

History of Theatre

GREEK

Tragedies

Only Men, masks \gg Prosopon



Hero's Journey

What is a hero?

What is a tragic hero?

Examples & Characteristics?



Tragic Hero

Tragic Hero » Hamartia(“Tragic Flaw”) / Hubris / Catharsis



3 Scenes (Act them out)

Activity» Read and act out Medea / Oedipus Rex

By Seneca (a Roman), but based on Greek Myths

Are these Tragic Heroes? How?

Discussion Questions

Icarus

Slam Poem



ROMAN

Comedies

Men & Women

3:30-6



Stop @1:51









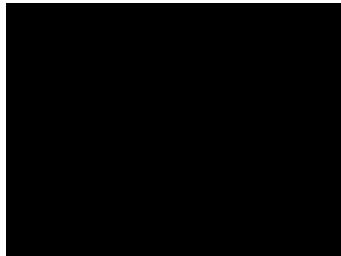
Activity: Read Greek Myths

Get in groups of 2-3 & read one of the Greek Myths.

Commedia dell'Arte

Italy » Influenced Shakespeare, Moliere, Opera, sitcoms, improv comedy, and contemporary musical theatre, Pantomime

7 men & 3 women troupes



Commedia Stock Character Activity

Step 1»» Get into groups of 2-3

Step 2»» Discuss your characters & pop culture examples

Step 3»» Come up with a short scene to demonstrate them

Step 4»» Switch with another group & share you character

Types of Masks / Characters

- (1) The **Servants** or **Zanni** → Arlecchino (Harlequin), Pulcinella (Punch), never actually works
- (2) The **Old Men** or **Vecchi** such as the greedy Magnifico (Pantalone→ afraid of losing money)
- (3) The young **Lovers** or **Innamorati** with names such as Isabella, Flaminia, or Ortensia (for women) and Flavio, Orazio, Ortensio, or Leandro (for men).
- (4) The boasting **Captains (Capitani)** and their female equivalent, **La Signora**.

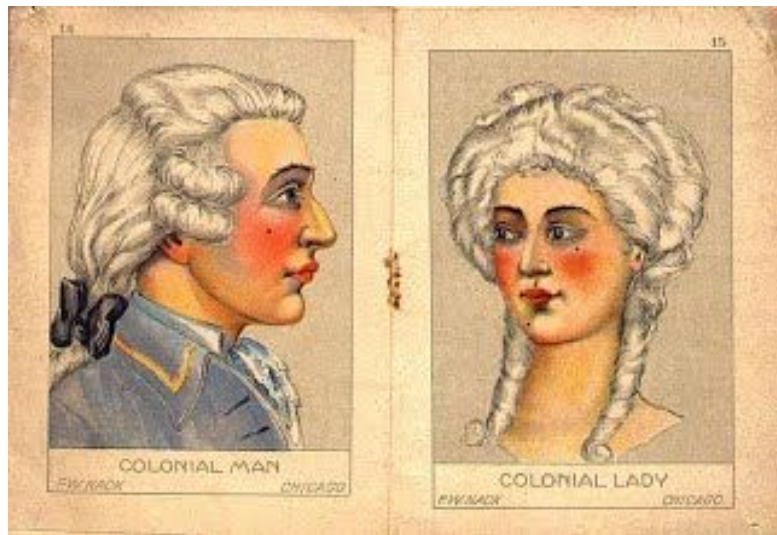
Zanni / Servants



Old Man / Vecchi



Innamorati / Lovers



Capitani



Simple Scenarios Activity

Step 1: Get in Pairs / groups of 3

Step 2: Act out the following scenarios (**use inflections and focus on VOICE / FACIAL EXPRESSIONS**)

Step 3: Present your best scene to the class

Scenario #1

Scenario #1: An Old Man and his Servant (& 2nd Servant)
Zanni, the servant, is very hungry. Every time he is about to eat his dinner, his master gives him a new task to complete.

Scenario #2

Scenario #2: **The Lovers (& Father)**

A young boy and a young girl fall in love at first sight. They discover their fathers are enemies and will never let them marry. They decide to run away together.

Scenario #3

Scenario #3: **The Captain & his Servant (& Mouse)**

A soldier comes to a foreign city with his servant. He brags about how he has fought bravely in a war. The soldier then sees a mouse, and they are both scared away.

Scenario 4

Servant & a lover

Both are walking in the street when the servant drops something on the lover. An argument ensues.

Commedia dell'Arte



Elizabethan Theatre

4 types of plays → Comedies / Tragedies / Histories / Problem Plays

James Burbage → Builds "The Theatre" → Bubonic Plague (Black Death)

Richard Burbage (son) = actor / inspiration behind Shakespeare's protagonists (Hamlet, King Lear, Othello, etc)



Everything CLOSED!!

Blackfriars' Theatre, then lumber from The Theatre = The Globe

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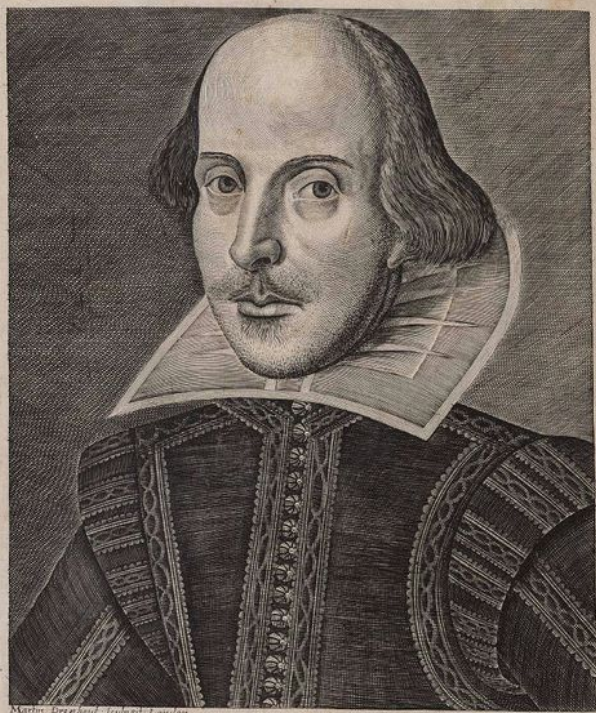
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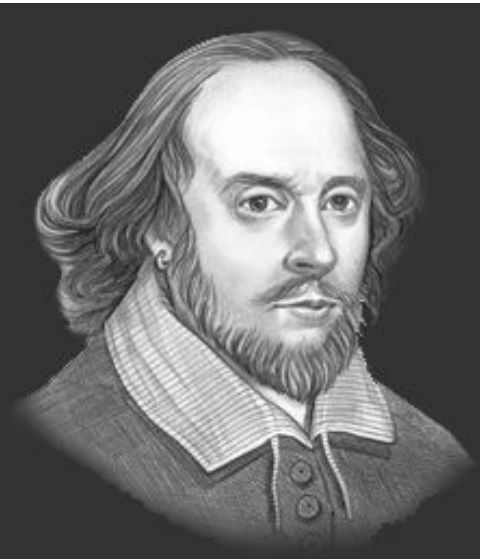
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Shakespearean Monologues Activity

Choose a Monologue to memorize & Recite for the class

Think about your character. What are his/her motivations? What is he/she feeling? How will you express those in your monologue?

Shakespeare



Jonson



Marlowe



Spenser



Jonson

- Wrote Poetry, Masques, Comedy Plays & Literary Criticisms
- Best known for his Satirical plays » *Every Man in His Humour* & *The Alchemist*
- Satire?
- PRISON » *The Isle of Dogs*
- Masques » Lyric Poetry Performed for ROYALTY



Marlowe

Nickname = Kit

Known as» Playwright, Poet, Spy

Known for» blank verse & overreaching protagonists

Wrote *Dr. Faustus*



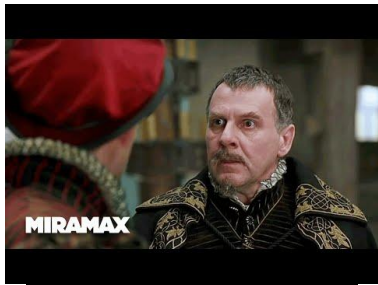
Spenser

Best known for *The Faerie Queene*

“One of the Greatest POETS in the English Language”

Obsessed with Irish Mythology





MIRAMAX



MIRAMAX

William Shakespeare

IN STATISTICS

BORN AND DIED ON
APRIL 23RD

HAD 7 SIBLINGS
& 3 CHILDREN

LIVED UNTIL 52

INTRODUCED ALMOST
3,000 WORDS TO THE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE, AND
USED OVER 7,000 WORDS
ONLY ONCE IN OF HIS
PLAYS

HE WROTE CLOSE TO 1/10
OF THE MOST QUOTED
LINES EVER WRITTEN OR
SPOKEN IN ENGLISH, AND
IS THE 2ND MOST QUOTED
WRITER IN THE ENGLISH
LANGUAGE.



THERE ARE MORE
THAN 80
VARIATIONS
RECORDED FOR THE
SPELLING OF HIS
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UP OF A TOTAL OF
884,429 WORDS

HE WROTE 37 PLAYS AND
154 WORKS THAT WE
KNOW OF.

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HORRIBLE HISTORIES



**1st Plays
for masses

Shakespearean Insults Activity

Follow the directions on the worksheet and go head-to-head in an insult battle!



Japanese Theatre

Noh ➤ “Codified” (in Western Culture = Ballet)

➤ to arrange / form code

*Actors ➤ Chorus, Orchestra, Shite Waki

Kabuki ➤ Storytelling w/out words

Bunraku ➤ “Doll Theatre”

Butoh ➤ Stomp Dance





KOUKEN

SHITE

HAYASHI

WAKI

JIUTAI



Okina (Old man masks)



Jō (Elders masks)



Onna (Woman masks)



Otoko (Man masks)



Kishin (Demons)



Onryō (Ghosts and
Spirits)

Kabuki Theatre

“Ka”(song) “bu”(dance) “ki”(skill)

3:30-4:50

- kanji (sing, dance, skill) instead of dialogue
- originally very avant garde—done by women, taken over by men
- storytelling techniques (interaction with audience)=MIE
- only lit by candle
- more relaxed & Pop Culture
- Focal Points = costumes & make-up







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Pop Culture

Kabuki



Kabuki Emotion Activity

Choose an emotion. Now choose a song that reflects this emotion (without words).

Now, create a routine to go along with 30 seconds of your song

Present it to the class. We must guess what emotion you are trying to emulate

Bunraku

Puppeteering or “Doll Theatre” & Storytelling

Osaka: smaller sized puppets

Awaji: bigger

@1:35



Butoh

Strange, dark dance form created by Hijikata Tatsumi

World War II

(Hiroshima and Nagasaki)

“Silent Scream”



Butoh Group Activity

Get into groups of 4 & look at your social issue

Create a 1 minute skit to demonstrate this

Go outside and practice