

6<sup>th</sup> Form Preparation work

# A Level Drama and Theatre



Read the page on theatre practitioners and their uses from GCSE bitesize:

[GCSE Bitesize - Practitioners](#)

Define the following words:

Practitioner  
Genre  
Form

You must write each definition in **your own words**.

**Time: 30 mins**



**Complete** a powerpoint presentation researching the play *Machinal* by Sophie

Treadwell. The presentation should include information on:

- Playwright - who is she?
- Time period play was written and set
- Political, Social, Historical, Cultural context of the play
- Themes and issues of the play
- Genre - Expressionism

**Time: 2 hours**



**Complete** a Thinking Hard Task to reduce the specification of A Level Drama and Theatre.

Make a mind map to reduce the content of the Drama and Theatre A level. Underneath each component title, list words/sentences that you would associate with the content of the components:

Component 1: Devising

Component 2: Scripted Performance

Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice

Extension: Start to add subject detail under the areas using knowledge from GCSE/BTEC.

Link to specification:

[A LEVEL DRAMA AND THEATRE SPECIFICATION](#)

**Time: 1 hour**



Read this theatre review:

[Theatre Review](#)

Answer these questions, in full sentences:

1. What is the name of the play and who is the playwright?
2. Who is the director of the show?
3. What style of theatre is the play?
4. What is the plot of the play?
5. Describe the set
6. Who was the standout performer?
7. Why was he/she the standout performer?
8. Describe a key moment in the performance
9. How many stars would you award the play in question based on the review you have read and explain why?

**Time: 2 hours**



Watch this introduction to Bertolt Brecht from the National Theatre

[Bertolt Brecht video](#)

There are three quotes from Brecht's own writings at the start of this short documentary. Pick one and write it at the top of an A4 page. Then after watching the entire documentary (and using your knowledge from GCSE or BTEC level 2) analyse it and write 200 words explaining what you think it might mean.

**Time: 1 hour**



**Complete** a powerpoint presentation researching the play *Lysistrata* by Aristophanes

The presentation should include information on:

- Playwright - who is he?
- Time period play was written and set
- Political, Social, Historical, Cultural context of the play
- Themes and issues of the play
- Genre - Greek comedy

**Time: 2 hours**

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