# Unit of Study 1

**Elements of Drama - Script**

**4th Grade**

**Quarter 1**

**DRAMA** 2013

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## Key Concepts:

- The student will learn to create dialogue for various plots. Exploring how conflicts created tension in a story.

## Skills:

- Create dialogue for various plots.
- Map the plot structure of a story.
- Pantomime

## Standards:

- **Playmaking** – (Planning) The student will plan and improvise plays based on personal experience and heritage, imagination, literature, and history for informal and formal theater.
- **Acting** – (Playing) A student will cooperate, imagine and assume roles, explore personal preferences and meanings, and interact in classroom dramatizations.
- **Understanding Art Forms** – The student will compare, connect, and incorporate art forms by describing and analyzing methods of presentation and audience response for theater and dramatic media, including, film, television, electronic media, and other art forms.

## Drama Content Objectives

- I can create different characters for a plot.
- I can pretend to be a character and talk to others (improvise).
- I can create dialogue.
- I can create tension in a drama through conflicts between characters.

## Vocabulary students should use

- **Character**: person, animal, or object in a story
- **Dialogue**: when characters talk with each other.
- **Setting**: the place the story happens.
- **Events**: what happens in a story.
- **Plot structure**: sequence of events leading to a climax and resolution
- **5 W’s**: who, what, when, where, and why.
- **Pantomime**: the telling of a story without words, by means of bodily movements, gestures, and facial expressions.
- **Tension**: the atmosphere created by unresolved inharmonious situations.
- **Mood**: the feel of a piece
- **Conflict**: tension between two or more characters or between action and ideas.

## Lessons (Activities)

- **Telling Stories through Improvisation** 7 lessons
- **Process Drama Friends Unit**
- Have the students consider the following questions: Who are the characters? What do they want? What makes the situation urgent? How does it get resolve? Now improvise this original scene. Repeat and refine.

## Drama/ Common Core Language Objectives

- Listen to a story about the pioneers. Dialogue a scene with at least two characters and show how conflicts can be resolved.
- Teacher-guided playwriting. Create scenes, reader’s theater, narrative mimes, etc. where characters try to resolve conflicts.
- Read a familiar story. Create an alternative ending to the story.

## Additional Resources

- Drama Lesson Plans - BYU
- Elementary Arts Core Guidebook
- 10 Minute Transition for Developing Life Skills
- Drama DVDs & Books available for check out
- Theatre Power Points
- Reader’s Theater—Ms. Gurian’s Glass

## Assessment Options:

The student uses the elements of drama to effectively communicate ideas. Make individual copies of the Spiral Learning Map. Have students color in content objectives on their personal Learning Map. [Grades 3-6 Student Learning Map Drama](#)
## Unit of Study
### Elements of Drama - Acting

### 4th Grade
### Quarter 2
### DRAMA 2013

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| The student can explore various situations through participating in role-plays | • Mental skills: sensory recall, visualization  
• Voice skills: expressive voice  
• Body skills: body awareness, expressive movement  
• Ensemble skills: caretaking |

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### Drama Content Objectives

I can play theatre games, activities, or process drama techniques to experience and identify:
- Sensory recall and visualization
- Pitch, tempo and rhythm in expressive voice.
- Expressive movements.
- Emotional interaction and exchange with others.

I can act out a scene with conflict that shows tension.

### Vocabulary students should use

- **Sensory recall**: the ability to remember and almost feel again a particular sensory experience.
- **Visualization**: the formation of a mental image or picture.
- **Expressive voice**: using voice qualities of pitch, tempo, and rhythm to enhance sensory experience.
- **Expressive movement**: using qualities of movement to enhance sensory experience.
- **Tension**: the atmosphere created by unresolved inharmonious situations.
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- **Conflict**: tension between two or more characters or between action and ideas.

### Lessons (Activities)

- **Telling Stories through Improvisation** 7 lessons
- **Process Drama Friends Unit**
- **UEN Lesson plans**
- Have students create the illusion of jogging in slow motion. Have them imagine what different changes in condition would do to their body; e.g., heavy weights on their feet, then arms, then waist. Suddenly all weight is gone, and they hardly weigh more than a feather. They float up into the air. Finally, they create the illusion of floating slowly down to earth again. Describe the illusions created.
- **Creative Drama and Improvisation**

### Drama / Common Core Language Objectives

Use cultural tales with choral readings, reader’s theatre, narrative mimes, etc. to apply and practice
- Sensory recall and visualization
- Pitch, tempo and rhythm in expressive voice.
- Expressive movements.
- Emotional interaction and exchange with others.

### Additional Resources

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| I can pretend to be a character in a story using costumes, props, and light. | **Costumes:** clothing worn in a drama to depict character  
**Props:** A portable object other than furniture or costumes used on the set of a play or movie.  
**Mood:** the feel of a piece  
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• **Lesson Plans** There are many lesson plans available on this site.  
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<td>Create a drama based on a short story or poem. Use simple costumes, props, and light to enhance the drama.</td>
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**Key Concepts:**
- The student uses costumes, props, light and color to enhance a dramatization.

**Skills:**
- Use Costume to develop characters in my role plays
- Use props to emphasize meaning and significance.
- Use light and color to create mood.

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## Key Concepts:
The student practices good audience behavior when attending live theater or performances.

## Skills:
- Identify good audience behaviors.

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<td><strong>Audience:</strong> the act and behaviors of watching others or self in a live or recorded performance.</td>
<td><strong>Assembly or live performance:</strong> Students need to understand that audience etiquette requires specific behaviors. Before attending a performance, discuss and make a list with the students of good behaviors to exhibit when attending a performance; e.g., prompt-ness, good listening and watching, appropriate laughter and applause, inappropriate noise control, limited coming and going, and most always no food or drink. Have students role-play the effects of bad behavior on the actors and other audience members.</td>
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<td><strong>Critique:</strong> A critical review or commentary, especially one dealing with works of art or literature. A critical discussion of a specified topic.</td>
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## Drama / Common Core Language Objectives

- Watch a live performance.
- Write a critique of the performance. Share compositions orally.

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