



Theatre Appreciation

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Course Description: Theatre Appreciation is a one-semester course designed to introduce students to the art of theatre. Throughout this process students will become more aware of theatre as an art form, and more skilled at the various facets of drama. By learning history and theatrical tradition, the actor's point-of-view, and the processes of theatre onstage and off, the student will learn to appreciate and practice the art form. Students will also experience an awareness of dramatic literature and the variety of genres it has to offer. As students perform for their classmates, they will begin to understand demands of rehearsals and performances. In addition to these, the student will strengthen his/her power of observation, concentration and imagination in order to become more comfortable preparing for and acting on the stage.

Course Calendar: The following information is a general schedule for the semester.

- Unit 1: Building Blocks of Acting, Movement and Voice
- Unit 2: Early Theatre History—Greek Drama
- Unit 3: Monologue Writing and Performing
- Unit 4: Elizabethan Theatre History—Shakespeare
- Unit 5: Modern Theatre/Technical Theatre—20th Century plays
- Unit 6: Dialogue Writing and Performing
- Unit 7: Ensemble Acting—One Act Plays
- Unit 8: Final Monologue Performance

Keys to Success: The best way to succeed in the Theatre classroom is to willingly participate in all the activities and assignments. Be kind and supportive of your classmates, and you will receive the same treatment. Dare to fail; if we never allow ourselves to fail, we won't know what we are capable of achieving!

Grading: Students will be graded according to their efforts in assessment of multiple forms from writing to performance. All performances are graded on a rubric based on concepts discussed before the preparation time for the performance. **All students in Theatre Appreciation will be expected to perform for their classmates and teacher. Auditioning for**

FHS Theatre productions is completely optional. Class participation grades will be given in addition to project grades.

Other Requirements: STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ONE FHS THEATRE PRODUCTION AS AUDIENCE MEMBERS. Students will keep their ticket stubs and will write a critique of the production. Student tickets are usually \$8-12. There are also opportunities to usher or serve concessions, if students would rather earn their admittance. The show dates are provided on this syllabus, so please make plans to attend! **If a student is not able to see the required performance, he/she will be responsible for attending a theatrical production off-campus, keeping the ticket stub, and writing a critique of the production.** The goal is for students to experience theatre fully, both as a participant in class and as an audience member.

Production Information:

The following show dates are scheduled for the spring season. All Theatre Appreciation students will be required to attend a performance of one FHS main stage show, during the semester of enrollment, and to complete a written response to the performance.

The Center of the Universe

January 29-30: 7 pm

January 31: 2 pm

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

April 14-16: 7 pm

Supplies: Three-ring binder (or a dedicated section in a larger binder), filler paper, pencils/pens.

Make-up and Late work: SHOWING UP TO SCHOOL IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT IN THEATRE!

When you are working with groups on performances or projects, it is very unfair to the members of the group if you are not present to be part of the scene. If you will be out for a scheduled appointment, please let Mrs. Sone know in advance if possible. Make-up work will be due the next class period after a student misses.

Classroom Policies: Mrs. Sone's class will adhere to guidelines and policies as published in the FHS student handbook.

BYOD: There may be times when it is appropriate to use our personal technology in the classroom; however, use of such will be under the direction of Mrs. Sone. Please put away your cell phone and ear buds when you enter the classroom.

A Little about Me: I hold a BA in Drama from the University of Arkansas and an MFA in Theatrical Costume Design & Technology. I ran the Costume Shop at the University of Arkansas Theatre for several years before leaving to operate a home custom design and construction business. When I felt called to teach high school, I earned my licensure through the Arkansas Non-Traditional Licensure Program. I am married to Jeff and we have two sons, Cooper and Carter, an old, grumpy cat, and our wonderful dog, Rosie. Other classes I teach at FHS include Oral Communication, Theatrical Makeup and Costume Design & Technology.

Please complete and return to Mrs. Sone

PARENT/GUARDIAN

I have read and understand the course syllabus for Theatre Appreciation. **I understand my student is expected to attend a theatrical production this semester (See “Other Requirements” paragraph on second page).**

Parent’s printed name & signature:

Parent’s preferred form of contact information (phone and/or email):

STUDENT

I have read and understand the course syllabus for Theatre Appreciation.

Student’s printed name & signature:

MEDIA RELEASE

Mrs. Sone may take pictures or video of students engaged in activities during Theatre Appreciation class. The images could be posted on Mrs. Sone’s teacher website. No student names will ever be attached to the images if used on-line. Please indicate your preference below:

I give permission for my student to be photographed or recorded in Mrs. Sone’s class for educational purposes.

I do not want my student photographed or recorded in Mrs. Sone’s class for educational purposes.

Parent/Guardian printed name and signature:

Date: _____