

Independent Learning Task Year 9 – No 2

A Modern Macbeth

Overview: In this unit students will be using creative skills to place an established piece of literature into a modern setting. They will develop and design new characters and settings which are adapted to their ideas. They will also need to find an example of a theatre programme in order to produce their own version.

Resources: Internet for research. ICT for presentation. Theatre programme.

AF	Walt	Wilf	Task
R7	Understand directorial decisions	A commentary on each of three images	Find examples of the ways in which the three witches have been presented over time – write a commentary of at least three different images.
R3	Make and justify directorial decisions	An image plus commentary	Think about a modern version of Macbeth which you are going to create; design and write a commentary on your new witches
R3	Create an appropriate setting	An image plus commentary	Decide upon and design and describe a new setting for your modern Macbeth – to include a written commentary
W2	Adapt a text to a modern context	Original synopsis and new version	Find a summary of the plot of Macbeth and then adapt it to a modern setting
R4	Evaluate a piece of media	An annotated text	Find an example of a theatre programme and write a list of what is required and evaluate its front cover in terms of presentational devices
R3	Understand character	At least 4 paragraphs, justifying the choices made	Decide who you would like to play each of the main roles, saying why you have chosen them, considering the personalities of the characters
W2, W3	Use language and images for effect – understand the importance of layout	A theatre programme of at least 4 pages	Design and create a theatre programme for your Modern Macbeth using the information you have already produced in previous homeworks. You must present your work using ICT (eg Publisher)
	Evaluate work	A written evaluation	Evaluate your programme, saying which bits you found most difficult and how you would improve it for next time

Extension: Find another popular Shakespeare play (Romeo and Juliet or The Tempest) and put that into a modern setting – include this piece in your programme on a ‘Future Events’ feature.