Behind the Scenes Pre and Post Test

Over the next few weeks you will be learning a lot about what goes on "behind the scenes" of a play, television show or other production, as you take part in the "Behind the Scenes" project. The name for the work that goes on "behind the scenes" is Technical Theatre. This quiz will test your knowledge now and again when we are done with our *Behind the Scenes* unit.

What is technical theatre? Choose the one best answer.

___Technical Theatre is the name for the jobs and roles which manage the equipment, the machinery and the technology connected to theatre.

___Technical Theatre is the name for the jobs and roles which manage, create or design anything that happens behind the scenes to make it possible to have a play, a musical, a movie, a television show, a concert or other kind of production.

___Technical Theatre is the name for the jobs and roles which create digital versions of films and animations.

How much do you know about technical theatre? Rate yourself from 1-10, a 1 ("Nothing, this is new to me.") to 10 ("I know a lot- I'm a Technical Theatre Superstar!")

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Nothing, this is all new.	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	**Tech Theatre Superstar**

Designers are important contributors to what goes on behind the scenes. What does a designer do?

__ Works with the script and the director to imagine either the lights, sound, set, costumes, etc. and plan a design that helps to bring to life the story of the play.

__Runs the lighting or sound equipment, sews the costumes or puts on the makeup when the show is on stage.

__ Works with the actors, plans the rehearsals and helps them prepare their performances.

Technicians are also important contributors behind the scenes. What does a technician do?

___A technician works with the director and production team to design either the costumes, makeup, scenery or lights for a show.

___A technician works once the design is completed to run the equipment, sew the costumes or put on the makeup when the show is on stage.

___A technician is the name for anyone who works in technical theatre or behind the scenes.

What is the designer's process? Pick the one best answer.

___ Plan, Read & Research, Design
___ Read & Research, Plan, Design
___Design, Read & Research, Plan

What does a sound designer do? Choose the best answer.

___Read and research the script, meet with the director and production team, plan and imagine the soundscape and create the design and sound cues.

___Work with the production team to learn what equipment is needed and then set it up.

___Read and research the script, plan and meet with the cast members to assign and manage their microphones.

What does a scenic designer do? Choose the best answer.

___Set up the stage including any furniture, help change the scenery and check the props.

___Read and research the script, plan and meet with the technical director to help build the sets and find the set pieces.

___Read and research the script, meet with the director and production team, and imagine and plan to design a set.

What does a lighting designer do? Choose the best answer.

___Read and research the script, plan and meet with the director and production team to purchase the lights and plan the stage wiring.

___Read and research the script, meet with the director and production team, then imagine and plan a design for the light cues, color, intensity, and placement.

___Work with the stage crew to hang and focus the lights and add colored gels.

What does a costume designer do? Choose the best answer.

___Read and research the script, then sew all of the costumes needed for each actor.

___Work with the stage crew to help hang up and organize costumes during the run of the show.

___Read and research the script, meet with the director and production team, plan, then design costumes for each actor and create a costume plot.

How does a designer create a design for a play? Pick the one best answer.

___Studies the script to get ideas, then draws or creates models of their designs

___ Meets with the director to hear their ideas and then draws or creates models to match

___Studies the script, meets with the production team and the director and then comes up with a plan for the director's approval

___Studies the script then creates detailed models or drawings using their imagination to plan out a design they think would be unique or interesting

Which of these is NOT something a designer usually does to create a design for a play.

___Read the play several times.

___Research the play's background including where it takes place, when it takes place and what type of play it is.

___Read the manuals for the equipment found at the stage.

___Meet with the director to hear the director's concept and ideas about the play's theme and meaning.

Which of these is NOT an important skill to have as a designer?

___ being able to work with others and be flexible

___ being a great artist and very good at drawing

___being able to clearly communicate your ideas to others

Here is a list of jobs. Put a check mark by any job that is a job in technical theatre.

[ ] costume designer [ ] stage manager [ ] building supervisor [ ] make up designer [ ] lead actor or actress [ ] architect

[ ] lighting designer [ ] scenic or set designer [ ] cafeteria supervisor [ ] sound designer [ ] sound technician

 [ ] light technician [ ] stage hand/stage crew [ ] teller

Where could you find a job in technical theatre as a technician or a designer? Put a check mark by any place where someone might find a job.

[ ] at the Super Bowl [ ] in a city   [ ] in Hollywood   [ ] at the Olympics   [ ] at a school or college

[ ] on Broadway [ ] at a hip hop concert [ ] at Disneyworld [ ] on a cruise ship [ ] on a movie set [ ] at an amusement park

How much do you think you would like a job in technical theatre?
Choose a number from 1 (not at all) to 10 (I'd love it!)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Not at all	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	**I'd love it!**