Year 8 Drama HT1 - Genre

Wider Learning:	Prior learning:	Key vocab:	11. Stance
Students will be introduced genre and	Students have	1. Gesture	12. Voice
the conventions of several types of	previously learnt during	2. Mime	13. Physicality
genre.	year 7 drama	3. Crosscutting	14. Gait
	techniques of Still	4. Exaggeration	15. Non-Verbal
Students will develop team work,	Image, Mime, Cross	5. Narration	communication
communication, confidence, sharing	cutting, Physical	6. Genre	
ideas, listening to others	Theatre, Thought out Loud.	7. Facial expressions 8. Body language	
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		10. PPTVI	
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The big questions	6. How do we create depth of characterisation?		
1. Why do we have genres?	7. What is	s a stereotype?	
2. What is a genre?			
3. What are the conventions of some po			
4. What types of drama techniques car	n we use in a		
performance?			
What makes a performance effective	÷,		

Order of learning

Lesson 1- Gesture, Mime, Crosscutting

- 1. Whole class Starter-Why are you late? (Mime)
- 2. What is Genre? Think pair/share or class discussion -also discuss what are Cave men/woman and their traits
- 3. Whole class task FREEZE/GO: students move around room and perform as cave people physically and vocally. Focus on NVC and PPTVI.
- 4. Groups of 4-6. Students use Drama Technique 'Cross-cutting' to perform a typical day in the life of cavemen & cavewomen. Allowed to only use three words, the rest is Mime/Gesture
- Perform and feedback

Lesson 2- Mime, Gesture, Exaggeration

- 1. Grid lock looking at emotions & levels of exaggeration from 1-10
- 2. Show a clip of traditional slapstick and class discussion on its conventions
- 3. Go through the conventions of Slapstick Theatre and its history/context
- 4. Model comical pratfall and slapstick fighting. Students try this in pairs
- 5. Students work in groups to create a restaurant scene in the style of Slapstick comedy, ensuring they include all conventions they learnt this lesson
- 6. Perform and feedback

Lesson 3- Still Image and Crosscutting

- 1. Class Discussion: what is the genre Sci-Fi?
- 2. Students create a series of Still Images showcasing a typical Sci-Fi plot, with 360 degree perspective (potential grade 6)
- 3. Class read a newspaper article covering an alien invasion
- 4. Students create a news report covering a UFO spotting using the drama techniques Still Image and Cross cutting
- 5. Perform and feedback

Lesson 4- Narration and Still Image

- 1. Class discussion: what is Narration and what are stereotypes. Discuss typical examples of stereotypes.
- 2. Students complete a roll on the wall of a stereotype
- 3. Watch a clip of a soap opera and stereotypical characters within it.
- 4. Students create an advert for a new soap opera using Still Image and Narration. Focus on communicating stereotypical soap characters.
- 5. Perform and feedback

Lesson 5- Crosscutting, Still Image, Mime ((and any others relevant to the students chosen genre)

- 1. Class Discussion: what genres have we covered so far this h/t? What drama techniques did we focus on for each genre?
- 2. ASSESSMENT TASK: Students, in groups, choose two genres to perform for assessment. They must use cross cutting as a technique to move between these two genres throughout their performance. They must start and end in a Still Image and use any other techniques in their scenes that we covered during those genres.
- 3. Perform and feedback. We watch one group perform their assessment piece and feedback on some key improvement points
- 4. Whole class have another, short rehearsal time to work on this generic feedback.

Lesson 6- Assessment

- 1. Starter-Eyes up/down, to focus the students
- 2. Assessment rehearsal 10mins: recap drama techniques/skills expected to be demonstrated in assessment, Still image, Crosscutting and Mime.
- 3. Perform for assessment

Lesson 7- Written Assessment

- 1. Students complete both their self and peer assessment writing. They are referred back to subject specific terminology and the grading criteria.
- Refer students to burger format help page,
- 3. Teacher to feedback and students use purple pen to rewrite and restructure their responses

Differentiation

Scaffold:

Teacher to model drama techniques being used both successfully and unsuccessfully. Students to identify differences.

Key terminology embedded into instruction as a scaffolding tool for peer / selfassessment later in the lesson and recap of prior knowledge.

Stretch:

More able to apply subtext and subplot to their physical theatre opening.

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Assessment and homework

- Group practical assessment piece lesson 6, assessing their characterisation, use of the techniques Still image, mime and crosscutting. Embedding the use of drama skills in their performance i.e facial expression, body language, gestures
- Written Assessment in booklets assessing use of subject terminology, analysing and evaluating self and peer work.

AO1: create and develop ideas to communicate meaning for theatrical performance This is formatively assessed through observation of rehearsals, every lesson this is monitored

AO2: apply theatrical skills to realise artistic intentions in a live performance Formatively assessed during lessons, summative assessment is through a final performance each half term

AO3: demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how drama and theatre is developed and performed

Verbal contributions in lessons / contribution to group work

AO4: analyse and evaluate their own work and the work of others Formative assessment through verbal contributions in lessons, summative through written work in assessment each half term

Homework

Attend a group rehearsal lunchtime session and work on improvements suggested.

Where will this be revisited?

At Key Stage 3 Drama is taught on a spiral system whereby Drama Conventions are taught each year and the challenge of these skills increases with each unit. These Conventions are what they are assessed on at Key Stage 3 and 4 (Ao1 – 4 are assessed throughout Key Stage 3). Additionally, within the Drama Schemes of Learning, students learn Social, Cultural, Historical and Political issues using the Drama Conventions to stage them. Drama is taught through 'Process Drama' whereby each lesson, another scene is added until the summative assessment at the end of each half term, and this is self and peer assessed in a written assignment.

Feedback

Teacher verbal feedback for each group each lesson.

Peer and selfassessment of the effectiveness of the drama techniques and skills used.

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