| ***Intro to Theatre******Unit 2: Public Speaking******Timeline: 3 Weeks*** |
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| **Targeted Standards** (Write the overall NJSLS standards that are most applicable to this unit.).**Performing**Anchor Standard 4: Select, analyze, and interpret work for presentation.Anchor Standard 5: Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.**Responding**Anchor Standard 9: Apply Criteria to evaluate artistic work. |
| **Rationale and Transfer Goals** : *This section addresses how students will use what they learned for some useful accomplishment.* *Use a short narrative form to explain what students are learning and learning to do in this unit as a whole experience. Transfer of knowledge should 1) be based on mastery, not just rote knowledge; 2) be connected to real world contexts and/or study of other subjects (How will this help me in life, K-12 school, college, or career?); and 3) offer opportunities to develop 21st century skills and habits of mind. You may wish to include overarching questions or beliefs that guide the whole year’s work, such as “We are learning to read and write with thought and purpose.”*This unit is a natural progression from the ensemble building unit. Students start by presenting their partner and having a first stand-up and talk in front of a group presentation.. We then take that and have them read a children’s book to the class by themselves. Using the children’s book students start to find their acting voice by focusing on volume, diction, and posture while reading. Students then build upon those skills by developing a character voice to emote.  |
| **Enduring Understandings:** What are the most essential conclusions that students should be guided towards throughout this unit?Theatre artists make strong choices to effectively convey meaning.Theatre artist develop personal processes and skills for a performance or designTheatre artists apply criteria to investigate, explore, and assess drama and theatre work. |
| **Essential Questions**: What are the questions that will guide critical thinking about the content of this unit? Essential questions should, in part, be thought-starters toward the enduring understandings.Why are strong choices essential to interpreting a drama or theatre piece?What can I do to fully prepare a performance or technical design?How are theatre artist’s processes and the audiences perspectives impacted by analysis and synthesis? |
| **Content/Objectives** | **Instructional Actions** |
| **Content*****What students will know*** | **Skills*****What students will be able to do*** | **Activities/Strategies*****How we teach content and skills*** | **Evidence (Assessments)*****How we know students have learned*** |
| Students will find their public speaking voices.Students will learn how to speak in front of a group.Students will understand the difference between communication to peers and in front of a group.Students will earn how to characterize their voices.Students will learn about volume, pitch, annonciation, and diction.Students will know how to identify and critique good and bad public speaking practices. | Students will be able to speak in front of a group.Students will be able to differentiate speaking one on one to a peer and to a group.Students will know what is acceptable volume, pitch, annunciation and diction when speaking to a group.Students will understand how to characterize their voices when needed. Students will be able to identify and critique each other on good public speaking etiquette. | Partner interviewsPartner presentationsChildren’s book reading Children’s book presentations | Observation of student work with a partner.Performance Student critiques |
| **Spiraling for Mastery** **Where does this unit spiral back to other units from this or previous years** **in order to ensure that students retain mastery of what they’ve learned?** |
| **Content or Skill for this Unit** | **Spiral Focus from Previous Unit** | **Instructional Activity** |
| Identifying and Using proper public speaking techniques | Using the introductions and how to work together as a group, students will support each other as they find their voice for performance and presentation. | Partner PresentationsChildren’s book selection and analysisChildren’s book performance. Critiques |
| **Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills:**  9.4.5.GCA.1: Analyze how culture shapes individual and community perspectives and pov9.4.8.GCA.1: Model how to navigate cultural differences with sensitivity and respect  9.4.8.TL.3: Select appropriate tools to organize and present information digitally.  9.4.12.CI.1: Demonstrate the ability to reflect, analyze, and use creative skills and ideas9.3.12.AR.3 Analyze the lifestyle implications and physical demands required in the arts, audio/visual technology and communications workplace. 9.4.12.CI.3: Investigate new challenges and opportunities for personal growth, advancement, and transition (e.g., 2.1.12.PGD.1).  |
| **Key resources:** Classroom library of children's story books.Theatre: Art in Action, National Textbook Company/Contemporary Publishing Group, Inc. 1999 |
| **Interdisciplinary Connections:**ELA: NJSLSA.R2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideasPhysical Education: 2.2.12.MSC.3: Design, lead and critique rhythmic and physical activity that includes variations in time, space, force, flow, and relationships Social Studies: 6.1.12.HistoryCC.3.a: Evaluate the role of religion, music, literature, and media in shaping contemporary American culture over different time periods.6.1.12.HistoryCA.14.c: Determine the influence of multicultural beliefs, products (i.e., art, food, music, and literature), and practices in shaping contemporary American culture. |
| **Intersections of History:** important public speakers/events; “I have a dream” speech, State of the Union, and PSAs.**Black:** Audra McDonald, James Monroe Iglehart, Viola Davis, Phylicia Rashad, Ben Vereen, Renée Elise Goldsberry, Leslie Odom Jr., Brian Stokes Mitchell, James Earl Jones, Courtney B. Vance, Patina Miller, Juanita Hall, etc.**Hispanic:** Lin Manuel-Miranda, Lindsay Mendez, Rita Moreno, Sara Ramirez, Karen Olivo, Priscila Lopez and Chita Rivera**Women:** Patti LuPone, Kristin Chenoweth, Bernadette Peters, Idina Menzel, Sutton Foster, Kelli O'Hara, Angela Lansbury, Lea Salonga\*, Liza Minnelli, Julie Andrews, Laura Osnes, Elaine Stritch, Phillipa Soo, Jessie Mueller, Ethel Merman, Sierra Boggess, Betty Buckley, Christine Ebersole, Carol Channing. \* - AAPI**LGBTQ:**  Billy Porter, Wilson Cruz, Alan Cumming, Harvey Fierstein, Cheyenne Jackson, Jonathan Groff, Joel Grey, Barry Manilow |
| **Important Vocabulary:** Annunciation, Diction, Pitch, Emote, Volume, Clarity, Posture, Eye Contact, Voice, Dialogue, Characterization, Critique.  |