



# Theatre Appreciation

## Fall 2023 Syllabus

Mrs. Samanthe Burrow

[sburrow@bentonvillek12.org](mailto:sburrow@bentonvillek12.org)

(479) 367-8022

BHS, South Building, 1806

### Year-At-A-Glance\*

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Unit 1	<b>Ensemble Building</b>	Theatre Games, Warm Up Exercises, Routines, Theatre Therapy	Aug. 15-Aug. 26
	Unit 2	<b>Theatre Terminology</b>	Stage Directions, Types of Spaces, Company Hierarchy, Acting/Directing Vocabulary	Ongoing Throughout the Semester
	Unit 3	<b>Devising Theatre</b>	Plot Structure, Character Creation, Intro to Objectives & Tactics, 10-Minutes Play Performance	Aug. 29-Sept. 30
	Unit 4	<b>Introduction to Play Analysis</b>	In-Class Reading, Script Analysis, Character Analysis, Character Diagrams	Sept. 6-Sept. 16
	Unit 5	<b>Play Production</b>	In-Class Reading, Producing a Scene, Rehearsal Process (Director/Actors/TD/SM)	Sept. 19-Sept. 30
	Unit 6	<b>Auditioning</b>	Resume, Monologue, Callback Auditions, Self-tape Auditions, Mock Audition	Oct. 3-Oct. 7
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	Unit 7	<b>Theatre Spaces Throughout History</b>	Famous Stages, Spaces Throughout The World, Jamboard Presentation	Oct. 10-Oct. 14
	Unit 8	<b>Theatre as a Cultural Tool</b>	In-Class Reading, Script Analysis, Cultural/Social Change	Oct. 20-Oct. 28
	Unit 9	<b>Improvisation</b>	Rules of Improv, Improv Games, 3-Person Scenes, Shortened Harold Performances	Oct. 31-Nov. 4
	Unit 10	<b>Technical Theatre</b>	Technical Vocabulary, Group Set Designs/Models, Technical Critiques, Presentations	Nov. 7-Nov. 18
	Unit 11	<b>Musical Theatre</b>	Types of Musicals, Solo/Duet Performance, Choreography	Nov. 28-Dec. 9
		<b>Workshop Pieces, Final Performances &amp; Portfolio Reviews</b>		Dec. 12-Dec. 21

### Other Important Requirements

- Attend **ONE** performance of BHS Stage Production. **Puffs** will be performed **October 27, 28, and 29**. Please make plans to attend the show as the performance will be the subject of classroom discussion and assessment. Student tickets are usually \$5-\$10.

### 2023-24 BHS Theatre Season

Fall Play	<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>	Directed by Brandon Box-Higdem	Oct. 26-Oct. 28
-----------	-------------------------------------	--------------------------------	-----------------

### Office Hours

(Conferencing/Tutoring by appointment)

Mon/Wed 2:30-3:30

Tue/Thu 2:30-3:30pm

### Needed Supplies

- Please bring your charged Chromebook to every class.
- Unruled Paper, Pencils/Pens, Colored Pencils/Markers

### Classroom Rules

- Be ready to begin working by the time the tardy bell rings.
- Respect one another, the space and the tools we use.
- Always practice Active Listening when the teacher or a classmate is sharing.
- Phones or other personal devices must be stowed in backpacks during instructional time.
- No headphones/earbuds may be used while working in class or during instructional time.

### Grading Practices

You will be assessed based on your mastery of specific standards associated with each project from class and outlined on every rubric. Each standard may be reassessed to show growth and improved levels of mastery.

### Gradebook Marks

**X:** means that the student is exempt from the assignment and that it won't impact their grade

**The following codes all count as a 0% in TAC**

**N:** means that the student still needs to turn the assignment in and can still receive credit

**Z:** means that the student didn't turn the assignment in and it is after the deadline

**L:** means that the student turned the assignment in after the deadline

### Make-Up/Late Work

Late/missing assignments will be accepted for a grade until the end of each nine weeks. After this date, any "N" in the gradebook will automatically become a "Z" and may not be made up for credit. Students with "Zs" in the gradebook at the end of the semester are required to take the final exam. Additionally, grades on late assignments will drop exponentially the longer they are missing. End of 1st nine weeks is **October 18**. End of 2nd nine weeks is **December 20**. End of 3rd nine weeks is **March 15 2023**. End of the 4th nine weeks is **May 31 2024**

**Google Classroom Code:**  
**qtozung**

\*Please note that all dates and units are subject to change at the discretion of the teacher.

