**Summer work for A Level drama and theatre:**

**The One Act Play**

Your work in preparation for September will be to write a short (one act) play. When we start our course, we will read each other’s work and base some of our initial practical work on scenes / extracts from the plays. Don’t be in a rush to start typing though as you need to do a considerable amount of research and preparation before you begin- just as writers would do in the industry.

Basic instructions first:

1. Your play will be between 6 and 10 sides of A4
2. It must be correctly set out with appropriate stage directions
3. In can be sub-divided into scenes or episodes
4. It **must** be written in one of the suggested styles on the resource sheet
5. It is **your** play, it is not to be written in collaboration with anyone else.

Process

* Select a performance style for your play- using the resource sheet. *You will need to do a lot more research on your chosen style- start with the suggestion in red*. If you contact me, I can suggest some plays to look at that have been written in your chosen style.
* Do any necessary historical / factual research
* Write the play! How you go about this is up to you- some people write chronologically, some start with the ending…
* Get someone else who is doing drama next year to read your play and give you some critical feedback. If this isn’t possible, a member of your family could do this
* Re-draft and improve
* Email the play to both me and Miss Sinclair

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**One of the most useful things you could do is to keep a diary of all the research and exploration you have done in creating your play- this will be incredibly useful- just as important as the play itself.**