

Notes on Drama Power Point

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Drama - a story that is meant to be performed

- Comes from the Greek Word, "dran"
- Means "to do" or "to act"
- The Doing/Acting Makes drama

Elements of Drama

- Playwright - the author of a play
- Script - the written story available for everyone involved in performing
- Actors/cast - the people who perform
- Acts - the units of action
- Scenes - parts of the acts
- Characterization - playwright's technique for making believable characters

Dramatic Speech

- dialogue - conversation between or among characters
- monologue - long speech by one single character (private thoughts)

Stage Directions - notes in a script that describe how it should be performed (not spoken aloud when read)

- Often found in brackets [] or *italics*
- Describe scenery, props and how characters act, speak, and/or move

Theater : where a play takes place

Set : construction on the stage that shows time/place

- Could be called scenery

Props : Small movable items that the actors use to make actions
look real

Narrator : A speaker who helps to tell the story (usually not a character)

- Normally used to give an introduction to the act
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