

Course Title

Theater History

Description of Target Group

This two term or semester long course is designed for students from grades 10-12 who have an interest in theater and history.

Purpose

This course is designed to teach students about the history of theater. Through general research about theater, students will become aware and exposed to many facts of history in general such as the economics of European countries including politics, style of clothing, traditions and customs.

Standards of Expected Student Achievement

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to successfully demonstrate the following skills:

- Understanding of important events related to theater throughout history
- Understanding of the styles of important plays/playwrights throughout history

Listening Skills:

- Listen to and follow oral directions
- Take notes from lectures
- Listen attentively to lectures and student presentations

Speaking Skills:

- Participate in class discussions
- Give oral reports to the class

Reading Skills:

- Read about the different stages theater has gone through throughout history
- Read plays from different time periods
- Read about famous actors and playwrights

Writing Skills:

- Develop writing skills, which involve stages: listening, finding ideas, drafting, clarifying, developing, revising, and finally editing.
- Research projects.
- Evaluate their own work as well as that of others.

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Activities

Students will research the history of theater, create detailed time lines and recognize the differences between past and present theatre. Students will also research the lives of famous actors and playwrights throughout history, and present these in a variety of ways.

Instructional Materials

Text and Supplementary Materials

Assessment

- Note taking
- Time lines
- Oral presentations individually and in group
- Written quizzes and tests
- Portfolio of collected research and writing throughout term
- Projects