

Chinook High School

Drama 10

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What is Drama?

Drama is not only an art form but a form to learn and experience new things. It allows you to explore your own limits and push these limits farther emotionally, physically, intellectually, aesthetically, and socially. It allows you to work with others and become more comfortable and confident with group interaction. It is about exploring who you are and becoming comfortable with exploring and taking risks with those around you.

Goals of Drama 10

Goal 1: To acquire knowledge of self and others through participation in and reflection on dramatic experience.

Goal 2: To develop competency in communication skills through participation in and exploration of various Dramatic Disciplines.

Goal 3: To develop an appreciation for drama and theatre as a process and art form.

Dramatic Disciplines and Units

1. Orientation and Movement – *The Collective* (15%)
2. Improvisation and Speech – *Halloween Character* (15%)
3. Speech – *Reader's Theatre* (15%)
4. Improvisation, Speech and Movement – Character Creations (10%)
5. Theatre Studies – *Theatre Evolution* (5%)
6. Theatre Studies – *Development of Theatre* (15%)
7. Final Project (15%)
8. Digital Journal (10%)

Orientation and Movement – *The Collective*

Students will develop skills in movement and scene composition by working together as a class and in small groups to create a collective creation. Throughout this creation we will work through creating awareness within ourselves and with others. The final piece will be performed in the Media Centre.

Improvisation and Speech – *Halloween Character*

Students will work on creating improvised scenes with a focus on character. They will then create characters and mini scenes that will be part of the Haunted House put on by the Grade 9 and 10 Drama Class and Technical Theater Class.

Speech – *Reader’s Theatre*

Students will first explore the voice, the parts of the voice, and how to warm it up properly. They will then be put into groups and given a piece of Reader’s Theatre to be rehearsed. These polished works will then be performed for the class.

Improvisation, Speech and Movement – Character Creations

Students will examine movement closer with character and create their own character based on various movement and improv. exercises. These character will then be used to create long form improvised scenes using the. The scenes will be performed for the class in the Media Centre.

Theatre Studies – *Theatre Evolution*

Students will explore how theatre has evolved looking at Greek Theatre, Medieval and Elizabethan Theatre, and Canadian Theatre. They will then create a graphic organizer to show how theatre has evolved over the years.

Theatre Studies – *Development of Theatre*

Students will analyze a variety of scripts varying in time periods. Students will then be asked to choose a time period and write a paper discussing how this period has impacted theatre today. They will then choose to work in small groups or alone to prepare a scene or monologue as their final project for the class. These will be performed in the Media Centre.

Final Project

The Final Project will encompass the disciplines focused on during the semester. The project will depend on the students in the class and their area(s) of interest. The final project may or may not be public performance. Further discussion about the project will occur during the last part of the semester.

Digital Journal

Reflection is very important to the dramatic process. Students will be asked to keep up with a digital journal used as terms of reflection for the student’s experiences and discoveries during class.

Taylor's Classroom Expectations

1. Respect

- Respect Yourself, you should feel comfortable and confident in yourself to explore.
- Respect Others, we should create a safe and supportive environment for everyone.
- Respect the Space, the room and equipment should be used with care and put away properly. Please report any damaged equipment to the teacher as soon as possible.

2. Take Risks

- Drama is about exploration and may mean pushing yourself outside your comfort zone now and then. I ask everyone to take a slight risk every class. This will allow you to grow and discover throughout the semester.

3. Have Fun

- My hope is that you come away from every class proud of your discoveries and able to explore and discover with a smile on your face.

Out of Class Rehearsal Time

Drama students should be aware that some class projects would require group out of class rehearsal time. Students are expected to attend all rehearsal called.

Technology Expectations

All technology will be asked to be placed in a safe place on the edge of the classroom at the beginning of class. There will be times throughout the semester that technology can be utilized in class but having it on yourself at all times can lead to safety issues as we will often be active during class.