

PLAY REVIEW ASSIGNMENT – 1 PER SEMESTER!

DIRECTIONS: Watch a play or musical at a high school (including RHS shows), college, community, or professional theater. (Post Covid: Check out www.teentix.org for a calendar and a printable pass to get \$5 tickets to shows all over Seattle!) You may NOT review a show in which you were an actor or on running crew—you have to be in the audience.

See a show and then answer any three of the following questions:

1. Describe one of your favorite characters. Be sure to describe his or her voice, physical body movements, unique mannerisms or gestures, and costume. Be very specific, and explain why you were impressed by this character.
2. Describe in detail three technical aspects (lights, sounds, special effects) or unusual staging aspects (flying objects, fights, fires, live animals, etc.) of the play.
3. Describe in detail the set of the play. In what ways did it enhance or support the story?
4. Describe three specific parts of the play that received a noticeable audience reaction and what the reaction was.

Length: Minimum 200 words for each of your three questions above.

Format: Typed, single spaced, Times font, 12 point. Type the question first, (not in your 200 word count) and then your answer. Attach the ticket stub (or program if you lost the stub) to your review. Use the following heading for your paper:

Name
Class Period
Today's Date
Play Title
Date you saw the play
Place you saw the play
Theatre company that presented the play

Points possible: 20 points, homework grade

Extra Credit Opportunity: Write "SEE MY EXTRA CREDIT" on the cover of your assignment and include one of the options below for 5 extra points total:

- A fourth question from the list above
- A paragraph about which role you would cast yourself and why. Give details that support your reasoning.
- A colored costume plate rendering of one of the costumes.
- A detailed ground plan of the set.

Due Dates: For full credit, turn in ONE WEEK before the official end of each quarter:

Semester 1: Due 1 week before Finals, January 19th.

Semester 2: Due 1 week before Finals, June 8th.