



# Theater



This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet.

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1. See or read three full-length plays or scripts. These can be from the stage, movies, television, or video. Write a review of each. Comment on the story, acting, and staging.

Full Length Play or Script 1	Story	
Acting		
Staging		
Other review notes		

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Full Length Play or Script 2

Story

Acting

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Other review notes

Full Length Play or Script 3

Story

Acting

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Other review notes

- 2. Write a one-act play that will take at least eight minutes to perform. The play must have a main character, conflict, and a climax.
- 3. Do THREE of the following:
  - a. Act a major part in a full-length play; or act a part in three one-act plays.
  - b. Direct a play. Cast, rehearse, and stage it. The play must be at least 10 minutes long.
  - c. Design the set for a play or a production of a circus. Make a model of it.
  - d. Design the costumes for five characters in one play set in a time before 1900.
  - e. Show skill in stage makeup. Make up yourself or a friend as an old man, a clown, an extraterrestrial, or a monster as directed.
  - f. Help with the building of scenery for one full-length play or two one-act plays.
  - g. Design the lighting for a play; or, under guidance, handle the lighting for a play.
- 4. Mime or pantomime any ONE of the following, chosen by your counselor.
  - a. You have come into a large room. It is full of pictures, furniture, other things of interest.
  - b. As you are getting on as bus, your books fall into a puddle. By the time you pick them up, the bus has driven off.
  - c. You have failed a school test. You are talking with your teacher, who does not buy your story.
  - d. You are at a camp with a new Scout. You try to help him pass a cooking test. He learns very slowly.
  - e. You are at a banquet. The meat is good. You don't like the vegetable. The dessert is ice cream.
- 5. Explain the following: proscenium arch, central or arena staging, spotlight, floodlight, flies, center stage, stage right, stage left, stage brace, stage crew, cyclorama, portal, sound board.

Proscenium arch:


Central or arena staging:


Spotlight:


Floodlight:


Flies:


Center stage:


Stage right:


Stage left:


Stage brace:


Stage crew:


Cyclorama:


Portal:


Sound board:


6. Do two short entertainment features that you could present either alone or with others for a troop meeting or campfire.

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