

THEATRE SUMMER ENRICHMENT OPTIONS

WEEK ONE:

Watch a musical this week! The Broadway musical LEGALLY BLONDE is a Broadway musical based on the movie of the same name. If you have seen the movie, it will be interesting to compare what you know of the movie versus the musical filmed live on stage.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiX-EJA8n4w&list=PL9kgdb7Eid2zvLXVIUFPJO57fXUzOglmQ>

WEEK TWO:

Watch a play this week! August Wilson is one of our great American playwrights. He wrote a series of plays about representing the experience of African-Americans during each decade of the 20th century in the United States. In “The Piano Lesson”, the Charles family struggles to decide what to do with a hand-carved piano that has been in their family for many years. Boy Willie wants to sell the piano to buy the farmland where his ancestors toiled as slaves, while his sister insists on keeping the piano which has carvings of the members of their family on it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E8dUHxdeowE>

WEEK THREE:

Don't skip the commercials! This week while watching television, pay special attention to the commercials. For those commercials using actors (as opposed to those using, say, a real doctor to talk about something medical), watch each commercial and try to figure out what it was about the lead actor that made the commercial company hire that person to sell their product. What does the choice of actor say about the product? Here are a few commercials to get you started:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Hfz8tkdAXw>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6_eWWfNB54

<https://www.ispot.tv/ad/IR5K/2019-subaru-forester-call-of-the-road-t1>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rmPRHJd3uHI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-WbGh6UjCM>

WEEK FOUR:

Last week you watched some commercials to see how different actors are used to sell a variety of products. This week you should try your own commercial! First, read the following short article about different types of commercials.

<https://www.filmcreations.com/types-of-tv-commercials/>

Next, choose a product around your house. Write a 30 second commercial for that product. If you want to go further, take a video of you or members of your family acting out your commercial. As always, please make all content appropriate for school.

Finally, learn about commercial acting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-qgMCK7YAU>.

WEEK FIVE:

The tech is vital! Take a look at this time lapse video of the crew putting together the tech aspects of a production of Legally Blonde. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AnBZIRcuj3U>

If you want to know about jobs in technical theatre, check out this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nX4x0QPLRdI>

WEEK SIX:

The making of a great Broadway musical! Before he created HAMILTON, Lin Manuel-Miranda wrote and starred in “In The Heights”, a Broadway musical about a barrio known as Washington Heights in NYC. Combining traditional Broadway style music with rap and hip-hop, “In The Heights” changed the way we viewed Broadway shows. These 6 ten-minute videos tell the story of bringing “In The Heights” to life on the Broadway stage.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GUgcOVFhfXM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQnEIjKyb7A>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WjqrxTkWap8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-LjpbU5Zck>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQCyl3PGTK4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1g3QXvVJTv8>

They have now made a movie out of the show. Click here to watch the trailer for the movie due out in June of 2021.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0CL-ZSuCrQ>

WEEK SEVEN:

What can high school students do? So much! Take a look at our Hamden Mainstage youtube page and watch these 7-10 minute montages of various past shows at Hamden High. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Chicago, Two Gentlemen of Verona and Blood Brothers are great starting points, but watch them all!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/hamdenmainstage>

WEEK EIGHT:

Shakespeare??? NO!!!! YES!!!! The Reduced Shakespeare Company attempts to perform ALL 37 of Shakespeare’s plays in 90 minutes. Ok. Obviously that is impossible. But this company has an absolute blast having fun trying to do just that...even doing one play BACKWARDS. It’s zany, ridiculous and lots of fun, and you will get to hear some real Shakespeare along the way.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqmfrqAVeK0>