component being studied; e.g., supplies, libraries and theatre companies

5 - demonstrate understanding of the various conventions of the components being studied

Technical Theatre - Levels I, II, III - Readiness

10 - demonstrate understanding of and use appropriate methods and tools for designing the project; e.g., makeup charts, cue sheets, working drawing

11 - arrange and sequence time, ideas, information, materials and/or personnel for achievement of the project

6 - demonstrate understanding of the importance of planning and organization

7 - select a project appropriate to the component being studied

8 - demonstrate understanding of the use of colour, shape and texture to achieve a desired effect

9 - use sketching to explore ideas for the project

Technical Theatre - Application

12 - demonstrate understanding of and apply appropriate regulations, procedures and precautions to ensure safe working conditions

13 - determine and acquire necessary supplies or substitutes to construct the planned project

16 - demonstrate the integration of technical theatre with other disciplines in order to enhance dramatic communication

Senior Goal I Objectives

apply imaginative and creative thought to problem-solving situations

extend the ability to concentrate
increase self-discipline

Senior Goal III Objectives

develop an awareness of aesthetics in visual and performing arts

Orientation Drama 10

concentrate on the task at hand
demonstrate effective use and management of time
listen to self and others
make effective decisions or choices
recognize that values are expressed through the arts
share ideas confidently
solve problems imaginatively and creatively

British Columbia (2018)

GRADE 9 - DRAMA - Exploring and creating

Select and combine dramatic elements and principles to intentionally create a particular mood, effect, and meaning

GRADE 9 - DRAMA - Reasoning and reflecting

Describe, interpret, and evaluate how performers and playwrights use dramatic structures, elements, and techniques to create and communicate ideas

Develop and refine ideas and technical skills to improve the quality of performance pieces

GRADE 9 - DRAMA - Communicating and documenting

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

GRADE 10 - DRAMA - Explore and Create

Experiment with a range of props, processes, and technologies

GRADE 11 - DRAMA - Explore and Create

Experiment with a range of materials, props, processes, and technologies to create and refine performances

Purposefully select and combine dramatic elements and conventions

GRADE 11 - DRAMA - Reason and reflect

Describe, analyze, and respond to ways in which props, technologies, and environments are used in drama, using discipline-specific language

GRADE 12 - DRAMA - Explore and Create

Experiment with a range of props, processes, and technologies to create and refine innovative dramatic works

Intentionally select and combine dramatic elements and conventions

GRADE 12 - DRAMA - Reason and reflect

Describe, analyze, and evaluate ways in which props, technologies, and environments are used in drama, using discipline-specific language

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.3.2 - identify and apply the skills and attitudes needed to perform various tasks and responsibilities in producing drama

works (e.g., use active listening and cooperative problem-solving skills; practise punctuality; use tact in suggesting changes and improvements; demonstrate willingness to accept criticism and build consensus)

Grades 9 & 10 - Foundations - Concepts and Terminology

C.1.3 - demonstrate an understanding of production roles, practices, and terminology when planning and presenting drama works (e.g., set design, costume design, lighting plot, light cue sheet, sound cue sheet, prompt book, set sketch, set model)

Grades 9 & 10 - Reflecting, Responding and Analyzing - The Critical Analysis Process

B.1.3 - identify aesthetic and technical aspects of drama works and explain how they help achieve specific dramatic purposes (e.g., write theatre or film reviews assessing whether the lighting, sound, set design, and costumes of a drama are used effectively to illustrate the intended message)

Grades 9 & 10 - Creating and Presenting - Presentation Techniques & Technologies

A.3.1 - identify and use a variety of techniques to influence the audience in specific ways (e.g., have actors enter the performance space from the audience to increase audience connection to the drama; use blocking to focus audience attention on key characters or relationships between characters)

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

Virginia Standards Of Learning (2020)

Technical Theatre

TT.1 - The student will create design elements that demonstrate personal voice and vision.

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

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TT.3 - The student will analyze, interpret, and evaluate aspects of technical theatre.

TT.4 - The student will explain and justify personal preferences for theatre design using appropriate vocabulary.

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TT.12 - The student will identify and apply safety guidelines for all aspects of technical theatre work.

TT.15 - The student will identify the responsibilities of the running crews.