Bath High School Theatre Arts Curriculum Overview Grades 9 - 12

Standards: Michigan Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Level Content Expectations for Visual Arts, Music, Dance, and Theater

Topics Covered	
Skills	Individual & Ensemble Presentations
Acting Basics	World of Plays
Acting Techniques	World of Playwright
Improvisation	Original One-act Play
Monologues	Reader's Theatre
Directing	
Theatre History	
Plays and Playwrights	
Character Analysis	
Costume Design	
Set Design	

Focus Skills and Concepts

- o Identify the basics of acting and acting techniques.
- Analyze the structure and elements of a play.
- Improvise in acting situations.
- Create and present a comic monologue.
- Create and present a dramatic monologue.
- Direct students in an acting situation.
- o Investigate historical periods of theater.
- Discover the world in which a play was written and when the playwright lived.
- Analyze characters from plays.
- Create a rendering for a costume.
- Create a rendering for a set.
- Write an original one-act play.
- Recreate scenes for popular plays.
- Present a reader's theatre script to an audience.

Essential questions students can answer at the end of the course:

- How does an actor improvise?
- How is a monologue created?
- o What are the different periods of theatre history?
- How does history affect a play?
- How is a costume created?
- How is a set design created?
- What dramatic elements go into writing a one-act play?
- o What are the elements of a scene presentation?
- o What goes into developing a dramatic character?
- o What presentation elements are used in a reader's theatre presentation?

Prerequisite skills critical for success in this class:

- Basic reading skills
- Basic writing skills
- o Willingness to speak before others in class

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Bath High School Cinema and the Arts in Society Curriculum Overview Grades 9 - 12

Standards: <u>Michigan Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Level Content Expectations</u> for Visual Arts, Music, Dance, and Theater

Topics Covered	
Skills	Individual & Ensemble Presentations
Film Making Basics	World of Plays
Film Acting Techniques	World of Playwright
Directing	Group Presentation of Selected Film
Film History	Film Scene Re-Enactment
Films and Directors	
Film Analysis	
Costume & Set Design	
Cultural Impact on Films	

Focus Skills and Concepts

- o Identify basics of film making and acting for the screen.
- Analyze the structure and elements of a play.
- Create and present a comic scene.
- Create and present a dramatic scene.
- o Direct students in an acting situation.
- Investigate historical periods of film.
- Discover the world in which a film was written and created and when the director lived.
- Analyze characters from films.
- Create a rendering for a costume from films.
- Create a rendering for a set from a film.
- Recreate scenes from films.
- o Identify fads, fashion, and the history during the time a film was made.

Essential questions students can answer at the end of the course:

- How does one act in a film?
- What are the different periods of film history?
- How does history affect a film?
- How is a costume created?
- How is a set design created?
- What dramatic elements go into writing a screen play?
- What are the elements of a scene presentation?
- What goes into developing a dramatic character?

Prerequisite skills critical for success in this class:

- Basic reading skills
- o Basic writing skills
- Willingness to speak before others in class

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