

Introduction to Theatre: Research Project (100 points)

DRAM 1310

- 50 POINT OUTLINE
- 15 POINT WORKS CITED PAGE
- 35 POINT PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH

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#### Outline 50 points:

I will be looking for both depth and breadth in your outline and presentation. You will want to include such items as:

- BRIEF Biography: Who are they? Give some background information about the person. What was/is going on in the world in which the person lives and works? What is the person to? Against? Commenting on?
- Major works: What have they done? What are the unique characteristics that define their work?
- Working process and philosophy
- Importance to the world of theatre: Why is this person important to the world?
- Be sure to cover WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY!

#### More details on outline:

- Length: at least 2 full pages, typed, single-spaced and spell checked—be sure to use excellent structure to support the integrity of the content.
- Be sure to include *specific details* from your research in your outline and use parenthetical documentation to give credit to your sources.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE: It is *crucial* that you use parenthetical documentation throughout your outline, to give credit to the sources you utilized and learned from (whether you are using a direct quote as well as if you are paraphrasing an idea that you have read). Please see *MLA Handbook* for how to use Parenthetical Documentation throughout. Failure to do so will be considered plagiarism and you will receive a 0 on your outline and be reported to the Dean of Students for scholastic dishonesty and disciplinary action.**
- You can use other kinds of structures, like bullets, just be sure to be consistent.

## Works Cited Page 15 points:

Please use *five legitimate scholarly sources* for your project.

- You are required to use ALL scholarly sources. Books, scholarly articles, interviews (TV interviews may be used depending on your aspect of this project).
- When in doubt, find book sources FIRST (these may come in the form of eBooks).
- If you are looking for articles on the Internet, carefully consider which ones are *valid, scholarly sources*.
- **Spark Notes, IMDB, Brainy Quotes (any kind of quotes pages) and Wikipedia CANNOT BE used as sources. Look for legitimate sources.**
- Be sure to use the databases in the library on Cougar Web. JStor, Gale, Drama for Students and other databases are free to you and you can access them from your computer. Go to the “Library” tab in Cougar Web!
- MLA Handbook form *required*. Pay especially close attention to citing Internet sources. This is often the most challenging source to cite. The databases in the Collin Library on Cougar Web will also give you the correct citation for the articles you are using. Another great reason to check them out!

## PowerPoint Presentation 35 points:

- Using the information from your research, create a PowerPoint presentation of 15-20 slides for the class. You will upload this to the Discussion Forum for the class to view.
- Slides should address all 4 major content areas of your outline.
- Slides should be primarily visual and express your creativity.
- Slides should be organized (introduction, body and conclusion).
- Adding voice over commentary is strongly encouraged!