

Year 11 Summer Assignment

A Level Drama (& Theatre)

Watch 2 pieces of on-line theatre at home OR use any Live Theatre you have seen in the past.

Make notes on each production you see using the following brief pointers

- 1) Who gives the best performance in your eyes and why?
- 2) What does the costume add to the performance - jot down 2 points of what you could use in the future.
- 3) What does the set add to the overall effect of the piece - jot down 2 items of the set that they could not do without and give your reasons why.

Extension: If you were to produce your own piece of theatre, what would you use from both productions and explain your reasons why?

Written Evidence required for submission in the first week College starts:

- 1) Best performance by (name of actor)
Give your reasons using the dramatic terminology that you know.
Give an example of one/two sections of the performance, try and add quotes.
Refer to the pitch, pace, vocal tones, action, reaction, proxemics (distance to another actor) and interaction with the set/props/costume.
- 2) Costume Design by ... (add name of designer)
Give your reasons using the visual effect that the costume and fabric give overall.
Give a detailed example of one/two costumes that you feel are particularly effective and reasons why. Refer to the way the actors use the costumes, how they enhance the character, give a line more meaning and connect with the story telling.
- 3) Set Design by (add name of designer)
Give your reasons using the overall visual effect that the set design has on you.
Give one/two detailed examples of how the set changed or was used to add meaning to the performance. Refer to the use of the set by the actors in stage or a transition to change the scene. (You may look at lighting and sound if you wish)

Extension:

Write your own ideas in a formal piece of writing, using the first person.
Refer to the 2 productions as inspiration and take the idea and develop it into your own.
Refer to the set designer, costume designer, actor using their surname as reference.
Be free, be creative and use your imagination.