

NAME: _____

PERIOD: _____

SILENT FILM PROJECT

To wrap our unit on Pantomime, you will need to create a **brief, non-verbal** performance piece. Because this is a major performance project, please be reminded that it will heavily impact your grade in Theatre. **This will count as a Summative Assessment grade – in other words, 80% of your grade!** It is extremely important that you not only focus on your own success, but the success of your group as well. **REMEMBER THE PUBLIC VICTORY! HABITS 4, 5, & 6!**

Performance Criteria:

Your Silent Film must meet the following requirements:

- This must be a LIVE PERFORMANCE. (I know it is called Silent Film; however, that does not mean I want a video of your work. You **must** perform it live.)
- It must be between 5-7 minutes in length. (*PLEASE TIME IT OUT BEFORE YOUR FINAL PERFORMANCE!*)
- It must be **silent**.
- There should be a clear beginning, middle, and end (a total of 3 major scenes.)
- There should be a clear conflict and clear resolution.
- Every member of your group must perform.
- You must have at least 1 piece of background music to help shape your story.
 - Music must be school-appropriate and approved by me (see Project Timeline.)
 - Selected music should be relevant to your story.

Project Timeline:

- Tuesday, September 18th
 - Introduction to project. Meet in assigned groups to discuss initial ideas & begin work on graphic organizer.
- Wednesday, September 19th
 - Complete graphic organizer.
 - Select music.
- Thursday, September 20th
 - Begin rehearsals.
 - **Background music choice(s) due for approval.** If your song choice(s) includes vocals, please provide a print-out of the lyrics. *If you do not provide me with lyrics, I will not approve your music.*
- Friday, September 21st & Monday, September 24th
 - Rehearsals for teacher feedback.
- Tuesday, September 25th & Wednesday, September 26th
 - Final rehearsals to incorporate teacher feedback.
- Thursday, September 27th & Friday, September 28th
 - Final performances.

Rehearsal Etiquette:

I have high expectations for rehearsal time in this class. You should be striving to stay on-task and focused on your project at all times. Once you have successfully staged your pantomime, you should be continuously running through the piece. ***Remember: practice, practice, practice because practice makes better.***

Each group will be required to complete the Rehearsal Check-In worksheet during every step of this project. Missing worksheets will result in a point deduction from your final grade.

Devices:

Because you will need to play music during rehearsal, you are allowed to use tablets or laptops ONLY during this project. Any personal devices that are used irresponsibly during your rehearsal time will be confiscated.

Please Also Be Aware...

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A BACKUP PLAN READY TO GO IN THE EVENT OF A GROUP MEMBER'S ABSENCE. You will NOT have the option of pushing your performance back!

Basic Plots

To help you get started on your planning, here is a list of basic plot ideas found in many popular stories:

- Adventure
- Pursuit
- Rescue
- Escape
- Revenge
- Rivalry
- Underdog
- Transformation
- Love
- Sacrifice
- Discovery