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<td>Enduring Understanding: Theatre artists rely on intuition, curiosity, and critical inquiry. Essential Question(s): What happens when theatre artists use their imaginations and/or learned theatre skills while engaging in creative exploration and inquiry?</td>
<td>- I can participate in trust-building activities.</td>
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<td>~ Build trust and acceptance of others within a group</td>
<td>PROFICIENT TH.Cr.1.1.I a. Apply basic research to construct ideas about the visual composition of a drama / theatre work.</td>
<td>- I can accept others’ strengths and weaknesses, as well as my own.</td>
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<td>~ Engage in a series of small group activities that stimulate the need for risk taking, acceptance, and mutual support.</td>
<td>ACCOMPLISHED TH.Cr.1.1.II a. Investigate historical and cultural conventions and their impact on the visual composition of a drama / theatre work.</td>
<td>- I can take risks and support others in taking risks.</td>
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<td>Students have multiple opportunities to demonstrate their skill and knowledge, including both written and practical examinations. Assessment include, but are not limited to:</td>
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<td>- I can support my fellow ensemble members.</td>
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<td>3. In what ways can we accept and support each other to take risks?</td>
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<td>Viewpoints Unit</td>
<td>CREATING 1: Envision/Conceptualize PROFICIENT TH.Cr.1.1.I c. Use script analysis to generate ideas about a character that is believable and authentic in a drama / theatre work.</td>
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<td>4-5 weeks</td>
<td>PROFICIENT TH.Cr.1.1.I c. Use personal experiences and knowledge to</td>
<td>- I can participate in movement exercises to demonstrate “Time” and “Space”.</td>
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<td>~ Explain the origin of Anne Bogart’s 9 Viewpoints. (In 1970s, choreographer Mary Overlie developed 8 Viewpoints. Bogart</td>
<td>ACCOMPLISHED TH.Cr.1.1.II c. Use personal experiences and knowledge to</td>
<td>- I can use Bogart’s 9 Viewpoints to develop and perform an original movement piece based on a response from an interview.</td>
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expanded them to 9. She established SITI Company and teaches Viewpoints and Suzuki.

- Explore each of the 9 Viewpoints through movement work related to "Time" and "Space".
- Interview one person and document the interview responses.
- Develop short movement pieces to music that tell a story based on interviews.
- Present the movement story.

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<td>Enduring Understanding: Theatre artists refine their work and proactive their craft through rehearsal.</td>
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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.

ADVANCED TH.Cr.3.1.III
a. Refine, transform, and re-imagine a devised or scripted drama theatre work using the rehearsal process to invent or re-imagine style, genre, form, and conventions.

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<td>Anchor Standard 5: Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.</td>
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<td>Enduring Understanding: Theatre artists develop personal processes and skills for a performance or design.</td>
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PROFICIENT TH.Pr.5.1.I
a. Practice various acting techniques to expand skills in a rehearsal or drama / theatre performance.

ACCOMPLISHED TH.Pr.5.1.II
a. Refine a range of acting skills to build a character that is believable and authentic in a drama / theatre work.

Short term targets:
- I can warm up and stretch daily.
- I can explain Anne Bogart's importance to acting training.
- I can practice each element of Viewpoints in isolation and collectively.
- I can work with an ensemble.

Unit Self-Test Questions:
1. What are the 9 Viewpoints?
2. How do the Viewpoints allow the actor to isolate issues outside the standard narrative framework of modernist acting?
3. In what ways do the 9 Viewpoints apply to modern acting?
4. How does exploring "Time" and “Space" help the actor better understand the world of the play?

SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS
- Essential questions
- Exit passes
- Focus questions
- Word wall (related terminology)
- Demonstration (Viewpoints open session)
- Rubrics (movement)

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believable and sustainable 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.
Essential Question(s): What happens when theatre artists and audiences share a creative experience?

**PROFICIENT TH.Pr.6.1.I**
a. Perform a scripted drama / theatre work for an audience.

**ACCOMPLISHED TH.Pr.6.1.II**
a. Present a drama / theatre work using creative processes that shape the production for a specific audience.

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**CREATING 1: Envision/Conceptualize**
TH.Cr.1.1.I-II.c

**CREATING 3: Rehearse**
TH.Cr.3.1.I-II.a-b

**PERFORMING 4: Select**
Anchor Standard 4: Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation.
Enduring Understanding: Theatre artists make strong choices to effectively convey meaning.
Essential Question(s): Why are strong choices essential to interpreting a drama or theatre piece?

**PROFICIENT TH.Pr.4.1.I**
a. Explore how character relationships assist in telling the story of a drama / theatre work.
b. Shape character choices using given

**Long term targets:**
- I can analyze, rehearse, and perform an open scene.
- I can select, rehearse, and perform a monologue.
- I can analyze my character, apply it to my performance, and create original blocking.

**Short term targets:**
- I can explain Ambiguous Dialogue or Open Scenes or monologues from World Theatre.
- I can use open scenes for exploring multiple ways to interpret a script and each character.
- I can share multiple open scenes.
- I can select one monologue for analysis and interpretation.

**Formative**
1. Teacher observes focused rehearsal time determining analysis.
2. Teacher side coaches students on open scenes then monologues.
3. Students reflect daily about their understanding of applying analysis, blocking, and subtext.

**Summative**
1. Students perform open scenes demonstrating analysis and using subtext as motivation for
### Analysis, Rehearsal, Performance of Monologue

- Application of subtext to a monologue

  - Analysis, Rehearsal, Performance of monologue
  - Circumstances in a drama/theatre work.
  - Discover how unique choices shape believable and sustainable drama/theatre work.
  - 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.4.1.I

**PERFORMING 6: Share/Present** TH.Pr.5.1.I

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**Long term targets:**

- I can identify how to select performance material suited to your “type”.
- I can analyze, rehearse, and perform a monologue.
- I can apply subtext to a monologue.

**Unit Self-Test Questions:**

1. How does the “moment before” inform the action of the open scene/monologue?
2. What is the difference between an open scene and a monologue?
3. How does analysis play a major role in developing a believable character for an open scene and monologue?
4. What are the most difficult and the easiest part of creating a character for the stage?

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**Spiraled Assessments**

- Essential questions
- Exit passes
- Focus questions
- Word wall (related terminology)
- Demonstration (open scene)
- Rubrics (Duo Scene)

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### Analysis Unit

(Acting Competition)

- Explain Regional Acting Competition categories: pantomime or group acting or solo acting (monologues); duo acting (comedy or dramatic scenes); musical performance (solo or duo or group)
- Explain rules of competing, including time limits, etc.
- Inform about how to select audition/competition material appropriate to age and experience
- Analyzing a text
- Rehearsing a text
- Developing a truthful character

**AND/OR**

### Long term targets:

- I can select, analyze, rehearse, and perform a selection for Regional Acting Competition.

**AND/OR**

- I can select, analyze, rehearse, and perform a selection for the English Speaking Union Shakespeare Competition.

**AND FOR BOTH**

- I can use Uta Hagen’s Six Steps to prepare and perform a selection for an acting competition (Regional Acting Competition OR English Speaking Union’s Shakespeare Competition).
- I can self-reflect on my acting progress daily.

### Short term targets (Uta Hagen work):

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<td>1. Teacher assists/observes student in determining selection(s) (with a partner).</td>
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<td>2. Teacher observes focused rehearsal time (with a partner).</td>
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<td>3. Teacher side coaches student(s) rehearsing selected material.</td>
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<td>4. Students reflect daily about their understanding of blocking, creating original character as driven by the script, and analysis of each moment.</td>
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### Analysis, Rehearsal, Performance of Monologue

- Application of subtext to a monologue

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**PERFORMING 5: Prepare** TH.Pr.4.1.I

**PERFORMING 6: Share/Present** TH.Pr.5.1.I

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**Long term targets:**

- I can identify how to select performance material suited to your “type”.
- I can analyze, rehearse, and perform a monologue.
- I can apply subtext to a monologue.

**Unit Self-Test Questions:**

1. How does the “moment before” inform the action of the open scene/monologue?
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**Spiraled Assessments**

- Essential questions
- Exit passes
- Focus questions
- Word wall (related terminology)
- Demonstration (open scene)
- Rubrics (Duo Scene)
- Explain the ESU Shakespeare Competition (20 lines of Shakespeare text interpreted and performed)
- See additional details above

| I can underline the GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES in my selection. |
| I can divide my selection into BEATS. |
| I can TITLE each BEAT. (“A Chance Meeting”, “Revealing My Secret”…) |
| I can assign an ACTIVE VERB to each BEAT. (A>B and B>A) |
| I can write down my OBJECTIVE (I want…) |
| I can write down the OBSTACLE that is preventing me from achieving my OBJECTIVE. |
| I can list all of the TACTICS I will try to get what I want. |
| I can write out my SUBTEXT for each line I speak in the selection. |
| I can draw the ARC that shows how my character changes from beginning to end. |
| I can complete the SIX STEPS through written work (i.e. worksheet provided). |

**Short term targets (competition):**

- I can select the category(ies) in which I will compete.
- I can select my performance material that is a challenge, but age appropriate.
- I can analyze my character using the Six Steps from Uta Hagen (see separate list).
- I can develop a truthful character.
- I can block my performance piece.
- I can rehearse with concentration and focus.
- I can perform with confidence by the deadline.

**Unit Self-Test Questions:**

1. What is your character’s objective?
2. How does that objective drive your character’s actions?

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**SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS**

- Essential questions
- Exit passes
- Focus questions
- Word wall (related terminology)
- Demonstration (performance)
- Rubrics (Acting)
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<td>~ Find common themes in children’s literature</td>
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<td>~ Discuss the role fairy tales and picturization play in development of children’s theatre</td>
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<td>~ Review story structure and literary elements</td>
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<td>~ Take Cornell notes about dynamic vs. static characters, plot structure, genres, and movements</td>
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<td>~ Develop a children’s theatrical production from children’s literature—adapting story to stage</td>
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**CREATING 1: Envision/Conceptualize**

**TH.Cr.1.1.I-II.c**

**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**

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.

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**

a. Refine a dramatic concept to demonstrate a critical understanding of historical and cultural influences of original ideas applied to a drama/theatre work.

**Long term targets:**

- I can identify the key plot elements, character development, and themes in children’s literature.
- (I can adapt a children’s story for a theatrical performance.) (Optional per year)
- I can perform (an original adaptation of children’s literature) children’s theatre for young audiences.

**Short term targets:**

- I can select one tale to adapt in a group.
- I can participate in a playwriting exercise to generate ideas for the script content.
- I can write lines of dialogue for my character.
- I can research about the author of the literature being adapted.
- I can develop a character for performance.
- I can create the technical elements needed for the adaptation.
- I can rehearse with my peers.
- I can perform my adaptation.

**Unit Self-Test Questions:**

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<td>1. Teacher questions students about literary elements.</td>
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<td>3. Students define dynamic vs. static characters.</td>
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<td>6. Students reflect daily about rehearsal and production process.</td>
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**Summative**

| 1. Students write adaptation of children’s literature. |
| 2. Students perform original children’s theatre production. |

**Optional Summative**
- Optional: Tour children's theatre production

b. Cooperate as a creative team to make interpretive choices for a drama / theatre work. ADVANCED TH.Cr.2.1.III
   a. Develop and synthesize original ideas in a drama / theatre work utilizing critical analysis, historical and cultural contest, research, and western or non-western theatre traditions.
   b. Collaborate as a creative team to discover artistic solutions and make interpretive choices in a devised or scripted drama / theatre work.

CREATING 3: Rehearse TH.Cr.3.1.III.a-b
PERFORMING 4: Select TH.Pr.4.1.II.a-b
PERFORMING 5: Prepare TH.Pr.5.1.II.a
PERFORMING 6: Share/Present TH.Pr.6.1.II.a

RESPONDING 7: Reflect
Anchor Standard 7: Perceive and analyze 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.
ACCOMPLISHED TH.Re.7.1.II
   a. Demonstrate an understanding of multiple interpretations of artistic criteria and how each might be used to influence future artistic choices of a drama/ theatre work
ADVANCED TH.Re.7.1.III
   a. Use historical and cultural context to

1. How does analyzing a script give the actor clues about how to portray the character and relate to the other characters?
3. What challenges do authors face when adapting literature for performance?
4. How do the story’s theme and style effect the actor and storytelling?

Students tour children’s theatre production.

SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS
- Essential questions
- Exit passes
- Focus questions
- Word wall (related terminology)
- Demonstration (theatre production)
- Rubrics (Acting)
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<td>Enduring Understanding: Theatre artists' interpretations of drama / theatre work are influenced by personal experiences and aesthetics.</td>
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<td><strong>PROFICIENT TH.Re.8.1.I</strong>&lt;br&gt;a. Analyze and compare artistic choices developed from personal experiences in multiple drama / theatre works.&lt;br&gt;b. Identify and compare cultural perspectives and contexts that may influence the evaluation of a drama / theatre work.&lt;br&gt;c. Justify personal aesthetics, preferences, and beliefs through participation in and observation of a drama / theatre work.</td>
<td><strong>ACCOMPLISHED TH.Re.8.1.II</strong>&lt;br&gt;a. Develop detailed supporting evidence and criteria to reinforce artistic choices, when participating in or observing a drama / theatre work.&lt;br&gt;b. Apply concepts from a drama / theatre work for personal realization about cultural perspectives and understanding.&lt;br&gt;c. Debate and distinguish multiple aesthetics, preferences, and beliefs through participation in and observation of drama / theatre work.</td>
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**RESPONDING 9: Evaluate**<br>Anchor Standard 9: Apply criteria to evaluate structure and justify personal responses to a drama/theatre work.
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?

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| 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. | a. Analyze and assess a drama / theatre work by connecting it to art forms, history, culture, and other disciplines using supporting evidence and criteria.  
  b. Construct meaning in a drama / theatre work, considering personal aesthetics and knowledge of production elements while respecting others’ interpretations.  
  c. Verify how drama / theatre work communicates for a specific purpose and audience. |

**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.

ACCOMPLISHED TH.Cn.10.1.II
a. Choose and interpret a drama / theatre work to reflect or question personal beliefs.

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.

ACCOMPLISHED TH.Cn.11.1.II
a. Integrate conventions and knowledge from different art forms and other disciplines to develop a cross-cultural 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 thought 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.

ACCOMPLISHED TH.Cn.11.2.II
a. Formulate creative choices for a devised or scripted drama / theatre work based on theatre research about the selected topic.

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<td>- Introduce students to the Italian Renaissance</td>
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<td>- Explain commedia dell'arte, its history, lazzi, and stock characters</td>
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<td>- Parallel commedia's influence with modern theatre, including television and film</td>
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<td>- Help students understand the relationship of works of art to their social, historical and cultural contexts, and the influence of the</td>
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CREATEING 1: Envision/Conceptualize
TH.Cr.1.1.I-II.a
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.

CREATEING 2: Develop
TH.Cr.2.1.I-II.a

CREATEING 3: Rehearse
TH.Cr.3.1.I-II.a

PERFORMING 4: Select
TH.Pr.4.1.I-II.a

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-II.a

Long term targets:
- I can distinguish works of art from different societies, time periods, and cultures using Italy's commedia dell'arte.
- I can explain commedia dell'arte's history, lazzi, and stock characters.
- I can write an analysis comparing the Italian Renaissance and commedia dell'arte with modern examples.

Short-term Learning Targets
- I can articulate the major highlights of the Italian Renaissance.
- I can explain how commedia dell'arte developed during the Italian Renaissance.

Formative Assessments
1. Students take pre-test on commedia dell'arte and Italian Renaissance.
2. Teacher assesses student movements during each activity.
3. Teacher assesses student discussions about content.
4. Students reflect daily about their learning of commedia: history, characters, scenarios, etc.

Summative Assessments
arts on individuals, communities and cultures.

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<td>- Play a series of short form improvisation games and activities that increase skills in teamwork, observation, listening, responding to an offer, and risk taking.</td>
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<td>- Connect commedia dell'arte history to current short form improvisation and scene development</td>
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<td>- I can create an improvisation to develop story and character.</td>
<td>- I can describe the rules of one game.</td>
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<td>In what ways did stock characters and scenarios create full-length performances without a rehearsed script?</td>
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<td>How does commedia still have influence on theatre and comedy today?</td>
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<td>Students present information about commedia compared with modern times.</td>
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<td>Students complete research paper and analysis on commedia.</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Students demonstrate commedia scene, including stock character, scenario, and lazzi.</td>
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**SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS**

- Essential questions
- Exit passes
- Focus questions
- Word wall (related terminology)
- Demonstration (performance)
- Rubrics (Acting)
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CREATING 6: Share/Present TH.Pr.6.1.II.a | Long term targets:  
- I can create and perform an original The Harold.  
- I can create and perform an original LifeGame based on a personal interview.  
- I can use improvisation to develop a short play.  

Short term targets (The Harold):  
- I can identify the key parts of a Harold.  
- I can use an impulse word on which to create a monologue.  
- I can write a personal monologue based on a single impulse.  
- I can break down the monologue into three distinct parts: beginning, middle, and end.  
- I can identify rising action, conflict, and denouement.  
- I can identify short form improvisation games that best showcase storytelling connected with the monologue.  
- I can play short form improvisation games to portray part of a monologue’s story.  
- I can work together with my teammates to create a Harold.  

Short term targets (LifeGame):  
- I can identify the key parts of LifeGame. | Formative  
1. Teacher assesses student interactions and responses to each scene.  
2. Teacher side coaches students on performance.  
3. Students reflect daily about their understanding of the rules and their application.  

Summative  
1. Student performs high-risk long form improvisation structure with a team of players.  
2. Student is able to distinguish between The Harold and LifeGame structures and purposes through performance. |
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<td><strong>CREATING 2: Develop</strong></td>
<td><strong>TH.Cr.2.1.I-III.a-b</strong></td>
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<td><strong>CREATING 3: Rehearse</strong></td>
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<td>2. What games are most effective for narrative storytelling needed for long form structure?</td>
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<td><strong>PERFORMING 4: Select</strong></td>
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<td><strong>PERFORMING 5: Prepare</strong></td>
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<td>4. In what ways can long form develop into a written play for performance?</td>
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<td><strong>PERFORMING 6: Share/Present</strong></td>
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<td>5. How much does the audience inform the story for The Harold and LifeGame structures?</td>
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<td>2. Teacher side coaches students during exercises to</td>
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- I can conduct a personal interview with one person about significant memories in his/her life.
- I can write accurate notes during the interview.
- I can use a personal interview to create a LifeGame.
- I can direct a LifeGame based on a single memory.
- I can break down the memory into three distinct parts: beginning, middle, and end.
- I can identify rising action, conflict, and denouement.
- I can perform LifeGame that best showcase storytelling connected with the memory.
- I can work together with my teammates to create a LifeGame.

**Long term targets:**

- I can write a short melodrama using at least three characters, such as hero, heroine, and villain, while following and using the melodramatic story structure and elements.

**Melodrama Unit 1-2 weeks**

- Explain the history of melodrama in American society
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<td>● I can define melodrama, objective, obstacle, motivation, tactic, dialogue, episodic story, escape, expository scene, and spectacle.</td>
<td>1. Student performs melodrama demonstrating use of storytelling, character development, plot development, and use of melodramatic elements.</td>
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<td>● I can describe the differences among a hero, heroine, and villain in a traditional melodramatic story structure.</td>
<td>2. Students reflect daily about history and elements of melodrama.</td>
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<td>● I can demonstrate melodrama characters simply using a bowtie.</td>
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<td>● I can appreciate the history of melodrama in its various forms.</td>
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<td>● I can use a short melodrama script in a group to demonstrate a melodramatic story structure through performance.</td>
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<td>● I can explain the usage of audience interaction with signage of “boo”, “hiss” and “hooray”.</td>
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<td>● I can create an original melodrama.</td>
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<td>● I can work independently on a melodrama script during writing time.</td>
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<td>● I can appreciate melodrama as both writer and performer.</td>
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<td>● I can evaluate and give positive feedback to my fellow writers.</td>
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Unit Self-Test Questions:
1. What are the differences among a hero, heroine, and villain in a traditional melodramatic story structure?
2. What are the uses of various elements of melodrama used in a script? (characters, scenes/settings, plots, and devices, such as disguise, abduction, concealed identity, and strange coincidence.)
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<td>~ Write a daily vocabulary word</td>
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<td>~ Student's own definition</td>
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<td>~ Variety of definitions possible, if more than one exists</td>
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<td>~ Define terms as they relate to theatre usage</td>
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**SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS**
- Word wall (unit specific terminology)

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<td>~ What did I learn today?</td>
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<td>~ Connect the activities occurring in class to their relevance to the learning targets and theatre</td>
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**SPIRALED ASSESSMENTS**
- Essential questions  
- Focus questions  
- Question of the day

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**Formative**
1. Students write a daily vocabulary word and defining the term for themselves.  
2. Teacher shares and/or demonstrates the true definition of the word.  
3. Students write down correct definition and compare their guess with the answer.

**Summative**
1. Students take a vocabulary quiz/test each quarter over 20 theatre terms learned.  
2. Teacher conducts a bi-weekly notebook check on content.

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**Long term targets**:
- I can write down and define key theatre vocabulary terms.

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**Formative**
1. Students write a daily reflection answering the questions "What did I learn today?" as it relates to that day's lesson content.  
2. Teacher conducts a bi-weekly notebook check on content.

**Summative**
1. Students reflect on their own performance in class.  
2. Students keep a portfolio documenting their pre-
## CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TEACHING PRACTICES

**Characteristics of culturally responsive teaching:**
- **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 makeup of the students)

**How it applies to the theatre classroom every day with every unit of study for every student:**
- **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**

**Assessments:**
- **Formative:** Anecdotal records, Quizzes, Essays, Diagnostic test, Lab reports, Reviews, Observations, Goal setting, Questioning, Self/peer reflections
- **Summative:** Final exams, Mastery tests, Assessments, End of chapter test, Critique of final performance, Multiple-choice test, Performance self-assessment, Portfolios

*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”).

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