THEATRE HISTORY PROJECT

You will be researching and creating a short oral presentation, accompanied by a PowerPoint slide show, or other media of your choice, about a period in theatre history.

Project components:
1. Short oral presentation
2. Related slide show (or other media)
3. Hard-copy text of your oral presentation along with a Works Cited list

Each group will be assigned one of the following topics:

1) GREEK THEATRE
2) ROMAN THEATRE
3) CHINESE THEATRE
4) JAPANESE THEATRE
5) MEDIEVAL THEATRE
6) ELIZABETHAN THEATRE
7) MODERN THEATRE (1880-1945)
8) CONTEMPORARY THEATRE (2000’s)

Project Requirements:

A short oral and visual (PowerPoint) presentation which addresses the 5 W’s:

1. What?
   a. Clarify the time period in theatre history you are researching.
   b. What are the major characteristics of this time period?
   c. What kind of literature, playwright, performer, music, costumes, set, props or sound effects were used?
2. Where?
   a. Where were performances primarily held?
3. When?
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4. Who?
   b. Who watched? Describe the type of audience.
   c. Who wrote the material? Playwrights?
d. Who directed the work?

e. Who handled the technical aspects? Designers? Technicians?

f. Who are some of the most famous people associated both directly and indirectly with this period of theatre history?

5. Why?
   a. Why did theatre evolve during this time?
   b. Why were these performances created?
   c. Why were certain actors/costumes/scenery used?
   d. Why did theatre stop after this time period was over, or start at the beginning of this time period?

6. How?
   a. How did this era evolve?
   b. How did any performance work evolve?

*SUGGESTIONS FOR CREATING A LIVELY ORAL PRESENTATIONS:
   *Play appropriate background music
   *Find a short video clip discussing or demonstrating something related to your time period.
   *Come dressed in an appropriate costume

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*NOTE: ANY EVIDENCE OF PLAGIARISM WILL EARN YOU A “0” FOR THIS PROJECT.*