

# Learning About Types of Plays

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Directions:

1. Read the information on styles of drama.
2. Search the Internet for definitions of all of the terms under types of plays.
3. Record the definitions on this sheet
4. Categorize each type of play by its style (example: realistic/representational) and hand in your page.

## Styles

**Realistic/Nonrealistic** – *Realism* creates the illusion of real life. Sets look like common places and characters behave like “real” people. *Non-Realistic* plays are exaggerated to the point that they are imaginative or nightmarish. Animals may talk or people may fly.

**Representational/Presentation** – *Representational* plays have the imaginary “forth wall”, and the audience is separated from the action by that invisible wall. No reference is made to the audience. *Presentation* style recognizes the audience and the characters may speak to the audience directly.

## Types of plays

### **Tragedy**

Greek Tragedy

Shakespearian Tragedy

Modern Tragedy

### Related Terms

Catharsis

Tragic Flaw

Foil

## **Comedy**

Low Comedy (Slapstick)

Farce

High Comedy/Satire

Light Comedy (Situational)

### Related Terms

Comic timing

Clowning

## **Serious or Social Drama**

## **Melodrama**

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## **Style**

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