Suggested Answers for Teachers

Scene 4: Three ways of creating a story for Object Theatre

1. Before watching

This scene is all about creating the plot (action) and the characters of a story.

- How do you think you can create the plot and characters for an Object Theatre story?

Students' own answers.

2. While watching

- According to Scott, what types of story can you use to create an Object Theatre performance?

  Three ways are suggested. You can use a pre-existing script, you can make your own script by adapting a story, or you can write a story of your own.

- What extra tip does Scott give for creating an Object Theatre story?

  He suggests creating a story that revolves around one central character. It is difficult to change continually between main characters in the story. It is difficult because the main character will normally be created by three puppeteers. To have more main characters would require many more puppeteers.

3. After watching

- Discuss with your group and your teacher what you would like to use to create your Object Theatre performance.

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Object Theatre Story 1: Understanding the layout of a script

1. *(a) Encourage your students to spot the following conventions of a script. Examples of items that students can circle:*

characters	*(presented at the beginning of the script)*
scene number	*(at the beginning of each scene)*
stage directions on separate lines	*(used to introduce entrances and setting)*
stage directions in brackets included in lines of dialogue	*(used to give extra information about a character's emotion)*
character names	*(written on the left-hand side followed by a colon)*
dialogue	*(follows character name and written without speech marks)*

1. (b) Teach your students the correct vocabulary as needed afterwards using the suggestions above.

For the following student worksheets for Scene 4, the answers will depend on the story chosen and the students' own answers:

Suggested Answers for Teachers Scene 4, Object Theatre Story 2: Create a script based on a story.

Suggested Answers for Teachers Scene 4, Object Theatre Story 3: Adapting an existing story to make it more relevant

Suggested Answers for Teachers Scene 4, Object Theatre Story 4: Create a devised piece with your own ideas