

Year 7 Drama – Superheroes Knowledge Organiser



Background Information

A superhero or superheroine is a stock character that possesses abilities beyond those of ordinary people, who typically uses his or her powers to help the world become a better place, or is dedicated to protecting the public, and stopping evil. Superhero fiction is the genre of fiction that is centered on such characters, specially in American comic books since the 1930s (and later Hollywood films), as well as in Japanese media (including kamishibai, tokusatsu, manga, anime and video games) since the 1930s.

What tasks will I be completing?

- Creating your own superhero
- Creating your own theme tune
- Using your superhero in a scene with other characters
- Learning how to use narration, freeze-frames and thought tracking to give the audience information about your characters.

Key terms and Skills	
Devising	Creating your own drama based on a stimulus (in this case that is superheroes.) Instead of using a script, you create and write your own scenes.
Character Creation	Developing your own character, considering their personal information, back story and physicality.
Narration	Where a character(s) speaks directly to the audience to tell them what is happening.
Freeze-Frames	Creating a still image, thinking about facial expression and gestures that the audience can focus on.
Thought Tracking	When a character talks directly to the audience to talk about how they are feeling (often combined with a freeze frame).
Advert/Trailer	A notice/announcement promoting a product, tv show or film.
Theme Tunes	A recognisable short piece of music that is associated with a certain program, character or game.
Tension & Suspense	Creating a section of your piece that makes the audience unsure of what will happen next.

Key Characters from the world of



Vocal Skills

- Monologues
- Projection
- Tone/Pitch
- Pace & Pause
- Thought Tracking

Physical Skills

- Freeze-frames
- Gesture
- Facial Expressions
- Body Language