

WEEK TWO LESSON

DRAMA AND THEATRE

Meaning of Drama

Drama is a written story acted out on a stage. In a written drama, as the story is written, the speeches and the actions of the characters are given. Drama can be written based on a true life story or a story that was made up by the writer. In other words, a drama may be based on a story about someone who actually once lived on this earth at a particular time. On another hand, It can also be based on a story that did not really happen but is a product of the writer's imagination.

Drama can also be seen as the imitation of an action. This is carried out several times by even children who try to imitate the actions of the actions around them. Drama has actually been a good way of teaching a lot of lessons to children.

There are several examples of drama such as Trials of Brother Jero and The Lion and the Jewel by Wole Soyinka, The gods are not to blame by Ola Rotimi etc.

Meaning of Theatre

Theatre is an actual performance on a stage. Theatre is broad. It involved acting a story, dancing and choreography, pantomime, and various other kinds of displays. The place where the performance takes place is also referred to as a theatre. So one can tell his friend, "Jim, may you join me to see a performance at the theatre tonight?". A theatre is usually well decorated and full of beautiful lights. A theatre is made in a way that the audience sits just opposite the stage where performances occur. In many instances, the stage is a raised platform.

Summary

Drama is a written story intended to be acted out on a stage. Theatre is an actual performance on a stage. Persons involved in a drama/theatre are playwright, producer, director, stage manager, actor/actress, designer, costumier, make-up artist etc.

Review questions

1. Define Drama
2. Define theatre