

YEAR 8 KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER - AUTUMN 1

SHAKESPEARE

KEY TERMINOLOGY

1	Roleplay			Acting, portraying a character, being somebody other than yourself. Playing a role.
2	Character			The part that you are playing. This can also be referred to as role.
3	Still Image			This is a frozen picture which communicates meaning. It's sometimes called a freeze frame. It can provide a snapshot of a moment with a clear focus upon use of levels, body language and facial expression.
4	Soundscape			Creating a 'picture' with sound. An effective soundscape should have foreground, middle ground and background sounds.
5	Narration			Adding a spoken commentary for the audience about the action onstage. A narrator is like a storyteller informing the audience about the plot, characters and events.
6	Whoosh			A practical exercise allowing you to explore a story, theme or play by acting out the key moments.
7	Blocking			Rehearsing a scene and developing the actors' movements and where they stand in relation to one another. This can be for dramatic effect and/or simply to ensure the audience can see them clearly.
8	Context			Why a play it was written and what was happening at the time which may have influenced the playwright's choices.
9	Proxemics			How near or far you are from other actors which can reflect your character's relationships with the other characters.
10	Levels			How high or low you are which can show your status in the scene, how powerful you are.

LANGUAGE OF THE ROLE

VOCAL SKILLS

Accent, pitch, pace, volume, emphasis, pause, tone.

PHYSICAL SKILLS

Body language, posture, movement, proxemics, levels, touch, facial expression, eye contact, gesture, gait.

EXTEND YOUR LEARNING

There is a wealth of information available online about Shakespeare. These are some of my favourites. When you have time, check some of them out. Why not try and find your own favourite website about Shakespeare.

[All about Shakespeare](#)

A fantastic resource which gives you lots of information about Shakespeare's life.

[Shakespeare in a Nutshell](#)

A short, fun, fact-packed video about Shakespeare's life and times.

[How to Rap Shakespeare](#)

Hip hop with Big Will. Lori-Ann shows you how to rap Shakespeare. Give it a go!

WHERE WERE SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS PERFORMED?

