



Arkansas State Communication Association

Drama Units and Activities

Introduction to the Theatre

Stage language and conventions

Types of drama

Tragedy, comedy, special styles (i.e. melodrama, theatre of the absurd, etc.)

Elements of drama

Exposition, plot/climax, character, dialogue, action, situation, theme, spectacle

Theatrical events

Actors, audience, place, scenario

Students should be able to ...

identify the differences between comedy and tragedy.

list examples of theatrical conventions.

demonstrate mastery of the elements of drama by correctly identifying them in a work of dramatic literature.

list four factors necessary for a theatrical event to occur.

use the correct terminology when describing the theatre.

Class Activities

Why Am I Here?

Looney Tunes

The Object of the Game

How Not to Deliver a Monologue

Reviewing Play Productions

Planning a New York Theatre Tour package

The Turning Point

Vacation Mime

The Hitchhiker

Creating an Original Morality Play