Navigating a New Theatre Education Landscape: (Online/Hybrid/In-Person) Instructional Strategies

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Resources

Sample Technology for Drama and Performance

- Zoom.com (GoToMeeting, Microsoft Teams)
 - Filters and backgrounds
 - Snap Camera
 - o Interactivity between on-camera, chat, and emoji engagements
- Padlet.com*
 - o Online virtual bulletin board
- Mentimeter.com*
 - Resource for interactive, real-time engagement via virtual/online presentations
- Jamboard.com
 - Interactive digital whiteboard; compatible with GSuite/Google Classrooms
- Acapella.com
 - Record music and choral speaking pieces and circulate privately or publicly
- Flipgrid.com
 - Students record videos, create sequences with text, filters, edits, etc.

Sample Methods for Drama and Performance

- Tableaux*
 - Frozen pictures
 - Freeze on camera, screenshot and post on shared platform
- Camera Play*
 - Move the camera to capture different angles and perspectives
 - Characterization, storytelling, multiple perspectives
- Writing in role*
 - Write from the perspective of a character
 - Share as monologues, record and present, develop into playwriting/devising performances
- Image theatre
 - Enliven images with drama techniques
 - Based on techniques pioneered by theatre artists Augusto Boal
- Simulation
 - Create roles and engage in a debate, conversation, town hall, etc.

 Use a combination of resources found in the home (costume pieces from own wardrobe; props from house; scenery from found objects) and virtual resources (filters, virtual backgrounds, sound effects, voice modulators).

Better Practices for Successful Engagements in virtual and hybrid learning environments

- Multiple ways to engage successfully
- Quicker pacing, shorter lesson segments, heightened interactivity
- Scaffolded challenges
- Physical engagement (move cameras around, go outside, explore the learning environment with senses; utilize what's available in the home/learning space)
- Embrace technology (even if it is new to you!)
- Play, joy, and humility We're all in this together!

Additional Resources

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