

ADP 4M Playwriting Play Reading Independent Study Assignment

INSTRUCTIONS

Choose any of the one-act plays you have read as part of this course and, through a close reading of the script, answer the following questions. Your final report should be no less than four pages in length including charts or graphic organizers.

SETTING

1. Where and when is the play set?
2. What is its prevailing mood?

PLOT

1. Outline the basic storyline using a graphic organizer of your choice.
2. Describe the major conflicts.

THEME

1. Outline and discuss the playwright's theme.
2. How do the following elements help to illustrate the theme of the play: setting (including mood), plot, style, characterization (including dialogue), conflict, and stage directions.

SYMBOL

1. Make a list of the predominant symbols in the play and prioritize your list in terms of the significance of the symbols.
2. What concepts/ideas are represented by these concrete objects?
3. How do they help us understand theme and/or character?

CHARACTERIZATION

1. To what extent are the characters believable in the context of the style and plot? What is their role in the plot and in relation to the other characters?
2. Describe the feelings they arouse in the reader/spectator. Are their actions in keeping with their motives?
3. What are the intentions, objectives, and goals of at least two of the main characters?
4. What are the psychological, sociological and physiological influences on the main characters? (Note: you may wish to present this material in chart form.)

STAGE DIRECTIONS

1. How extensive are the stage directions? How detailed are they? Why do you suppose this is?
2. How are the stage directions in keeping with the style and themes of the play?

NOTE:

Be sure to include an INTRODUCTION and a CONCLUSION for your report. Talk to the teacher about alternative ways of presenting this material. Present your work in draft form for progress checks.