

SUMMER TASKS:

DRAMA YEAR 8



TASK ONE

Explore the meaning of Theatre in Education (TIE) using BBC Bitesize to help you. Produce a handout to explain what it is and why Drama is used to educate students within schools.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zsbjn39/revision/1>

Reason: In Year 9 you will consider how drama and theatre can be used to educate teenagers on important issues.

TASK TWO

Take a look at The One Show's 'As You Write It' competition for children and young adults. Create characters and ideas for a play by following the competition rules and submit your work to them by the deadline of 31st August.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1SCK58VmFFGvyggKbqGGyds/as-you-write-it-your-play-on-stage>

Reason: We have some very creative students in Year 8, why not have your talents recognised.

TASK THREE

Research the story of Troy, the Trojan War and the Trojan Horse. Use the internet to find out what happened and summarise this by creating a storyboard. Think about including images to make sure your storyboard is interesting to look at and also to help explain events.

Reason: In Year 9 you will use the story of Troy to explore Greek Theatre and Chorus.

TASK FOUR

Produce a factsheet on one of the following theatre practitioners, **Antonin Artaud** or **Bertolt Brecht**. There is lots of information on the internet about both, however the following link is a good source of information on Brecht: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zwmvd2p/revision/1>

Reason: Throughout Year 9 you will apply the ideas of both theatre practitioners to the work you create.

TASK FIVE

Try to watch a recording of a live production from the comfort of your own home. There are a lot of theatre productions available online. BBC I Player - Culture in Quarantine where you can find a range of Shakespeare plays, Disney+ is now streaming the musical Hamilton or watch a film of a musical you love. Try writing a theatre review of the production you watch to let others know what you think.

Reason: the more drama and theatre you see the more ideas you can bring to your drama lessons.