

Syllabus for THEATRE ARTS

Course Title: Introduction to Theatre Arts - Performance Focus Grade Level: High School

Course Description: This course introduces students to the world of theatre with a primary focus on performance. Through a combination of theoretical exploration and practical application, students will learn about various aspects of theatre, including acting techniques, character development, stagecraft, and collaborative teamwork.

Course Goals and Objectives: By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate fundamental acting techniques and skills.
- Analyze and interpret dramatic texts for performance.
- Develop and portray characters with depth and authenticity.
- Collaborate effectively as part of an ensemble.
- Apply basic stagecraft and technical elements in performances.
- Understand the historical and cultural significance of theatre.

Grading and Assessment:

- 40% practical knowledge
- 60% quizzes and tests

Unit 1: Introduction to Theatre and Performance

- Overview of Theatre History and Styles
- Elements of Acting: Voice, Body, Emotion
- Improvisation and Theatre Games

Unit 2: Character Development and Scene Work

- Analyzing Scripts and Texts
- Creating Believable Characters
- Rehearsing and Performing Scenes

Unit 3: Ensemble Building and Collaboration

- Acting in Ensembles: Teamwork and Communication
- Exploring Physical Theatre and Movement
- Group Improvisational Projects

Unit 4: Introduction to Technical Theatre

- Basics of Stagecraft and Set Design

- Lighting and Sound in Performance
- Costume and Makeup Design

Unit 5: Final Performance Showcase

- Selecting and Rehearsing Scenes for Showcase
- Technical Rehearsals and Stage Management
- Presenting the Showcase to the School Community

Alignment with Virginia Theatre Standards of Learning (SOL):

- Address key concepts and skills outlined in the Virginia Theatre SOL for high school.
- Incorporate assessment methods that align with SOL requirements.
- Regularly review and reflect upon SOL objectives throughout the course.

This syllabus is subject to adjustment as needed to best suit the students' learning needs and the resources available.