Delaware Standards for Visual and Performing Arts

Grade-Level & Proficiency-Level Expectations

High School



Anchor Standard 10: Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.

TH:Cn10.1a

Enduring Understanding: Theatre artists allow awareness of interrelationships between self and others to influence and inform their work.

Essential Question(s): What happens when theatre artists foster understanding between self and others through critical awareness, social responsibility, and the exploration of empathy?

HS Proficient	HS Accomplished	HS Advanced
TH:Cn10.1.Ia	TH:Cn10.1.IIa	TH:Cn10.1.IIIa
Investigate how cultural perspectives, community ideas and personal beliefs impact a drama/theatre work.	Choose and interpret a drama/theatre work to reflect or question personal beliefs.	Collaborate on a drama/theatre work that examines a critical global issue using multiple personal, community, and cultural perspectives.
I CAN determine how the reaction of my audience should drive selection and/or creation of a theatrical work.	I CAN choose a theatrical work that would appeal to an audience and make the audience think about a particular topic.	I CAN work with my peers on a theatrical work that take into consideration multiple viewpoints and studies an issue that is relevant to its audience.

Anchor Standard 11: Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding.

TH:Cn11.1a

Enduring Understanding: Theatre artists understand and can communicate their creative process as they analyze the way the world may be understood.

Essential Question(s): What happens when theatre artists allow an understanding of themselves and the world to inform perceptions about theatre and the purpose of their work?

HS Proficient	HS Accomplished	HS Advanced
TH:Cn11.1.Ia	TH:Cn11.1.IIa	TH:Cn11.1.IIIa
Explore how cultural, global, and historic belief systems affect creative choices in a drama/theatre work.	Integrate conventions and knowledge from different art forms and other disciplines to develop a cross-cultural drama/theatre work.	Develop a drama/theatre work that identifies and questions cultural, global, and historic belief systems.
I CAN understand how culture, society and history play a part in the creation of a theatrical work.	I CAN use other disciplines (visual art, dance, music, media arts) in a theatrical work to reach a broader audience.	I CAN create a theatrical work that poses a question about culture, the world or history.

Anchor Standard 11: Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding.

TH:Cn11.2a

Enduring Understanding: Theatre artists critically inquire into the ways others have thought about and created drama processes and productions to inform their own work.

Essential Question(s): In what ways can research into theatre histories, theories, literature, and performances alter the way a drama process or production is understood?

HS Proficient	HS Accomplished	HS Advanced
TH:Cn11.2.Ia	TH:Cn11.2.IIa	TH:Cn11.2.IIIa
Research how other theatre artists apply creative processes to tell stories in a devised or scripted drama/theatre work, using theatre research methods.	Formulate creative choices for a devised or scripted drama/theatre work based on theatre research about the selected topic.	Justify the creative choices made in a devised or scripted drama/theatre work, based on a critical interpretation of specific data from theatre research.
I CAN find out how other theatre artists approach the creative process to tell a story through a theatrical work.	I CAN make creative choices in a theatrical work using evidence from research.	I CAN defend the creative choices made in a theatrical work using evidence from research.

Anchor Standard 11: Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding.

TH:Cn11.2b

Enduring Understanding: Theatre artists critically inquire into the ways others have thought about and created drama processes and productions to inform their own work.

Essential Question(s): In what ways can research into theatre histories, theories, literature, and performances alter the way a drama process or production is understood?

HS Proficient	HS Accomplished	HS Advanced
TH:Cn11.2.Ib	TH:Cn11.2.IIb	TH:Cn11.2.IIIb
Use basic theatre research methods to better understand the social and cultural background of a drama/theatre work.	Explore how personal beliefs and biases can affect the interpretation of research data applied in drama/theatre work.	Present and support an opinion about the social, cultural, and historical understandings of a drama/theatre work, based on critical research.
I CAN find out the societal and cultural background of a theatrical work.	I CAN explain how bias can affect the interpretation of a theatrical work.	I CAN express and defend an opinion about a theatrical work using evidence based on societal, cultural, and historical viewpoints.