

Visual and Performing Arts
Performing Arts: Theatre Arts I
Unit 1: Art History and Culture

Essential Understandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Theater both reflects and shapes the time period and culture in which it exists.
Essential Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What can theater tell us about our own society and other cultures-- now and in previous time periods?
Essential Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Theater has different meanings and functions in different times and places. ▪ The elements and principles of theater can be used to describe plays and performances from different time periods.
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Terms:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dionysus, tragedy, thespian, ritual, closet drama, naumachia, Noh, Kabuki, Bunraku, Kyogen, Miracle Play, Mystery Play, Morality Play, Passion Play, trope, commedia dell'arte, pseudo-classicism, wooden O's, blank verse, soliloquy, legitimate theater, groundlings
Essential Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Compare the function and meaning of works of theater from various cultures and time periods. ▪ Identify and describe specific elements and principles found in works of theater from specific time periods.
Related Maine Learning Results	<p><u>Performing Arts</u></p> <p>A. Disciplinary Literacy - Theater</p> <p>1. Terminology</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Research and explain how performing artists reflect and shape their time and culture.</p> <p>E. Visual and Performing Arts Connections</p> <p>1. The Arts and History and World Cultures</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Students analyze the characteristics and purposes of products of the performing arts to understand history and/or world cultures.</p>
Sample Lessons And Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Read and discuss chapters on theater history from the Greeks through the Elizabethan theater ▪ Compare and contrast the theater forms of two or more time periods ▪ Discuss the contributions made to modern theater by theater in earlier time periods ▪ Read and discuss scenes from plays of other cultures and time periods
Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quizzes on periods of theater history ▪ Poster project ▪ Performance of scenes from plays from other cultures and/or time periods ▪ Oral review and discussion

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Sample Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <u>Publications</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Basic Drama Projects by Fran Averett Tanner Ph. D.▪ <u>Other Resources:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ BHS library
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