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CALIFORNIA THEATRE STANDARDS: MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)

Drama Works! Alignment With the CA Theatre Standards for Grades 6-8

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Grade 6

Grade 6 Theatre Standards

Applicable Content in Drama Works! Online

6.TH:Cr1.a

Identify possible solutions to staging challenges in a drama/theatre work.

- [Middle School Index](#) to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8
- [Preparing the Place](#) for space set up guidelines
- [Theatre Production](#) to find activities and posters for blocking/staging
- [Glossary](#) for definitions of terms related to staging
- Recommended lessons: [Set the Scene](#), [Director's Chair](#)

6.TH:Cr1.b

Explore a scripted or improvised character by imagining the given circumstances in a drama/theatre work.

- [Middle School Index](#) to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8
- [Characterization Index](#) to find activities that explore characters
- [Character](#) to learn about characters and acting choices
- [Creativity Cards](#) for ideas and details to create characters
- [Glossary](#) for definitions of terms related to acting and characters
- Recommended lessons: [Walk This Way](#), [If It Could Talk](#)

6.TH:Cr1.c

Identify solutions to design challenges in a drama/theatre work.

- [Middle School Index](#) to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8
- [Theatre Production](#) to find activities to explore production elements
- [Elements of Theatre](#) to learn about the elements of theatre production
- [Music Playlists](#) for use of music to create mood for dramatizations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Production Terms for vocabulary related to technical theatre • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Storyboards
<p><i>6.TH:Cr2.a</i> Use critical analysis to improve, refine, and evolve original ideas and artistic choices in a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Improvisation Index to find activities to explore original theatre work • Reflection and Evaluation for questions to analyze choices • Descriptive Feedback to learn how to give/receive supportive comments • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Glossary for definitions of theatre, literary, and production terms • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Storyboards
<p><i>6.TH:Cr2.b</i> Contribute ideas and accept and incorporate the ideas of others in preparing or devising drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Improvisation Index to find activities to explore original theatre work • Reflection and Evaluation for questions to analyze choices • Descriptive Feedback to learn how to give/receive supportive comments • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Glossary for definitions of terms to use in feedback comments • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Commercial
<p><i>6.TH:Cr3.a</i> Receive and incorporate feedback to refine a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Improvisation Index to find activities to explore original theatre work • Reflection and Evaluation for questions to analyze choices • Descriptive Feedback to learn how to give/receive supportive comments • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Glossary for definitions of terms to use in feedback comments • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Storyboards
<p><i>6.TH:Cr3.b</i> Identify effective physical and vocal traits of characters in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Physical Expression Index to find activities to explore expressive movement • Vocal Expression Index to find activities that explore expressive sound • Characterization Index to find activities to explore characters • Character to learn about characters and acting choices • Creativity Cards for ideas and details to create characters • Glossary for definitions of terms related to acting and characters • Recommended lessons: Walk This Way, Leading Part
<p><i>6.TH:Cr3.c</i> Explore planned designs during the rehearsal process for a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Improvisation Index to find activities to explore original theatre work • Preparing the Props to learn about using props, costumes, and set pieces • Elements of Theatre for literary and performance elements of story creation • Music Playlists for use of music to create mood for dramatizations • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Production Terms for vocabulary related to technical theatre • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Commercial
<p><i>6.TH:Pr4.a</i> Identify the essential events in a story or script that make up the dramatic structure in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Plot to learn about plot details and find the plot poster • Elements of Theatre for literary and performance elements of story creation • Activity Cards for ideas for plot activities to explore • Literary Terms for definitions of literary terms for stories/scripts • Recommended lessons: Conflicts, Build a Story
<p><i>6.TH:Pr4.b</i> Experiment with various physical choices to communicate character in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Pantomime Index to find activities to explore the art of silent acting • Characterization Index to find activities to explore characters • Character to learn about characters and acting choices • Creativity Cards for ideas to explore characters and movement • Recommended lessons: Walk This Way, Leading Part
<p><i>6.TH:Pr5.a</i> Recognize how acting exercises and techniques can be applied to a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Warm-ups Index to find activities for physical, vocal, and mental preparation • The Actor's Tools to learn about using the mind, body, and voice • Classroom Management for strategies to manage drama activities • Creativity Cards for quick-pick ideas to use in drama activities • Glossary for definitions of theatre, literary, and production terms • Recommended lessons: Color the Phrase, Tongue Twisters
<p><i>6.TH:Pr5.b</i> Articulate how technical theatre elements are integrated into a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Theatre Production to find activities to explore production elements • Elements of Theatre to learn about the elements of theatre production • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production Terms for vocabulary related to technical theatre • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Storyboards
<p><i>6.TH:Pr6</i> Adapt a piece of literature and present it for an audience.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Play Production Index for activities in story dramatization • English Language Arts to learn how to dramatize literature • Elements of Theatre for literary and performance elements of story creation • Music Playlists for selections to create different moods • Creativity Cards for ideas and details to create characters and stories • Literary Terms for definitions of literary terms for stories/scripts • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Storyboards
<p><i>6.TH:Re7</i> Describe and record personal reactions to artistic choices in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • The Actor's Tools to learn about choices with the mind, body, and voice • Assessment for methods of assessing drama/theatre work • Reflection and Evaluation for questions about personal reactions • Positive Reinforcement to identify students' creative choices • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Glossary for definitions of terms to use to explain choices • Recommended lessons: Tableau, Assembly Line
<p><i>6.TH:Re8.a</i> Explain how artists make choices based on personal experience in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • The Actor's Tools to learn about choices with the mind, body, and voice • Reflection and Evaluation for questions about choices and experiences • Positive Reinforcement to identify students' creative choices • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Glossary for definitions of terms to use to explain choices • Recommended lessons: Tell and Show, Remember the Time
<p><i>6.TH:Re8.b</i> Identify cultural contexts that may influence the evaluation of a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Reflection and Evaluation for questions about cultural context • Genres for theatre, literary, and media genres in history • Recommended lessons: Tell and Show, Remember the Time
<p><i>6.TH:Re8.c</i> Identify personal aesthetics, preferences, and beliefs through participation in or observation of drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Reflection and Evaluation for questions about choices and preferences • Creativity Cards for ideas to use in explaining choices and preferences • Glossary for definitions of terms to use to explain preferences • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Storyboards
<p><i>6.TH:Re9.a</i> Use supporting evidence and criteria to evaluate drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Assessment for methods of assessing drama/theatre work • Reflection and Evaluation for questions about drama/theatre work • Descriptive Feedback to learn how to give supportive evaluation comments • Teacher Talk for ways to foster critical thinking about creative choices • Creativity Cards for acting choices and details to use in evaluation • Glossary for definitions of theatre and literary terms to use in evaluation • Recommended lessons: Machine, Tableau
<p><i>6.TH:Re9.b</i> Identify a specific audience or purpose for a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Reflection and Evaluation for questions to analyze drama/theatre • Glossary for definitions of theatre and literary terms to use during evaluation • Recommended lessons: Commercial, Live on the Scene
<p><i>6.TH:Re9.c</i> Identify the technical theatre elements used in a drama/theatre work to justify aesthetic choices.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Theatre Production to find activities to explore production elements • Elements of Theatre to learn about the elements of theatre production • Reflection and Evaluation for questions to analyze live theatre • Production Terms for vocabulary related to technical theatre • Recommended lessons: Storyboards, Page to Stage
<p><i>6.TH:Cn10</i> Explain how the actions and motivations of characters in a drama/theatre work impact perspectives of a community or culture.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Social Studies to learn how to use drama to teach history and culture • Characterization Index to find activities that explore characters • Character to learn about characters and acting choices • Reflection and Evaluation for questions connecting to personal experience • Creativity Cards for ideas for character details and choices • Recommended lessons: What Do You Want?, Hello, How Are You?
<p><i>6.TH:Cn11.1.a</i> Identify universal themes or common</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Arts Integration to learn how to connect theatre to other subjects • Social Studies to learn how to use drama to teach history and culture

social issues and express them through a drama/theatre work.

- [Creativity Cards](#) for topics to explore in drama activities
- Recommended lessons: [Tableau](#), [Assembly Line](#)

6.TH:Cn11.1.b

Explore the ethical responsibilities to oneself and others when recording, posting, and sharing through the internet, social media, and other communication formats.

- [Middle School Index](#) to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8
- [Classroom Management](#) for strategies to promote group awareness
- [Rules and Consequences](#) for establishing respect and safety
- [Reflection and Evaluation](#) for questions connecting to personal experience
- Recommended lessons: [Remember the Time](#), [Voices in the Head](#)

6.TH:Cn11.2.a

Research and analyze two different versions of the same drama/theatre story to determine differences and similarities in the visual and aural world of each story.

- [Middle School Index](#) to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8
- [Storytelling Index](#) for activities to explore storytelling
- [Elements of Theatre](#) for literary and performance elements of productions
- [Reflection and Evaluation](#) for questions to analyze live theatre
- [Glossary](#) for definitions of terms to use in comparisons
- Recommended lessons: [Page to Stage](#), [Storyboards](#)

6.TH:Cn11.2.b

Investigate the time period and place of a drama/theatre work to better understand performance and design choices.

- [Middle School Index](#) to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8
- [Elements of Theatre](#) for literary and performance elements of productions
- [Genres](#) for theatre, literary, and media genres in history
- Recommended lessons: [Channel Surfing](#), [Instant Replay](#)

Grade 7

Grade 7 Theatre Standards

Applicable Content in Drama Works! Online

7.TH:Cr1.a

Investigate multiple perspectives and solutions to staging challenges in a drama/theatre work.

- [Middle School Index](#) to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8
- [Preparing the Place](#) for space set up guidelines
- [Theatre Production](#) to find activities and posters for blocking/staging
- [Glossary](#) for definitions of terms related to staging
- Recommended lessons: [Set the Scene](#), [Director's Chair](#)

7.TH:Cr1.b

Envision and describe a scripted or improvised character's inner thoughts and objectives in a drama/theatre work.

- [Middle School Index](#) to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8
- [Characterization Index](#) to find activities that explore characters
- [Character](#) to learn about characters and acting choices
- [Creativity Cards](#) for ideas and details to create characters
- [Glossary](#) for definitions of terms related to acting and characters
- Recommended lessons: [Walk This Way](#), [If It Could Talk](#)

7.TH:Cr1.c

Explain and present solutions to design challenges in a drama/theatre work.

- [Middle School Index](#) to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8
- [Theatre Production](#) to find activities to explore production elements
- [Elements of Theatre](#) to learn about the elements of theatre production
- [Music Playlists](#) for use of music to create mood for dramatizations
- [Creativity Cards](#) for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices
- [Production Terms](#) for vocabulary related to technical theatre
- Recommended lessons: [Page to Stage](#), [Storyboards](#)

7.TH:Cr2.a

Examine and justify original ideas and artistic choices in a drama/theatre work based on critical analysis, personal experience, and historical and cultural context.

- [Middle School Index](#) to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8
- [Improvisation Index](#) to find activities to explore original theatre work
- [Reflection and Evaluation](#) for questions to analyze choices
- [Descriptive Feedback](#) to learn how to give/receive supportive comments
- [Creativity Cards](#) for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices
- [Genres](#) for theatre, literary, and media genres in history
- Recommended lessons: [Page to Stage](#), [Commercial](#)

7.TH:Cr2.b

Demonstrate mutual respect for self and others and their roles in preparing or devising drama/theatre work.

- [Middle School Index](#) to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8
- [Improvisation Index](#) to find activities to explore original theatre work
- [Classroom Management](#) for strategies to foster respect and community
- [Rules and Consequences](#) for establishing mutual respect and caring
- [Creativity Cards](#) for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices
- [Jobs of Theatre](#) for definitions of jobs and responsibilities for production
- Recommended lessons: [Page to Stage](#), [Commercial](#)

7.TH:Cr3.a

Demonstrate focus and concentration in the rehearsal process to analyze and

- [Middle School Index](#) to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8
- [Improvisation Index](#) to find activities to explore original theatre work
- [Concentration Index](#) to find activities to develop focus

refine choices in a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characterization Index to find activities that explore characters • Character to learn about characters and acting choices • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Glossary for definitions of theatre, literary, and production terms • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Storyboards
<p><i>7.TH:Cr3.b</i> Develop effective physical and vocal traits of characters in an improvised or scripted drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Improvisation Index to find activities for improv work • Characterization Index to find activities to explore characters • Character to learn about characters and acting choices • Creativity Cards for ideas and details to create characters • Glossary for definitions of terms related to acting and characters • Recommended lessons: Walk This Way, If It Could Talk
<p><i>7.TH:Cr3.c</i> Consider multiple planned technical theatre elements and designs during the rehearsal process for a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Improvisation Index to find activities to explore original theatre work • Theatre Production to find activities to explore production elements • Preparing the Props to learn about using props, costumes, and set pieces • Elements of Theatre for literary and performance elements of story creation • Music Playlists for use of music to create mood for dramatizations • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Production Terms for vocabulary related to technical theatre • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Storyboards
<p><i>7.TH:Pr4.a</i> Consider various staging choices to enhance the story in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Preparing the Place for space set up guidelines • Theatre Production to find activities and posters for blocking/staging • Glossary for definitions of terms related to staging • Recommended lessons: Set the Scene, Director's Chair
<p><i>7.TH:Pr4.b</i> Use various character objectives in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Characterization Index to find activities that explore characters • Character to learn about characters and acting choices • Creativity Cards for ideas to use for characters, objectives, and tactics • Recommended lessons: What Do You Want?, Hello, How Are You?
<p><i>7.TH:Pr5.a</i> Participate in a variety of acting exercises and techniques that can be applied in a rehearsal or drama/theatre performance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Warm-ups Index to find activities for physical, vocal, and mental preparation • The Actor's Tools to learn about using the mind, body, and voice • Creativity Cards for quick-pick ideas to use in drama activities • Recommended lessons: Color the Phrase, Tongue Twisters
<p><i>7.TH:Pr5.b</i> Choose a variety of technical theatre elements that can be applied to a design in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Theatre Production to find activities to explore production elements • Elements of Theatre to learn about the elements of theatre production • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Production Terms for vocabulary related to technical theatre • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Storyboards
<p><i>7.TH:Pr6</i> Create through improvisation a drama/theatre work that will be shared with an audience.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Improvisation Index to find activities that create spontaneous scenes • Elements of Theatre for literary and performance elements of story creation • Stage/Audience to learn about respectful audience behavior • Creativity Cards for ideas to use in creating improv scenes • Recommended lessons: Mimic Circle, Freeze!
<p><i>7.TH:Re7</i> Compare recorded personal and peer reactions to artistic choices in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • The Actor's Tools to learn about choices with the mind, body, and voice • Assessment for methods of assessing drama/theatre work • Reflection and Evaluation for questions about personal reactions • Positive Reinforcement to identify students' creative choices • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Glossary for definitions of terms to use to explain choices • Recommended lessons: Tableau, Assembly Line
<p><i>7.TH:Re8.a</i> Identify the artistic choices made based on personal experience in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • The Actor's Tools to learn about choices with the mind, body, and voice • Reflection and Evaluation for questions about choices and experiences • Positive Reinforcement to identify students' creative choices • Creativity Cards for ideas to use in identifying choices and preferences • Glossary for definitions of terms to use to explain choices • Recommended lessons: Commercial, Storyboards


<p><i>7.TH:Re8.b</i> Describe how cultural contexts can influence the evaluation of drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Reflection and Evaluation for questions to evaluate drama/theatre • Genres for theatre, literary, and media genres in history
<p><i>7.TH:Re8.c</i> Interpret how the use of personal aesthetics, preferences, and beliefs can be used to discuss drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Reflection and Evaluation for questions about choices and preferences • Creativity Cards for ideas to use in explaining choices and preferences • Glossary for definitions of terms to use to explain preferences • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Commercial
<p><i>7.TH:Re9.a</i> Explain preferences, using supporting evidence and criteria, to develop a personal aesthetic to evaluate drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Reflection and Evaluation for questions about drama/theatre work • Descriptive Feedback to learn how to give supportive evaluation comments • Teacher Talk for ways to foster critical thinking about creative choices • Creativity Cards for acting choices and details to use in evaluation • Glossary for definitions of theatre and literary terms to use in evaluation • Recommended lessons: Machine, Tableau
<p><i>7.TH:Re9.b</i> Identify how the intended purpose of a drama/theatre work appeals to a specific audience.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Reflection and Evaluation for questions to analyze drama/theatre • Glossary for definitions of theatre and literary terms to use during evaluation • Recommended lessons: Commercial, Live on the Scene
<p><i>7.TH:Re9.c</i> Analyze and evaluate the aesthetics of the technical theatre elements in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Theatre Production to find activities to explore production elements • Elements of Theatre to learn about the elements of theatre production • Reflection and Evaluation for questions to analyze live theatre • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Production Terms for vocabulary related to technical theatre • Recommended lessons: Storyboards, Page to Stage
<p><i>7.TH:Cn10</i> Incorporate multiple perspectives and diverse community ideas in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Collaboration Index to find collaborative group activities • Social Studies to learn how to use drama to teach history and culture • Reflection and Evaluation for questions connecting to community • Creativity Cards for character and story details and choices • Recommended lessons: Storyboards, Page to Stage
<p><i>7.TH:Cn11.1.a</i> Incorporate music, dance, art, and/or media arts to strengthen the meaning and conflict in a drama/theatre work with a particular cultural, global, or historic context.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Arts Integration to learn how to connect theatre to the other arts • Music Playlists for selections of music to use in drama, dance, and music • Social Studies to learn how to use drama to teach history and culture • Creativity Cards for topics to explore in drama activities • Glossary for definitions of terms across the arts • Recommended lessons: Conflicts, Commercial
<p><i>7.TH:Cn11.1.b</i> Demonstrate ethical responsibility to oneself and others during the production process, and when recording, posting, and sharing through the internet, social media, and other communication formats.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Rules and Consequences for establishing respect and safety • Reflection and Evaluation for questions connecting to personal experience • Recommended lessons: Remember the Time, Voices in the Head
<p><i>7.TH:Cn11.2.a</i> Research and discuss how a playwright might have intended a drama/theatre work to be produced.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of Theatre for literary and performance elements of productions • Glossary for definitions of terms to use in analysis • Reflection and Evaluation for questions to analyze a play
<p><i>7.TH:Cn11.2.b</i> Examine artifacts from a time period and geographic location to better understand performance and design choices in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of Theatre for literary and performance elements of productions • Genres for theatre, literary, and media genres in history • Glossary for definitions of theatre terms, genres, and conventions

Grade 8

Grade 8 Theatre Standards	Applicable Content in Drama Works! Online
<p><i>8.TH:Cr1.a</i> Imagine and explore multiple perspectives and solutions to staging problems in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Preparing the Place for space set up guidelines • Theatre Production to find activities and posters for blocking/staging • Glossary for definitions of terms related to staging • Recommended lessons: Set the Scene, Director's Chair
<p><i>8.TH:Cr1.b</i> Develop a scripted or improvised character by articulating the character's inner thoughts, objectives, and motivations in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Characterization Index to find activities that explore characters • Character to learn about characters and acting choices • Creativity Cards for ideas to use for characters, objectives, and tactics • Glossary for definitions of terms related to acting and characters • Recommended lessons: What Do You Want?, Hello, How Are You?
<p><i>8.TH:Cr1.c</i> Imagine and explore solutions to design challenges of a performance space in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Theatre Production to find activities to explore production elements • Elements of Theatre to learn about the elements of theatre production • Music Playlists for use of music to create mood for dramatizations • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Production Terms for vocabulary related to technical theatre • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Silent Scene
<p><i>8.TH:Cr2.a</i> Articulate and apply critical analysis, personal experience, research, and historical and cultural context to the development of original ideas for a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Improvisation Index to find activities to explore original theatre work • Reflection and Evaluation for questions to analyze choices • Descriptive Feedback to learn how to give/receive supportive comments • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Genres for theatre, literary, and media genres in history • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Storyboards
<p><i>8.TH:Cr2.b</i> Share leadership and responsibilities to develop collaborative goals when preparing or devising drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Improvisation Index to find activities to explore original theatre work • Creativity Cards for ideas to create a drama/theatre work • Jobs of Theatre for definitions of jobs and responsibilities for production • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Storyboards
<p><i>8.TH:Cr3.a</i> Practice collaboration, analysis, and reflection to refine a devised or scripted drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Improvisation Index to find activities to explore original theatre work • Reflection and Evaluation for questions to analyze choices • Descriptive Feedback to learn how to give/receive supportive comments • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Glossary for definitions of theatre, literary, and production terms • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Storyboards
<p><i>8.TH:Cr3.b</i> Refine effective physical, vocal, and physiological traits of characters in an improvised or scripted drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Improvisation Index to find activities to explore original theatre work • Characterization Index to find activities to explore characters • Character to learn about characters and acting choices • Creativity Cards for ideas and details to create characters • Glossary for definitions of terms related to acting and characters • Recommended lessons: Walk This Way, If It Could Talk
<p><i>8.TH:Cr3.c</i> Implement and refine a planned design using technical theatre elements during the rehearsal process for devised or scripted drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Improvisation Index to find activities to explore original theatre work • Theatre Production to find activities to explore production elements • Preparing the Props to learn about using props, costumes, and set pieces • Elements of Theatre for literary and performance elements of story creation • Music Playlists for use of music to create mood for dramatizations • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Production Terms for vocabulary related to technical theatre • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Commercial
<p><i>8.TH:Pr4.a</i> Explore different pacing to better communicate the story in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Music Playlists for use of music to create different moods/tempo • Creativity Cards for quick-pick ideas to use in drama activities • Recommended lessons: Say What I Say, Assembly Line
<p><i>8.TH:Pr4.b</i> Use various character objectives and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Characterization Index to find activities that explore characters • Character to learn about characters and acting choices

<p>tactics in a drama/theatre work to overcome an obstacle.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creativity Cards for ideas to use for characters, objectives, and tactics • Glossary for definitions of terms related to acting and characters • Recommended lessons: What Do You Want?, Hello, How Are You?
<p><i>8.TH:Pr5.a</i> Use a variety of acting techniques to increase skills in a rehearsal or drama/theatre performance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Characterization Index to find activities that explore characters • Character to learn about characters and acting choices • The Actor's Tools to learn about using the mind, body, and voice • Creativity Cards for ideas to use for character choices and details • Glossary for definitions of terms related to acting and characters • Recommended lessons: Color the Phrase, Tongue Twisters
<p><i>8.TH:Pr5.b</i> Use a variety of technical theatre elements to create a design for a rehearsal or drama/theatre production.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Theatre Production to find activities to explore production elements • Elements of Theatre to learn about the elements of theatre production • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Production Terms for vocabulary related to technical theatre • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Storyboards
<p><i>8.TH:Pr6</i> Perform a rehearsed, scripted scene from a drama/theatre work for an audience.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Stage/Audience to learn about respectful audience behavior • Creativity Cards for ideas to use in acting a scene • Recommended lessons: Say What I Say, What Do You Want?
<p><i>8.TH:Re7</i> Apply appropriate criteria to the evaluation of artistic choices in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • The Actor's Tools to learn about choices with the mind, body, and voice • Assessment for methods of assessing drama/theatre work • Reflection and Evaluation for questions about personal reactions • Positive Reinforcement to identify students' creative choices • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Glossary for definitions of terms to use to explain choices • Recommended lessons: Tableau, Assembly Line
<p><i>8.TH:Re8.a</i> Recognize and share artistic choices when participating in or observing a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • The Actor's Tools to learn about choices with the mind, body, and voice • Reflection and Evaluation for questions about choices and experiences • Positive Reinforcement to identify students' creative choices • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Glossary for definitions of terms to use to explain choices • Recommended lessons: Commercial, Storyboards
<p><i>8.TH:Re8.b</i> Analyze how cultural contexts influence the evaluation of a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Reflection and Evaluation for questions to evaluate drama/theatre • Genres for theatre, literary, and media genres in history
<p><i>8.TH:Re8.c</i> Apply personal aesthetics, preferences, and beliefs to evaluate a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Assessment for methods of assessing drama/theatre work • Reflection and Evaluation for questions about choices and preferences • Creativity Cards for ideas to use in explaining choices and preferences • Glossary for definitions of terms to use to explain preferences • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Commercial
<p><i>8.TH:Re9.a</i> Respond to a drama/theatre work using supporting evidence, personal aesthetics, and artistic criteria.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Assessment for methods of assessing drama/theatre work • Reflection and Evaluation for questions about drama/theatre work • Descriptive Feedback to learn how to give supportive evaluation comments • Teacher Talk for ways to foster critical thinking about creative choices • Creativity Cards for acting choices and details to use in evaluation • Glossary for definitions of theatre and literary terms to use in evaluation • Recommended lessons: Machine, Tableau
<p><i>8.TH:Re9.b</i> Assess the impact of a drama/theatre work on a specific audience.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Assessment for methods of assessing drama/theatre work • Reflection and Evaluation for questions to analyze drama/theatre • Glossary for definitions of theatre and literary terms to use for evaluation • Recommended lessons: Commercial, Live on the Scene
<p><i>8.TH:Re9.c</i> Differentiate the effect of technical theatre elements used in a drama/theatre work to assess aesthetic choices.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Theatre Production to find activities to explore production elements • Elements of Theatre to learn about the elements of theatre production • Reflection and Evaluation for questions to analyze live theatre • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production Terms for vocabulary related to technical theatre • Recommended lessons: Storyboards, Page to Stage
<p><i>8.TH:Cn10</i> Examine a community issue through multiple perspectives in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Social Studies to learn how to use drama to teach history and culture • Reflection and Evaluation for questions connecting to community • Creativity Cards for character and story details and choices • Recommended lessons: Build a Story, Tableau
<p><i>8.TH:Cn11.1.a</i> Use different forms, styles, and genres of drama/theatre work to examine contemporary social, cultural, or global issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Music Playlists for selections of music to use for moods/tempo • Social Studies to learn how to use drama to teach history and culture • Creativity Cards for topics to explore in drama/theatre work • Genres for theatre, literary, and media genres in history • Recommended lessons: Channel Surfing, Instant Replay
<p><i>8.TH:Cn11.1.b</i> Examine the practices, issues, and ethics of appropriation, fair use, copyright, open source, and creative commons as they apply to creating works of art and design.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Social Studies to learn how to use drama to explore social issues • Recommended lessons: Three-Headed Expert, Interview
<p><i>8.TH:Cn11.2.a</i> Research the story elements of a staged drama/theatre work and compare them to another production of the same work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Elements of Theatre for literary and performance elements of productions • Reflection and Evaluation for questions to analyze drama/theatre works • Creativity Cards for alternate choices for character and story details • Literary Terms for definitions of literary terms for stories/scripts • Recommended lessons: Three-Minute Fairy Tale, Storyboards
<p><i>8.TH:Cn11.2.b</i> Identify and use artifacts from a time period and place to develop performance and design choices in a drama/theatre work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Index to find age-appropriate activities for grades 6-8 • Theatre Production to find activities to explore production elements • Elements of Theatre to learn about the elements of theatre production • Music Playlists for use of music to create mood for dramatizations • Creativity Cards for ideas to inspire acting, story, and design choices • Production Terms for vocabulary related to technical theatre • Recommended lessons: Page to Stage, Storyboards

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