



Drama & Theatre Summer Work

As part of the course we get the opportunity to explore plays and theatre practitioners from different genres and time periods. It is important to have an understanding of theatre in history and how it has developed over the years. Your Summer Work will involve exploring a period of the history of theatre and applying your knowledge to a short performance and written hand out.

Task:

You will be allocated a period of time from the History of Theatre. You are expected to research key areas from the time period and create a succinct handout of your findings.

You can consider researching and including facts on:

- practitioners (anyone well known from that period and what were they known for?)
- playwrights
- styles of performance (movement/voice/characterisation/direction?)
- conditions of the theatre itself (where would they perform? What did the space look like? etc)
- Technical elements (lighting, sound, costume, set etc)

Feel free to include pictures/diagrams etc.

Alongside that, you will then apply what you have learnt to a 1-2 minute performance (max) of an extract from a play written in the time period you have researched. You will need to find a suitable play, choose the extract and learn it in the style of the period of history you have explored.

This will need to be recorded and ready to share with us when you start in September.

Hand in the hand out and share the filmed footage with Mrs Wallace in your first lesson in September.