



Drama



Knowledge Organiser

Year 10

Introduction to GCSE Drama



Intro to GCSE Drama (AQA)

Component 1: Understanding drama	+	Component 2: Devising drama (practical)	+	Component 3: Texts in practice (practical)
What's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and understanding of drama and theatre. • Study of one set play from a choice of six. • Analysis and evaluation of the work of live theatre makers. 		What's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process of creating devised drama. • Performance of devised drama (students may contribute as performer or designer). • Analysis and evaluation of own work. 		What's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance of two extracts from one play (students may contribute as performer or designer). Free choice of play but it must contrast with the set play chosen for Component 1.

Component 1—is your written exam sat at the end of year 11 and is worth 40% of your final grade

Components 2 & 3—are performance and analysis. They total 60% of your final grade

Drama and Acting Techniques

Bertolt Brecht	German political playwright and theatre practitioner
Verfremdungseffekt	The 'alienation' effect—Allowing the audience to be objective
Konstantin Stanislavski	Russian theatre practitioner and director
The System	This term refers to the methods used by Stanislavski to foster a good performance in his actors.
Iambic	A 'foot' or beat consisting of an unstressed syllable followed by a stressed syllable, or a short syllable followed by a long syllable. E.g. deLIGHT / the SUN / forlorn / one DAY / reLEASE / da DUM
Pentameter	Means 5 meters. So a line of poetry written in Iambic Pentameter has 5 feet, or 5 sets of stressed and unstressed syllables. EG: shall I comPARE thee TO a SUM mers DAY? da DUM da DUM da DUM da DUM da DUM

Drama Vocabulary—Keywords

Bertolt Brecht	Verfremdungseffekt
Ensemble	Dramatic Intention
Accent	Choral Movement
Proxemics	Konstantin Stanislavski
Iambic Pentameter	Symbolism
Interaction	Juxtaposition
Choral Speech	Stylised Staging