

GUIDE TO WATCHING A PLAY

Consider the following points when watching the production. This can form the basis of a review of the play.

1. What is the story ?
2. What are the main themes/ideas of the play ?
3. Note and describe what you think were the key moments in the play.
4. What is the message ?
5. What type of play is it ?
6. What period is it set in ? Which culture ? How do you know ?
7. Describe the use of symbolism. How effective was this ?
8. Who do you find are the most interesting and powerful characters ? Why ?
9. Describe ways actors achieved the characterisation paying attention to vocal and physical.
10. What is the mood of the play ? How was this created ?
11. Describe the scenery. What do you think was the designer's intention ?
12. What sort of lighting / sound effects were used ? How effective were they ? Analyse one scene/moment in particular.
13. What did you think of the use of music ? Describe it.
14. Describe the overall design (costume, props, lighting, set) of the production.
15. Which part did you enjoy the most ? Why?
16. Which part did you enjoy the least ? Why?
17. Describe the choreography. How did it fit into the play.
18. If you were presenting the play what would you change or direct differently.
19. How did you feel about the production in general ?