

Visual and Performing Arts
Performing Arts: Theatre Arts II
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. ▪ Playwrights often create works inspired by theater and cultural traditions other than their own.
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Terms</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ perspective, Restoration, Licensing Act, legitimate theater, comedy of manners, romanticism, realism, Konstantin Stanislavski, satire, minstrel shows, vaudeville, melodrama, impressionist, epic theater, theater of the absurd, regional theater, musical theater
Essential Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Compare the function and meaning of works of theater from various cultures and time periods at an advanced level ▪ Identify and describe specific elements and principles found in works of theater from specific time periods at an advanced level
Related Maine Learning Results	<p><u>Theater</u> E. Visual and Performing Arts Connections E1. The Arts and History and World Cultures Students analyze the characteristics and purposes of products of the visual/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 Restoration and 18th Century Theater through modern theater ▪ Compare and contrast the theater forms of three 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">○ <u>Basic Drama Projects</u> by Fran Averett Tanner Ph. D.▪ <u>Other Resources:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ BHS library- collections of plays from different periods
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