

Booker T. Washington HSPVA - Theatre Department

Plays and Playwrights

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Course Description

Introduction to Plays and Playwrights: Required course for new students, this course is designed to teach the elements of a script and to give students an appreciation of dramatic literature.

Course Requirements

Paper - To take notes

Pens or pencils - To take notes and tests (no funky or bizarre colors please)

Folder – To keep your Plays and Playwrights stuff together

Open Mind – To discuss and debate the different plays we will study.

We will be reading aloud in class a great deal. You must participate in reading and discussing the plays. If you are caught sleeping, playing, working on outside work or not following along your classwork grade will suffer.

Evaluation

<u>Classwork/homework</u>	40%
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Reading in class and worksheets

<u>Tests/Quizzes</u>	25%
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Quizzes may be given half way through a play and a test at the end

<u>Projects/Products</u>	20%
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Each six weeks students will read 2 plays outside of class and write a simple plot analysis

<u>Six Weeks Test</u>	15%
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The second play analysis will fall into this category.

Course Schedule/Syllabus

Students will be required to read two full length plays each six weeks and fill out an analysis. The teacher will give you the guidelines. These are very basic and are to show that you read and have a basic understanding of the play. Half of your final exam grade will be an essay comparing and contrasting any two plays read in or for the class.

All plays **must** be pre-approved by your teacher. Simply give the teacher the title or show the play to the teacher for approval. A list of approved plays is on the website. Some plays will not be available toward your play analysis grade. These will also be on the list.

The form and due dates for each class are on the website. Play analysis are due on the day of class at the top of class. After the due date the highest grade available is a 70.

Students can improve their grades by doing extra play analysis. Any play analysis grade that is below an 80 will be replaced with the grade from the extra credit analysis. If all play analysis are above an 80 than the extra credit can replace a poor test grade.

Quizzes are given with little notice and are worth 50 points. Tests are scheduled at least one class period ahead with a review and are worth 100 points. They will cover material discussed during class.