

Century High School
Introduction to Musical Theater-Trimester 1
M-F 2nd period

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Textbook: A combination of online resources and Alyson McLamore “Musical Theater: An Appreciation” will be used throughout this course.

Course Description:

This course serves as an introduction and exploration into the art of Musical Theater. We will explore its development through history as well as experience various aspects of musical theater performance. All Performing Arts classes at Century High School place great emphasis on performance and provide every student with many opportunities to develop new skills and grow as a performer. The performance skills learned in this class are designed to help you to develop self-confidence, motivation, and commitment which will help you succeed in your other classes and life pursuits!

Course Objectives: Upon completion of the course, the student should have sufficient knowledge of and be able to:

- Write accurately about various styles, genres, shows, components of a musical
- Prepare appropriately for a musical theater audition
- Perform a successful musical theater audition
- Perform successfully as a character in a musical

Areas of Study:

- History of Musical Theatre
- Musical Auditions
 - Basic Acting Skills: Monologue
 - Basic Vocal Skills: 16-Bar excerpt
 - Movement/Dance Styles and Skills
- Group Scene Work & Performances

Materials Needed:

- Lined Paper
- Pencils and/or Pens-No red
- Access to school gmail account, online resources
- Comfortable clothing and shoes for movement activities

Class Expectations:

- Demonstrate Golden Rules for Life
- Demonstrate Professionalism (Every Day is an Audition!)
- Follow CHS/SD25 policies: attendance, dress code, testing/retakes/makeups, citation, electronic use

Weekly Agenda: Changes to schedule may alter this projected weekly plan at teacher discretion.

Week 1: Introductions, icebreaker activities, class syllabi, Quiz

Week 2: Unit 1-Brief history of musical theater

Week 3: Musical Theater presentations in class & Unit Exam

Week 4: Unit 2-Triple Threat-Acting, Singing, Dancing

Week 5: Voice Acting Performance in class & Unit Exam

Week 6: Unit 3-The Audition

Week 7: "Vaudeville" Auditions & Rehearsal

Week 8: "Vaudeville" Performance in class & Unit Exam

Week 9: "Shrek: The Musical" Auditions & Rehearsal

Week 10: "Shrek: The Musical" Rehearsal

Week 11: "Shrek: The Music" Performances in class

Week 12: Final exams, evaluations, reflections

Course Requirements and Assessments:

Students will successfully pass this course by:

- Participating in all class activities
- Completing and turning in all assigned work
- Completing and turning in all written assessments
- Completing all assigned performances
- Abide by CHS/SD25 attendance, testing/retakes/makeup, academic integrity, and electronic device policies

Grading:

- Participation 25% 100 points assigned at beginning of trimester. Points deducted for late assignments and inappropriate participation in class
- Rehearsal Skills 25% 100 pts assigned at beginning of trimester. Points deducted for inappropriate participation in any rehearsal activities
- Knowledge 25% Students earn points on written quizzes, assessments, presentation content as graded by an answer key or writing rubric.
- Performance 25% Students earn points in performance. A Performance Rubric is used.

I have read the MUSICAL THEATRE syllabus with my parent/guardian and COMMIT that I will do my best to meet the expectations of this class. If I have any questions or special needs, I will contact Miss Brien to discuss them.

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____ Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's preferred method of contact: Email Phone Infinite
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