

# Unit 1 Creating Acting Skills: Acting Techniques and Characterization

Content Area: **Music**  
Course(s): **Musical Theatre 1**  
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## **Enduring Understandings**

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Acting skills are an essential skill for stage performance

Characters are developed in the moment of the scene

Acting exercises help perfect scene performance

Building a scene using acting techniques and characterization will expand the actor's confidence

## **Essential Questions**

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How will acting skills help scene development?

How are characters developed?

What is method acting?

How are acting techniques used in scenes?

How do I create a character?

## **Content**

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Vocabulary:

Role scoring

Character

Scene

Vocabulary:

theatre game

improvisation

scene scripting

## **Skills**

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Perform acting exercises and small scenes

Create characters using role scoring

Students will develop characters from short scenes of a play or musical

Students will participate in various acting exercises to improve their acting ability in scenes

## **Resources**

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## **Standards**

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**1.1 The Creative Process**

C. Theatre

1.1.12.C.2 Formulate a process of script analysis to identify how the physical, emotional, and social dimensions of a character are communicated through the application of acting techniques.

**1.3 Performance**

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