



Theatre Virtual Learning

Acting 1 & 2
Stage Composition

Date: April 23, 2020



Lesson: April 23, 2020

Objective/Learning Target:

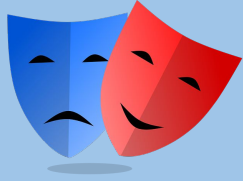
Students will use stage composition to recreate a story based off a famous painting.

Stage Composition



Let's Get Started / Warm Up Activities:

Watch the video of a dance routine from So You Think You Can Dance. How does the body movement, positions, and physical movement tell a story? What is the story in your opinion?



Lesson/Activity:

Today, you will use what you learned about stage composition to tell the story from beginning, middle, to end of a famous work of art. As you look at the work of art, think of the elements of stage composition and how they are used in the paintings/photographs to tell a story. As a reminder, here are the elements:

Body Positions

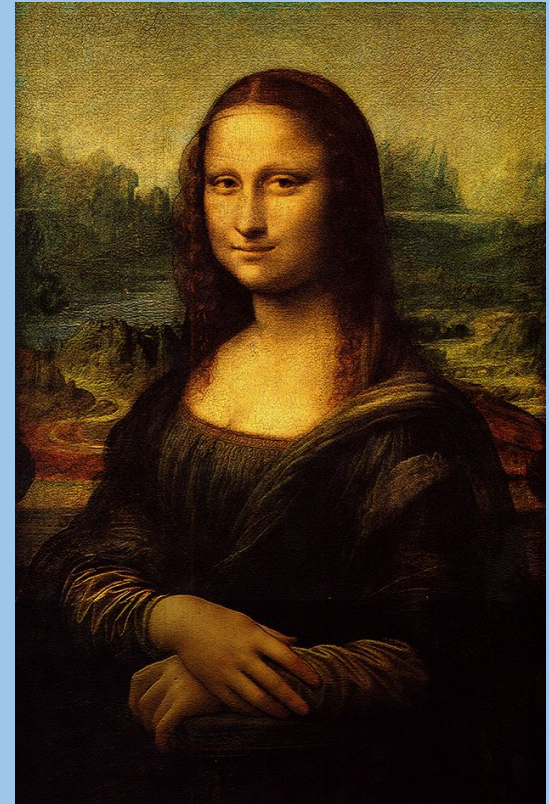
Vertical Level

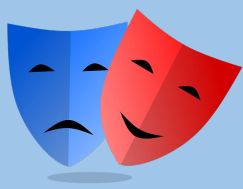
Planes

Horizontal Location

Focus

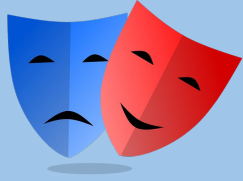
Contrast





Practice:

1. Choose a famous painting or photograph that has interesting stage composition that inspires you.
2. Brainstorm about the story of this work of art.
3. Now, you will choose five moments/events to tell the story you brainstormed:
 - Moment before the picture
 - The actual moment (actual picture)
 - The moment after the picture
 - Additional Moment
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4. Organize the moments you chose to tell the story. For example, the moment before the picture could be the first moment or the second moment, but it could not go before the moment of the picture!
5. Once you have your moments organized, draw out a storyboard with five panels, each panel depicting one of your moments! Think about stage composition as you are drawing them out.

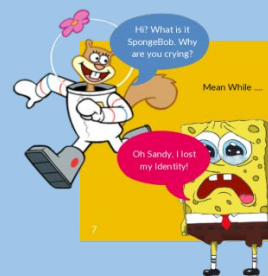
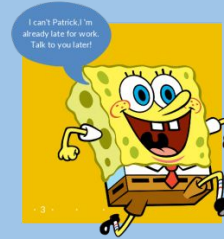
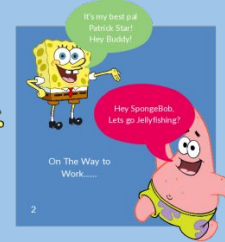


Example storyboards:

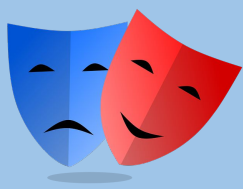
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Storyboard template

Planning the filming of the promotional film



THE END



Bonus:

Recreate each
of your five
pictures and
take photos or
film them.
Share it!

