Beginning Acting Curriculum Map*

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Unit	Unit of Study	Priority Standards	Learning Targets	Projects and Products/ (Formative
	Big ideas/Context/Time Frame		Unit Self-Test Questions	and Summative Assessments)
1	Improvisation Unit 3 weeks ~ Introduce the concept of accepting "blind offers" to further a scene and develop character ~ Play a series of short form improvisation games and activities that increase skills in teamwork, observation, listening, responding to an offer, and risk taking.	CREATING 1: Envision/Conceptualize <u>Anchor Standard 1</u> : Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work. <u>Enduring Understanding</u> : Theatre artists rely on intuition, curiosity, and critical inquiry. <u>Essential Question(s)</u> : What happens when theatre artists use their imaginations and/or learned theatre skills while engaging in creative exploration and inquiry? ACCOMPLISHED TH.Cr.1.1.II c. Use personal experiences and knowledge to develop a character that is believable and	 Long term targets: I can accept blind offers to advance a scene. I can create an improvisation to develop story and character. Short term targets: I can participate in group games and activities. I can describe the rules of one game. I can explain how one game relates to theatre. I can take risks. I can accept blind offers to advance a scene. 	 Formative Teacher assesses student interactions and responses to each scene. Teacher side coaches students on performance. Students reflect daily about their understanding of the rules and their application. Summative Student performs high-risk improvisation game
	 SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS Students have multiple opportunities to demonstrate their skill and knowledge, including both written and practical examinations. Assessment include, but are not limited to: Essential questions Exit passes Focus questions Question of the day Create questions Word wall Demonstration Rubrics 	authentic in a drama / theatre work. CREATING 3: Rehearse <u>Anchor Standard 3</u> : Refine and complete artistic work. <u>Enduring Understanding</u> : Theatre artists refine their work and proactive their craft through rehearsal. <u>Essential Question(s)</u> : How do theatre artists transform and edit their initial ideas? PROFICIENT TH.Cr.3.1.I a. Practice and revise a devised or scripted drama / theatre work using theatrical staging conventions. PERFORMING 4: Select <u>Anchor Standard 4</u> : Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation. <u>Enduring Understanding</u> : Theatre artists make strong choices to effectively convey meaning.	 <u>Unit Self-Test Questions</u>: 1. What games focus on character? Setting? Humor? 2. What games can be played for either comedic or dramatic effect? 3. How does accepting an offer from another actor move the scene forward? 4. How does the denial of an offer create a "scene-stopper"? 5. In what ways do the games connect with character and storytelling? 	 demonstrating acceptance of blind offers. SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS Essential questions Exit passes Focus questions Word wall (related terminology) Demonstration (improvisation) Rubrics (Short form improv)



 <u>Essential Question(s)</u>: Why are strong choices essential to interpreting a drama or theatre piece? PROFICIENT TH.Pr.4.1.1 a. Explore how character relationships assist in telling the story of a drama / theatre work. b. Shape character choices using given circumstances in a drama / theatre work. PERFORMING 5: Prepare Anchor Standard 5: Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation. <u>Enduring Understanding</u>: Theatre artists develop personal processes and skills for a performance or design. <u>Essential Question(s)</u>: What can I do to fully prepare a performance or technical design? PROFICIENT TH.Pr.5.1.1 a. Practice various acting techniques to expand skills in a rehearsal or drama / theatre performance. PERFORMING 6: Share/Present Anchor Standard 6: Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work. Enduring Understanding: theatre artists share and present stories, ideas, and envisioned worlds to explore the human experience. <u>Essential Question(s)</u>: What happens when theatre artists and audiences share a creative experience? 	



	Pantomime Unit	CREATING 1: Envision/Conceptualize	Long term targets:	Formative
	3 weeks	PROFICIENT TH.Cr.1.1.I	 I can create, rehearse, and perform a 	1. Teacher observes focused
		c. Use script analysis to generate ideas about a	Structured Improvisation applying CROW.	rehearsal time determining
2	~ Learn stage areas, body positions,	character that is believable and authentic in a	1 11,5 5	who, what, where.
	and types of stages	drama / theatre work.	Short term targets:	2. Teacher side coaches
	~ Learn basic blocking notations	ACCOMPLISHED TH.Cr.1.1.II.c	I can observe and mimic changes in	students on scene.
	~ Introduce Character, Relationship,		appearance.	3. Students reflect daily about
	Objective, Where (CROW) for scene	CREATING 3: Rehearse	 I can perform a 60 second mirroring 	their understanding of the
	analysis	PROFICIENT TH.Cr.3.1.I.a	sequence with a partner.	application of size, weight, and
	~ Use a Structured Improvisation	b. Explore physical, vocal, and physiological	 I can identify the stage types, stage areas, 	shape in pantomime.
	script with given blocking to create,	choices to develop a performance that is	and body positions.	
	rehearse, and perform a scene	believable, authentic, and relevant to the drama	 I can identify parts of a theatre. 	Summative
	using who, what, and where.	/ theatre work.	 I can follow basic blocking instructions. 	1. Students take fill in the blank
			 I can demonstrate the use of pantomimed 	test on stage areas, body
		PERFORMING 4: Select TH.Pr.4.1.I.a-b	objects with accurate size, weight, and	positions, and basic blocking
		PERFORMING 5: Prepare TH.Pr.5.1.1.a	shape.	notation.
		PERFORMING 6: Share/Present TH.Pr.6.1.I.a	 I can identify and demonstrate my self- 	2. Students demonstrate 60
			selected CROW in a short scene.	second mirroring with
			I can rehearse my pantomime scene	seamless transitions from one
			independently applying my choices of who I	partner leading to another. 3. Students perform Structured
			am, where I am, and what I am doing.	Improvisation scene as an
			 I can use great audience etiquette when I watch others perform. 	individual demonstrating
			 I can perform my pantomime scene using 	choices in CROW.
			• I can perform my partonnine scene using who, what, and where.	
			 I can give constructive feedback to other 	SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS
			performers.	Essential questions
			penomiers.	Exit passes
			Unit Self-Test Questions:	Focus questions
			1. In what ways are you showing how your	 Word wall (related
			character is different from the other	terminology)
			character in the scene? And your	Demonstration (pantomime)
			relationship?	Rubrics (Structured Improv)
			2. What do you want from the other character?	、 . ,
			How are you demonstrating your objective?	
			3. How are you helping the audience to	
			imagine your location? How are your	





	Morrowart Unit		choices as an actor creating your environment?	Encodius
3	Movement Unit 3 weeks ~ Learn about character centers and character walks ~ Use music as an impulse to tell a story ~ Create original movement piece which relies on movement and music to tell the story around a theme	CREATING 1: Envision/Conceptualize TH.Cr.1.1.I-II.c ADVANCED TH.Cr.1.1.III c. Integrate cultural and historical contexts with personal experiences to create a character that is believable and authentic, in a drama / theatre work. CREATING 2: Develop Anchor Standard 2: Organize and develop artistic ideas and work. Enduring Understanding: Theatre artists work to discover different ways of communicating meaning. Essential Question(s): How, when, and why do theatre artists' choices change? PROFICIENT TH.Cr.2.1.I b. Investigate the collaborative nature of the actor, director, playwright, and designers and explore their interdependent roles in a drama / theatre work. ACCOMPLISHED TH.Cr.2.1.II b. Cooperate as a creative team to make interpretive choices for a drama / theatre work. ADVANCED TH.Cr.2.1.III b. Collaborate as a creative team to discover artistic solutions and make interpretive choices	 Long term targets: I can create an original story with a group using movement and music to tell a thematic story. Short term targets: I can identify one story idea based on the mood per music track. I can share my ideas with my group. I can listen and accept others ideas. I can use frozen pictures to create a visual story. I can transition frozen to moving pictures. Unit Self-Test Questions: How does music enhance a movie? How is that similar to using music in theatre? Different? In what ways can music have a storyline embedded in it? How does movement use the body to tell the story? 	 <u>Formative</u> Teacher observes focused rehearsal time and development of each project. Teacher side coaches students on movement used to tell the story selected. Students reflect daily about their progress in developing their movement project. <u>Summative</u> Students perform movement project around a theme, mood, or feeling taken from a piece of music and story idea. Students apply CROW within the project storyline. <u>SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS</u> Essential questions Exit passes Focus questions Word wall (related terminology) Demonstration (movement) Rubrics ("live" Silent Movie)



		in a devised or scripted drama / theatre work. CREATING 3: Rehearse TH.Cr.3.1.I.a-b ACCOMPLISHED TH.Cr.3.1.II a. Use the rehearsal process to analyze the dramatic concept and technical design elements of a devised or scripted drama / theatre work. PERFORMING 4: Select TH.Pr.4.1.I.a-b PERFORMING 5: Prepare TH.Pr.5.1.I.a PERFORMING 6: Share/Present TH.Pr.6.1.I.a		
4a	Fairy Tale Unit 2 weeks ~ Review story structure and character roles in fairy tale ~ Explore common themes displayed in fairy tales ~ Create slide show of existing fairy tale ~ Create transitions between slides to create a more fluid story	 CREATING 1: Envision/Conceptualize TH.Cr.1.1.I-III.c CREATING 3: Rehearse PROFICIENT TH.Cr.3.1.I b. Explore physical, vocal, and physiological choices to develop a performance that is believable, authentic, and relevant to the drama / theatre work. PERFORMING 4: Select TH.Pr.4.1.I.a-b ACCOMPLISHED TH.Pr.4.1.II a. Discover how unique choices shape believable and sustainable drama / theatre work. b. Identify essential text information, research from various sources, and the director's concept that influence character choices in a drama / theatre work. PERFORMING 5: Prepare TH.Pr.5.1.I.a ACCOMPLISHED TH.Pr.5.1.II a. Refine a range of acting skills to build a believable and sustainable drama / theatre performance. 	 Long term targets: I can create clear stage pictures and use physical character choices to tell a fairy tale. Short term targets: I can use my body to create five frozen pictures to capture the essential components of a fairy tale story. Unit Self-Test Questions: How does an actor's physical choices create a character? In what ways does a character's center determine their age, type, or personality? How does including everyone in every picture create a stronger scene? 	 <u>Formative</u> Teacher questions students about story structure using fairy tales as the framework. Teacher observes focused rehearsal time. Teacher side coaches students on fairy tale. Students reflect daily about their progress in developing their fairy tales. <u>Summative</u> Students create and share five frozen pictures of an existing fairy tale. Students adapt an existing fairy tale into a fractured fairy tale with a written script. Students demonstrate use of CROW through written script of original tale.



	SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS
PERFORMING 6: Share/Present TH.Pr.6.1.I.a	Essential questions
ACCOMPLISHED TH.Pr.6.1.II	 Exit passes
a. Present a drama / theatre work using	Focus questions
creative processes that shape the production	Word wall (related
for a specific audience.	terminology)
RESPONDING 7: Reflect	Demonstration (storytelling vi neuroisel share story)
	physical character)
Anchor Standard 7: Perceive and analyze	Rubrics (Fairy Tale)
artistic work.	
Enduring Understanding: Theatre artists reflect	
to understand the impact of drama processes	
and theatre experiences.	
Essential Question(s): How do theatre artists	
comprehend the essence of drama process	
and theatre experiences?	
PROFICIENT TH.Re.7.1.I	
a. Respond to what is seen, felt, and heard in a	
drama / theatre work to develop criteria for	
artistic choices.	
CONNECTING 11: Research	
Anchor Standard 11: Relate artistic ideas and	
works with societal, cultural, and historical	
context to deepen understanding.	
Enduring Understanding: Theatre artists	
critically inquire into the ways others have	
though about and created drama processes	
and productions to inform their own work.	
Essential Question(s): In what ways can	
research into theatre histories, theories,	
literature, and performances alter the way a	
drama process or production is understood?	
PROFICIENT TH.Cn.11.2.I	
a. Research how other theatre artists apply	
creative processes to tell stories in a devised or	



		scripted drama / theatre work, using theatre research methods.		
4b	Fractured Fairy Tale Unit 2 weeks ~ Review story structure and character roles in fairy tale ~ Explore common themes displayed in fairy tales ~ Create slide show of existing fairy tale ~ Create transitions between slides to create a more fluid story ~ Fracture existing fairy tale to create original tale for performance	CREATING 1: Envision/Conceptualize TH.Cr.1.1.I-III.c CREATING 3: Rehearse TH.Cr.3.1.I.b PERFORMING 4: Select TH.Pr.4.1.I-II.a-b PERFORMING 5: Prepare TH.Pr.5.1.I-II.a PERFORMING 6: Share/Present TH.Pr.6.1.I- II.a RESPONDING 7: Reflect TH.Re.7.1.I.a CONNECTING 11: Research TH.Cn.11.2.I.a	 Long term targets: I can create clear stage pictures, use physical character choices, and write an original script to tell a fractured fairy tale. Short term targets: I can select fairy tales that can be combined easily. I can identify the main elements of each tale to be used to create one cohesive FFT. I can create a clear beginning, middle, and end to the story. I can add dialogue for my character that helps to move the story forward. I can use my body to create five frozen pictures to capture the essential components of a fairy tale story. I can give constructive criticism about each performance. Unit Self-Test Questions: How does an actor's physical choices create a character? In what ways does a person's gait determine their age, type, or personality? How doe the use of different levels and planes create a more dynamic stage picture? Why does including everyone in every picture create a stronger scene? 	 <u>Formative</u> Teacher questions students about story structure using fairy tales as the framework. Teacher observes focused rehearsal time. Teacher side coaches students on fairy tale. Students reflect daily about their progress in developing their fairy tales. <u>Summative</u> Students create and share five frozen pictures of an existing fairy tale. Students adapt an existing fairy tale into a fractured fairy tale with a written script. Students perform their original tale for the class. Students demonstrate use of CROW through written script of original tale. <u>SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS</u> Essential questions Exit passes Focus questions Word wall (related terminology) Demonstration (playwriting; storytelling via physical and vocal character) Rubrics (Fractured Fairy Tale)



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	Structured Improvisation	CREATING 1: Envision/Conceptualize	Long term targets:	Formative
	Scene Unit	TH.Cr.1.1.I.c	 I can create, rehearse, and perform a 	1. Teacher observes focused
	4 weeks		Structured Improvisation with original	rehearsal time determining
	+ WCCR3	CREATING 3: Rehearse TH.Cr.3.1.I.a-b	dialogue.	CROW with a scene partner.
6	~ Review of blocking, story	ACCOMPLISHED TH.Cr.3.1.II.a	 I can use CROW to analyze and develop a 	2. Teacher side coaches
U	structure, basic pantomime, and	b. Use research and script analysis to revise	character.	students on scene.
	movement	physical, vocal, and physiological choices		3. Students reflect daily about
	~ Introduction to writing meaningful	impacting the believability and relevance of a	Short term targets:	their understanding of
	dialogue to move a story forward	drama / theatre work.	I can follow basic blocking instructions.	blocking, creating original
	~ Use existing script with only		 I can demonstrate the use of pantomimed 	dialogue, and story
	blocking noted to create original	PERFORMING 4: Select TH.Pr.4.1.I-II.a-b	• I can demonstrate the use of partonnined objects with accurate size, weight, and	development.
	scene with a partner, to create who,		shape.	development.
	what, where (CROW)	PERFORMING 5: Prepare	 I can identify and demonstrate my self- 	Summative
	~ Perform memorized, original	PROFICIENT TH.Pr.5.1.I.a	selected CROW in a short scene.	1. Students perform Structured
	Structured Improvisation scene with	b. Use researched technical elements to	 I can rehearse my pantomime scene 	Improvisation scene with a
	a partner	increase the impact of design for a drama /	independently applying my choices of who l	partner demonstrating CROW
		theatre production.	am, where I am, and what I am doing.	and using original dialogue.
				2. Students take both a written
		PERFORMING 6: Share/Present TH.Pr.6.1.I-	 I can use great audience etiquette when I watch others perform. 	final exam over fall semester
				content, as well as a
		II.a		performance final
			who, what, and where.	demonstrating understanding
			 I can write dialogue that moves the story forward. 	of concepts as applied.
			 I can give constructive feedback to other 	
			performers.	SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS
				Essential questions
			Unit Self-Test Questions:	 Exit passes
			1. How does the Structured Improvisation	 Focus questions
			script inform the action?	 Word wall (related
			2. In what ways can the actor use the	terminology)
			Structured Improvisation script's blocking to	 Demonstration (stage areas,
			create meaningful dialogue?	body positions, blocking)
			3. How does the voice connect to physical	 Rubrics (Structured Improv)
			centers to create character?	
			4. In what ways does CROW help the actor to	
			be more truthful in a scene?	
			5. Did you follow the given blocking to the	
			correct stage areas?	
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 Theatre Critique Unit 4-6 weeks Learn basics of reviewing a theatrical production Learn role and purpose of a theatre critic Watch and analyze a live th production Write a theatre review 	theatre work.	 Long term targets: I can define the role and purpose of a theatre critic. I can watch and analyze a live theatre performance. I can write a theatre play review/theatre critique. Short term targets: I can define what a theatre critic is and does. I can explain one reason why bloggers and professional critics are and are not the same. I can demonstrate how to critique the technical elements of a live production. I can write a thorough and balanced theatre review. Unit Self-Test Questions: What is a theatre critic? How does a theatre critic support live theatre? What voice does a theatre critique/article have? What must a theatre reviewer take into account when responding to a theatre production? 	 <u>Formative</u> Teacher questions students about prior knowledge of play reviews and theatre critics. Teacher uses reading assessment to determine student's ability to respond to text and related content. Students respond to sample theatre reviews and taped performances. Student takes notes on parts of a theatre review. Students write a thorough and balanced theatre review. Students present their observations of live theatre performance as it relates to theatre design and review principles. Students complete review assignment including commentary on all scenic pieces, props, costumes, lighting, and sound for theatrical production. SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS Essential questions Exit passes Focus questions Word wall (related terminology) Demonstration (critical thinking about design/directing choices;



 b. Identify and compare cultural perspectives and contexts that may influence the evaluation of a drama / theatre work. c. Justify personal aesthetics, preferences, and beliefs through participation in and observation of a drama / theatre work. RESPONDING 9: Evaluate 	understanding of "concept" as applied to theatre production) • Rubrics (Theatre Critique— essay and reading response)
Anchor Standard 9: Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work. Enduring Understanding: Theatre artists apply criteria to investigate, explore, and assess drama and theatre work. Essential Question(s): How are the theatre artist's processes and the audience's perspectives impacted by analysis and synthesis?	
 PROFICIENT TH.Re.9.1.I a. Examine a drama / theatre work using supporting evidence and criteria, while considering art forms, history, culture, and other disciplines. b. Consider the aesthetics of the production elements in a drama / theatre work. c. Formulate a deeper understanding appreciation of a drama / theatre work by considering its specific purpose or intended audience. 	
CONNECTING 11: Interrelate Anchor Standard 11: Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding. Enduring Understanding: Theatre artists understand and can communicate their creative process as they analyze the way the world may be understood.	



		Essential Question(s): What happens when theatre artists allow an understanding of themselves and the world to inform perceptions about theatre and the purpose of their work? PROFICIENT TH.Cn.11.1.I a. Explore how cultural, global, and historic belief systems affect creative choices in a drama / theatre work.		
8	Theatre Dance Unit 3 weeks ~ Learn about musical theatre and character development through dance ~ Use music as an impulse to tell a story ~ Learn, practice, and perform an original theatre dance from a modern musical ~ Watch sample dances from a variety of musicals	CREATING 3: Rehearse TH.Cr.3.1.I.b PERFORMING 5: Prepare TH.Pr.5.1.I-II.a PERFORMING 6: Share/Present TH.Pr.6.1.I- II.a (Also see National Dance Standards)	 Long term targets: I can learn, practice, and perform a theatre dance. Short term targets: I can warm up daily and stretch. I can attempt to learn a variety of dance styles, such as ballet, Charleston, tango, cha-cha, salsa, belly dancing, hip-hop, modern, jazz, etc. Unit Self-Test Questions: What does it mean to use music as dialogue? What does it mean to use dance as dialogue? In what ways can a theatre dance number within a musical have a storyline embedded in it? How does the type of music change the type of story it tells? Why do the characters in a musical have to dance and sing in order to communicate the story and their feelings? 	 <u>Formative</u> Teacher observes focused rehearsal time. Teacher side coaches students on movement. Students reflect daily about their progress in learning the dance moves. <u>Summative</u> Students perform theatre dance. Students apply CROW to their character. <u>SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS</u> Essential questions Exit passes Focus questions Word wall (related terminology) Demonstration (following choreography) Rubrics (theatre dance)
	Duo Scene Unit 3 weeks	CREATING 1: Envision/Conceptualize TH.Cr.1.1.I.c CREATING 3: Rehearse TH.Cr.3.1.I-II.a-b	 Long term targets: I can select, rehearse, and perform a scene with a partner. 	Formative



9	~ How to select performance material suited to your "type" ~ Selection of performance material ~ CROW, Rehearsal, Performance of duo scene ~ Application of subtext to a duo scene	PERFORMING 4: Select TH.Pr.4.1.I-II.a-b PERFORMING 5: Prepare TH.Pr.5.1.I-II.a PERFORMING 6: Share/Present TH.Pr.6.1.I- II.a	 I can analyze my character using CROW, apply it to my performance, and create original blocking. <u>Short term targets</u>: I can select a scene with a partner. I can identify and demonstrate my self-selected CROW. I can create basic blocking. I can rehearse my scene with my partner applying my choices of who I am, where I am, and what I am doing. I can demonstrate the use of pantomimed objects with accurate size, weight, and shape. I can use great audience etiquette when I watch others perform. Unit Self-Test Questions: How does the "moment before" inform the action of the scene? What does it mean to create motivated movement when blocking? How does CROW analysis play a major role in developing a believable character for a scene? What are the most difficult and the easiest part of creating a character for the stage? 	 Teacher observes focused rehearsal time determining CROW. Teacher side coaches students on blocking, characterization, and subtext. Students reflect daily about their understanding of applying analysis, blocking, and subtext. Students perform duo scene demonstrating CROW and using subtext as motivation for line interpretation and blocking. SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS Essential questions Exit passes Focus questions Word wall (related terminology) Demonstration (application of CROW analysis) Rubrics (Duo Scene)
10	Theatre History Unit 1 week ~ Brief review of theatre history ~ Watch theatre history video ~ Take Cornell notes ~ Take quiz over content	CREATING 2: Develop PROFICIENT TH.Cr.2.1.I a. Explore the function of history and culture in the development of a dramatic concept through a critical analysis of original ideas in a drama / theatre work.	 Long term targets: I can distinguish the differences between at least two different societies, time periods, and/or cultures. I can identify the key concepts around the origins of theatre and its roots in storytelling. 	 Formative Teacher questions students about their prior knowledge of key theatre eras. Student takes notes about theatre history.
		RESPONDING 7: Reflect TH.Re.7.1.I.a	Short term targets:	Summative



~ Possible small group projects on different theatre history movements	RESPONDING 8: Interpret TH.Re.8.1.I.a-c RESPONDING 9: Evaluate TH.Re.9.1.I.a-c CONNECTING 10: Empathize Anchor Standard 10: Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art. Enduring Understanding: Theatre artists allow awareness of interrelationships between self and others to influence and inform their work. Essential Question(s): What happens when theatre artists foster understanding between self and others through critical awareness, social responsibility, and the exploration of myth. PROFICIENT TH.Cn.10.1.I a. Investigate how cultural perspectives, community ideas, and personal beliefs impact a drama / theatre work. CONNECTING 11: Research Anchor Standard 11: Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding. Enduring Understanding: Theatre artists critically inquire into the ways others have though about and created drama processes and productions to inform their own work. Essential Question(s): In what ways can research into theatre histories, theories, literature, and performances alter the way a drama process or production is understood? PROFICIENT TH.Cn.11.2.I.a b. Use basic theatre research methods to better understand the social and cultural background of a drama / theatre work.	 I can identify the significance of Thespis. I can explain how theatre's roots are in storytelling. I can name how the church banned theatre and brought it back time and again. I can describe why Shakespeare is an important playwright. I can identify the modern musical as uniquely American compared with operas, operettas, and plays with music. I can explain how realism is used in theatre today. I can give one example how history influences theatre and theatre influences history. Unit Self-Test Questions: Why is Thespis so important in the formation of theatre? How does storytelling influence every day lives? In what ways do we see the origins of theatre still present in more modern drama? How does theatre influence life and life influence theatre over time? 	 Students take multiple-choice test on theatre history concepts. <u>Optional Summative</u> Students present possible theatre history. <u>SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS</u> Essential questions Exit passes Focus questions Word wall (related terminology) Demonstration (focus on one time period) Rubrics (theatre history)
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	Play Analysis Unit 3 weeks	CREATING 1: Envision/Conceptualize	Long term targets:	Formative
	3 weeks	TH.Cr.1.1.I-III.c	• I can read a full length play.	1. Teacher questions students
			I can write a clear analysis of <i>The Miracle</i>	about literary elements.
	~ Review story structure	CREATING 2: Develop TH.Cr.2.1.I.a	Worker.	2. Teacher questions students
11	~ Review literary elements	ACCOMPLISHED TH.Cr.2.1.II		about their prior knowledge of
	~ Take Cornell notes about dynamic	a. Refine a dramatic concept to demonstrate a	Short term targets:	Helen Keller, the era in which
	vs. static characters, plot structure,	critical understanding of historical and cultural	 I can read aloud the play The Miracle 	she lived, and treatment of
	genres, and movements	influences of original ideas applied to a drama /	Worker.	blind and deaf individuals.
	~ Discuss theatre history and its	theatre work.	 I can identify the main parts of a basic story 	3. Students define dynamic vs.
	relationship to Dramaturgy		structure.	static characters.
	~ Read <i>The Miracle Worker</i> by	RESPONDING 7: Reflect TH.Re.7.1.I.a	 I can explain the difference between static 	4. Students discuss theatre
	William Gibson	RESPONDING 8: Interpret TH.Re.8.1.I.a-c	and dynamic characters.	history and the play's
	~ Analyze the script	RESPONDING 9: Evaluate TH.Re.9.1.I.a-c	 I can explain the rising action and how it 	relationship to events and
	~ Watch two different film		leads to the climax.	conditions.
	adaptations		 I can identify the climactic moment in the 	5. Students participate in
	~ Discuss portrayal of historical		story.	discussion about film and
	character		 I can research information in relation to the 	stage adaptations of scripts
	~ Discuss non-traditional casting		story such as Civil War, Stonewall Jackson,	and non-traditional casting.
	and its role in storytelling in plays		Vicksburg, and other historical references as	6. Students reflect daily about
	that are both "period specific" and		a dramaturg.	author's intent, flashbacks,
	those that are not		 I can watch a film adaptation of the script. 	choice of locations, and
	~ Discuss author's intent regarding		 I can discuss the role of traditional vs. non- 	realism vs. selective realism.
	flashbacks, multiple locations, and		traditional casting for "period" plays vs.	
	lack of realistic interior setting		modern plays.	<u>Summative</u>
			 I can discuss the author's intent regarding 	1. Students write analysis of The
			flashbacks, multiple locations, and lack of	Miracle Worker.
			realistic interior.	2. Students complete a
				worksheet about storyline,
			Unit Self-Test Questions:	characters, and structure.
			 How does analyzing a script give the actor 	
			clues about how to portray the character and	Optional Summative
			relate to the other characters?	1. Students perform a duo scene
			What is the main exposition in a story?	from the script.
			Inciting incident? Rising action? Climax?	
			Falling action? Denouement?	SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS
			3. Map the plot structure of the play. Be	 Essential questions
			specific.	 Exit passes
				 Focus questions



			4. How do the story's theme and style of the play effect the actor and storytelling?	 Word wall (related terminology) Demonstration (play analysis) Rubrics (6 traits of writing)
12	Monologue Unit 2 weeks ~ How to select performance material suited to your "type" ~ Selection of performance material ~ CROW, Rehearsal, Performance of monologue ~ Application of subtext to a monologue	CREATING 1: Envision/Conceptualize TH.Cr.1.1.I-III.c CREATING 3: Rehearse TH.Cr.3.1.I-II.a-b PERFORMING 4: Select TH.Pr.4.1.I-II.a-b PERFORMING 5: Prepare TH.Pr.5.1.I-II.a PERFORMING 6: Share/Present TH.Pr.6.1.I- II.a	 Long term targets: I can select, rehearse, and perform a monologue. I can analyze my character using CROW, apply it to my performance, and create original blocking. Short term targets: I can select a monologue that fits my "type". I can identify and demonstrate my self-selected CROW. I can create basic blocking. I can rehearse my monologue independently applying my choices who I am, where I am, and what I am doing. I can demonstrate the use of pantomimed objects with accurate size, weight, and shape. I can use great audience etiquette when I watch others perform. Unit Self-Test Questions: How does the "moment before" inform the action of the monologue? What is the difference among monologue, duo scene, and dialogue? What does it mean to create motivated movement when blocking? How does CROW analysis play a major role in developing a believable character for a monologue? 	 <u>Formative</u> Teacher observes focused rehearsal time determining CROW. Teacher side coaches students on monologues. Students reflect daily about their understanding of applying analysis, blocking, and subtext. <u>Students perform monologue demonstrating CROW and using subtext as motivation for line interpretation and blocking.</u> Students take both a written final exam over fall semester content, as well as a performance final demonstrating understanding of concepts as applied. <u>SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS</u> Essential questions Exit passes Focus questions Word wall (related terminology) Demonstration (scaffolding of all skills) Rubrics (Monologue)



	Vocabulary: ongoing	CONNECTING 10: Empathize TH.Cn.10.1.I.a	Long term targets:	Formative
1-12	 Write a daily vocabulary word Student's own definition Variety of definitions possible, if more than one exists Define terms as they relate to theatre usage 	CONNECTING 11: Interrelate TH.Cn.11.1.I.a CONNECTING 11: Research TH.Cn.11.2.I.a-b	 I can write down and define key theatre vocabulary terms. 	 Students write a daily vocabulary word and defining the term for themselves. Teacher shares and/or demonstrates the true definition of the word. Students write down correct definition and compare their guess with the answer.
	 SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS Word wall (unit specific terminology) 			 <u>Summative</u> Students take a vocabulary quiz/test each quarter over 20 theatre terms learned. Teacher conducts a bi-weekly notebook check on content.
1-12	 Reflections: ongoing What did I learn today? Connect the activities occurring in class to their relevance to the learning targets and theatre SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS Essential questions Focus questions Question of the day 	RESPONDING 7: Reflect TH.Re.7.1.I.a RESPONDING 8: Interpret TH.Re.8.1.I.a-c RESPONDING 9: Evaluate TH.Re.9.1.I.a-c	 Long term targets: I can reflect on my daily learning, identifying how the activities relate to the learning targets. 	 <u>Formative</u> Students write a daily reflection answering the questions "What did I learn today?" as it relates to that day's lesson content. Teacher conducts a bi-weekly notebook check on content. <u>Summative</u> Students reflect on their own performance in class. Students keep a portfolio documenting their pre- performance work and self- assessment.
	CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TEACHING PRACTICES	Characteristics of culturally responsive teaching:	How it applies to the theatre classroom every day with every unit of study for every student:	Formative Anecdotal records



1-12		 Socio-cultural consciousness (examine one's own thinking and behavior) Affirming attitude (respect cultural differences of students from diverse backgrounds by adding related curriculum) Commitment and skills to act as an agent of change (confront obstacles, develop skills, become equitable) Constructivist views of learners (all students can learn when given the proper tools and instruction) Learning about students (past, present, future experiences and dreams) Culturally responsive teaching practices (create an inclusive classroom that reflects the make up of the students) 	 On-going assessment of student understanding Adjust content based on student understanding Verbal, written, and demonstration as instruction and performance of skills and knowledge Multiple attempting of demonstrating understanding Scaffolding assignments and projects Flexible grouping, when applicable Vary products for student learning Use of Gardner's Seven + One Intelligences Use of McLean's brain theory applied Use of Bloom's taxonomy to increase the levels of comprehension and application 	Quizzes Essays Diagnostic test Lab reports Reviews Observations Goal setting Questioning Self/peer reflections <u>Summative</u> Final exams Mastery tests Assessments End of chapter test Critique of final performance Multiple-choice test Performance self-assessment Portfolios
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* All theatre education standards noted in bold with "TH" are from the 2014 National Core Arts Standards for Theatre Education (*Creating "Cr", Performing "Pr", Responding "Re", and Connecting "Cn"*).

Please note: Although applicable in this course, English/Language Arts standards are not noted due to the lengthy amount of content-specific standards already being addressed.

