

8th Grade Course Syllabus
Elements of Theater
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Description:

Elements of Theatre for 8th Grade develops the students ability to appreciate and understand the process of producing theatre from both the technical and performance points of view. Students will learn Theatre History - from Greek Theatre and Thepius in 536 B.C. to its evolution into modern performance. Playwriting - it's form and function. Directing - Practicing collaboration and compromise. Scene Design - from Leroy Jones to Joe Meziner and Ming Cho Lie. Acting - Vaudeville to modern realism.

Learning Objectives and Benchmarks

Students will establish a foundation of knowledge and respect of the physical space.

Demonstrate an understanding of the basic techniques for acting.

Demonstrate an understanding of directing principals.

Understand the technical aspects of the art form and how they apply towards a finished production.

Through individual and cooperative work the student will display a heightened sense of etiquette and responsibility for all facets of the art form.

Materials:

None

Assessment:

8th grade Theatre is strictly pass-fail. Students receive immediate feedback on work in meeting time.

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Schedule of Course:

The class meets one semester. Students meet every other day for a fifty-minute class.