

DRAMA I _____

FALL - 2009

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TEXT: THEATRE-ART IN ACTION

DRAMA I is a class designed to give the student a general introduction into Drama in theory and in practicum with an emphasis on performance and production skills and techniques. The student will develop and apply performance skills through vocal & physical training, exercises in improvisation, scene study, playwrighting, storytelling, and related techniques. Production skills will be developed through scenic design, model building, and construction; costume design and building; makeup & hair design; and, lighting design and operation. The course also integrates Theatre History, script analysis, critical thinking & expressing, and journal writing into the core curriculum.

GRADES:

- Classroom Participation - 35%
- Performance Projects - 35%
- Journal- 15%
- Final Exam - 15%

Classroom Participation –grade-based on:

- Discipline & Behavior
- Active participation
- Commitment to the tasks at hand
- Involvement in the work of others

A Classroom Participation grade will be given every week.

Performance Project: There will be several performance projects during the term. These may include scenes, monologues, performance art and/or a One Act play. These may be performed for the school and/or the community. Your grade will be determined by your commitment & fulfillment of your performance and production requirements.

Journals: Students are required to keep a journal and record daily notes of all classroom work and exercises, and any assignments done in class or at home. The journal will also include any personal thoughts, insights and observations about your experience in Drama I.

Final Exam: There will be a final exam. This exam will be an accumulative exam including all information studied. There will be **no exemptions** from the final exam.

All Drama students are expected to attend all Drama Dragon productions.

MATERIALS NEEDED: Due by Thursday, August 6th!

- a “Composition” notebook
- pencil & pen

This notebook journal will remain in the classroom

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR CLOTHING & SHOES THAT WILL ALLOW FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT.

CLASSROOM RULES:

- 1- Be In Your Seat with journal & pencil when bell rings.
- 2- No Food, Drink, or Gum allowed in classroom.
- 3- No makeup and/or grooming.
- 4- No sleeping/lounging
- 5- No “non-drama” work allowed
- 6- **No talking when the instructor is talking.**
- 7- Clean up your space.

CODE OF CONDUCT & BEHAVIOR: You are expected to know and to follow JHS Code of Conduct and to obey the classroom rules. If you do not follow the rules, there are consequences: loss of privileges; parental conference; office visit; detention; ISS; removal from class.

CLASSROOM STANDARDS:

- Do your absolute Best
 - Be Disciplined and on your Best Behavior
 - Leave your personal problems at the door.
 - Respect the space, the work and each other!
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Student Name (print) _____

Class Period _____

I have read the syllabus and understand what is expected of me.

(Student's signature) _____ date _____

(Parent/Guardian's Signature) _____ date _____

Parent/Guardian address _____

Parent/Guardian phone _____ Cell phone _____