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Date: _____ Per. _____

Theater History Informative Speech (THIS) Progress Guide

- Select one playwright from the list below.
- Do some research and discover some facts, activities, and major works of this person. You can use books as well as the internet. Introductions to plays, biographies, biographical dictionaries, encyclopedia, theater histories, Who Was Who, and The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature are your best sources, although Best Plays of the Year may also be a good source. **Use at least three sources. A “works cited” page is required.**
- Be smart: This is NOT a long-term assignment. If you don't find anything useful on your topic the first day, see me for another topic.
- You will **tell** the class about the artist in a brief oral report (3-5 minutes-- just the highlights) on _____ (50 points, including a **visual aid**).
- Hand in** your “works cited” (10 pts), notes and outline (10 pts), and this paper (5 pts).
- We want to know **who** or what, **where** they come from, where they were **trained**, **what** they did/do, where and when, **3 or 4 major works**, major awards (Tony, Oscar, Pulitzer), etc.
- Take notes on your classmate's speech so you can prepare for the open note theatre history test.

Playwrights & Composers:

Aeschylus	Lorraine Hansberry	Edmund Rostand
Edward Albee	David Hare	William Saroyan
Aristophanes	Lillian Hellman	Jean Paul Sartre
Jon Robin Baitz	Beth Henley	Stephen Schwartz
Amiri Baraka (LeRoi Jones)	David Henry Hwang	Peter Shaffer
James Barrie	Henrik Ibsen	William Shakespeare
Samuel Beckett	Eugene Ionesco	George Bernard Shaw
Bertolt Brecht	George S. Kaufman	Sam Shepard
Ed Bullins	Wendy Kesselman	Neil Simon
Miguel Cervantes	Arthur Kopit	Sophocles
Mary Chase	Neil LaBute	Stephen Sondheim
Anton Chekhov	David Mamet	Aaron Sorkin
Alice Childress	Donald Margulies	Tom Stoppard
Noel Coward	Arthur Miller	August Strindberg
Christopher Durang	Moliere	Wendy Wasserstein
Euripides	Marsha Norman	Andrew Lloyd Webber
Athol Fugard	Sean O'Casey	Oscar Wilde
Charles Fuller	Clifford Odets	Thornton Wilder
William Gibson	Eugene O'Neill	Tennessee Williams
Rebecca Gilman	Tyler Perry	August Wilson
John Guare	Harold Pinter	Lanford Wilson
A. R. Gurney	Luigi Pirandello	Or make a suggestion...

- Your speech must have a thesis, and be organized into five parts (Content is worth 20 points):

(All time suggestions are approximate. I won't use a stop watch)

Introduction (30 seconds)

- gain attention
- preview information (main points #1, 2, 3)
- state main idea

Main point #1 (1 minute)

- support thesis
- use evidence

Main point #2 (1 minute)

- support thesis
- use evidence

Main point #3 (1 minute)

- support thesis
- use evidence

Conclusion (30 seconds)

- review information (main points #1, 2, 3)
- restate main idea (reworded)
- provide a sense of completion

- PRACTICE your speech so that you can deliver it well (worth 10 points)

- Create and use a visual aid to help you make your point (worth 20 points)

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Theatre History Informative Speech (THIS) Grade Sheet

Playwright: _____

Presentation Date: _____

Content

introduction (does the 4 tasks well) 5 4 3 2 1 0
a) gain attention b) establish credibility
c) state thesis d) preview the information

covers required information 5 4 3 2 1 0

well organized 5 4 3 2 1 0

conclusion 5 4 3 2 1 0
a) wrap up b) restate thesis c) review information

Delivery

volume and enunciation 5 4 3 2 1 0

appropriate pace and interesting 5 4 3 2 1 0

Visual Support (poster, hand out-you make the copies-, or PowerPoint or Word file ok; you must provide electronic copy at least one day before the presentation if you want to project it)

supports thesis well 10 9 8 7 6 5 0

well-prepared & well thought out 10 9 8 7 6 5 0

presentation subtotal _____/50

Papers to hand in

Works cited page (follows MLA format; check with your English teacher for details) _____/10

Notes, outline, evidence of research, etc _____/10

THIS gradesheet and THIS Assignment Guide _____/5

written subtotal _____/25

THIS project total _____/75