



Year 8 Drama Term 1 Knowledge Organiser

Stock Characters - A stock character is a type of character used in fictional media that is instantly recognizable to audiences.

Hero

Alter ego

Villain

Sidekick

Damsel in Distress



Melodrama - A melodrama is a dramatic or literary work which has a sensational and dramatic plot, which is designed to appeal strongly to the emotions of the audience. There are often moral tales that demonstrate the battle between good and evil, and how good would triumph and bring justice and morality in society. The melodramatic style/ narrative were features of silent movies.

Key Words

Narration - Telling a story

Still image - A frozen image.

Montage - the technique of selecting, editing, and piecing together separate sections to form a continuous whole:

Thought tracking - Speaking a characters thoughts.

Split scene /Cross cutting - split scenes occur when two different scenes are coinciding side by side on stage. Split scenes help coordinate the narrative of the drama by showing two overlapping experiences by actors. The stage must be set up so two different settings can be seen.

Marking the moment - a dramatic technique used to highlight a key moment in a scene or improvisation. This can be done in a number of different ways: for example through slow-motion, a freeze-frame, narration, thought-tracking or music.

Story Plot Map

