

THE FILM TO STAGE PROJECT

AGES: Middle School and High School

DESCRIPTION

Students select a 15-minute scene from a film or tv show and stage it for a live performance

MATERIALS

15 - minute clip of the selected scene
Students use costumes and props as needed
Critique sheet

FULL LESSON PLAN

Objective: Students will be able to stage a scene from their favorite movie/ tv show as if it were a stage play.

Prior knowledge: Characterization, blocking, planning stage movement and stage business

Summary: Students will break into groups and decide on a movie or tv show that they want to pull a scene from. Students will present their decision to the teacher for approval. Students will share a clip of the scene they choose with fellow classmates. Students will study the scene, transcribe the script and mark the script for blocking. Students will work out stage entrances, exits, and crossings. Students will present their scenes to their fellow classmates who in turn will rate their scenes on critique sheets and add any additional comments they deem necessary.

They will be graded on the following criteria:

- 1) Their ability to re-write and interpret the script.
- 2) Their ability to block out a scene and plan stage directions.
- 3) Their ability to use costumes props, etc to bring their scenes to life.
- 4) Their ability to memorize lines and get into character
- 5) How well they worked as a team
- 6) How well they prepared their presentation

Homework assignments:

- 1) Bring in a clip of the scene being staged
- 2) Submit a copy of the script