

Drama is a weighted semester course that will focus on the elements and analysis of dramatic plays. Course completion will be accomplished through daily reading/acting and homework, independent research and writing, and analysis of drama. There will also be weekly quizzes and unit tests.

Upon completion of the course students will have a better understanding of the elements of drama and will have read several classic and modern plays.

Expectations

During this class students will be expected to bring with them a notebook, the piece of dramatic literature currently being studied, and a pen. Students are also expected to participate in daily reading and activities within the classroom.

There will be daily homework, including the weekends. There will be quizzes at least once a week. Tests will follow the completion of each unit. The final exam will be cumulative and is described in more detail below.

Grading Scale

The grading scale that will be used is the grading scale that has been established by the Virginia School Board and is published in the student handbook.

Grading Components

25% Tests

30% Homework

20% Quizzes

25% Papers

Course Requirements

Homework

There will be nightly homework (mostly reading) that is expected to be completed. These assignments will range from worksheets, independent research and writing, and reading assignments out of plays. This will account for 30% of the total quarter grade.

Tests

Tests will happen at the end of each unit. The format of the test will vary, but you can expect there to be short answer as well as essay questions. This will account for 25% of the total quarter grade.

Quizzes

There will be a quiz at the end of every week. The type of quiz will vary from week to week. Types of quizzes could possibly be multiple choice, short answer, essay, or a combination of types. This will account for 20% of the total quarter grade.

Papers

At least two major papers will be written during the semester. There will be an undermined number of small papers (four pages or fewer). Each major paper will use APA style as well as full reference sheets. These papers will account for a cumulative 25% of the total quarter grade.

Plagiarism is not going to be accepted. This includes submitting an entire paper of cited quotes from various sources. Such work will be treated as if it was not submitted and given a zero.

Final

There will be a cumulative final given during the appointed final exam time in the fall/spring. This final will cover in-depth all of the major topics that were covered during the semester. It will be valued at 20% of your semester grade.

Topics Covered.

The areas covered will include, but are not limited to

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| - Technical aspects of drama | - Elements of Greek Drama |
| - Elizabethan Drama | - Contemporary Drama |
| - <i>Antigone</i> | - <i>Pygmalion</i> |
| - <i>A Doll's House</i> | - <i>Julius Caesar</i> |
| - <i>Twelve Angry Men</i> | - <i>Our Town</i> |
| - <i>The Miracle Worker</i> | |