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# Drama and Film

Course Description: This course is designed to give students a greater understanding of the world of film and the theatre. Some topics that will be covered include: Aristotle’s 6 elements of a play, Big 4 elements of Film, Documentary, Musical Movie, Golden Age of Film, Alfred Hitchcock, Cinematography, Editing, film making and more!

Required Materials:

- 1- A Great Attitude
- 2- Pen or Pencil
- 3- Your school issued Chromebook

Assignment, Extra Credit and Late Work Policy:

- **GRADING CRITERIA**
  - Throughout the term a student’s mastery of subject content will be measured on a 0-4 point scale (0=Not Done, 1=Remediation, 2=Emerging, 3=Mastery, 4-Advanced Mastery. Any standard that is found to be below mastery will require remediation until the desired level of mastery is achieved.
- **Assessments (45%)** – All assessments are graded with rubrics that are given to students in advance of each performance. *Performances/finals may be re-done until mastery is achieved.*
- **Rehearsal Etiquette (10%)** – As we rehearse in class, students will receive a score for their productivity, responsibility, & ability to collaborate with their peers. *This score will adjust daily.*
- **Performance Etiquette (10%)** – With each in class performance, students will earn a participation grade based on their level of preparedness. *This score will adjust every performance*
- **Audience Etiquette (10%)** – With each performance we view in class students will receive a participation grade for their level of engagement, respect, and appropriate response as an audience member. *This score will adjust daily.*
- **Quizzes (15 %)** – Quizzes may be given throughout the semester and a final exam will be given at the end of the semester. This grade will also hold their preview performances as they prepare for the final performance. *These may be made up until mastery is achieved.*
- **Writing/Play Critique (10%)** - Students are required **see a Movie** & fill out a critique form. Critique forms are located on their canvas. This assignment is due each term and should be turned in within one week after the day you watch the film. All reports must be turned in 1 week before end of term for credit.

**\*Note to Parents on content:** Because everyone’s standards are different, VHMS and Mrs. Anderson are not to be held responsible for the content of the plays checked out to students. Parents and students are encouraged to research and familiarize themselves with materials brought home.

- **Extra Credit** – There is **NO** extra credit in this class. If a student wishes to raise their grade then they must complete missing assignments or re-do assignments/performances with low grades.

- **GRADE BREAKDOWN**

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|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| A+ 100%    | B+ 83%-76%  | C+ 59%-52% | D+ 35%-28%    |
| A 99%-92%  | B 75% - 68% | C 51%-44%  | D 27%-20%     |
| A- 91%-84% | B- 67-60%   | C- 43%-36% | D- 19%-12%    |
|            |             |            | F 11% & Below |

Citizenship Grade: I use the School Citizenship rubric. See the INFO GRAPHIC For more details

**Canvas:**

We will be using Canvas this year. Almost all of our assignments will be done electronically through the Canvas. The student may access this through any computer, they just login under their school emails. This insures that there is no missing work, no work without names and your student can receive instantaneous feedback on his or hers work

**Classroom Behavior Expectations:**

1. Respect people and property  
    No graffiti on school property (this includes the seats and desks)
2. Do not talk while the teacher is talking- if you have something to say, you must raise your hand and wait to be called on.
3. Students will be ON TIME!  
    1-2 Tardy      Warning  
    3-4 Tardy      Effects their citizenship and rehearsal etiquette for the day  
    4-5 Tardy      Parent Contact (phone or email), Loss of etiquette points for the day, Citizenship will be affected
4. Electronic devises are allowed in the classroom but only are to be used when given instruction from the teacher. We will be using them as apart of our class, please be respectful of when it is appropriate to use them.
5. TEXT CODE: @vhmsfilm (text this code to the number 81010 to be added to the class text feed. Students and Parents can add themselves to this feed) these are for reminders about upcoming events, performance, etc.

**Teacher Expectations:**

1. Grades posted 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month
2. Respect will be given as it is received.
3. Teach you to value the art of theatre

**Consequences:** Students who do not meet with classroom expectations, will lose citizenship points. Those students not willing to modify their disruptive behavior will receive a referral to the vice principal. If the behavior continues, the student will be transferred out of the class. Remember it's a privilege to be here.

**Video Study:**

These are the film that we will be studying in class. If you choose to opt out of any of the films, you will be required to watch another film studying the element we are discussing and report back to me. This may be done in class.

Finding Nemo: G *Studying Plot*

The Kid by Charlie Chaplin: Silent Film *Studying Characters*

Shrek the Musical: PG *Studying Music/Spectacle*

Hamlet: PG *Studying Diction*

Wizard of Oz: G *Studying Mise-en-scene*

Vertigo: PG *Studying Cinematography*

ET: PG *Studying Editing*

Jaws: PG *Studying Sound*

**DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT SIGNATURE SHEET  
MRS. ANDERSON**

AFTER YOU HAVE READ THE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT, FILL OUT THE FORM ONLINE:

<https://vistaheightstheatre.weebly.com/disclosure-document.html>