

SETS/LIGHTS:

A GUIDE TO THE

NOTEBOOK AND CONCEPT PAPER

I. TITLE PAGE

1. School Code
2. _____ Division Festival
3. Title of play and playwright (author)

CA Theatre Arts Standard
3.2 - Advanced
Students design theatre
pieces in specific theatrical
styles including classics
by such playwrights as
Shakespeare.

II. CONCEPT PAPER (1-2 pages maximum)

Please write in short, simple sentences.

A. Essential Play Information

1. Title (again)
2. Playwright (again)
3. Genre (tragedy/comedy, etc.)
4. Historical period/cultural context
5. Settings and time passage
6. Style (romantic, etc.)

B. Interpretation of Play

1. Very brief plot summary — key conflict/resolution
2. Significant roles played by key characters
3. Dominant theme or message
4. Playwright's intent — How play reflects writer's purpose

C. Designers' intent — Values of the play/playwright that the designers are committed to expressing through their designs

1. Mood, emotional tone, meanings
2. Stylistic and/or practical design goals

III. RESEARCH

The following are recommendations of things to include in this section. Include as few or as many as are appropriate for each entry.

- A. State specific design choices and explain in more detail how they help to communicate the practical needs, as well as meanings, emotions, and stylistic goals stated in the introduction.
- B. Drawings/sketches/renderings/models/plots (Explain in more detail how they support the play based on number and sequence of settings, time passage, script requirements, and authentic research)
- C. Practical choices — cost, time, materials, ease of use, ease in staging
- D. Artistic choices — color, texture, line, shape, composition, silhouette, balance, terminal accents, special effects
- E. Artistic license — unique choices based on an artistic vision (visual metaphors)
- F. Special design problems faced and how you resolved them
- G. Changes that you would make a second time and why
- H. Your greatest successes/personal rewards and why

IV. Expenses page, Verification Form and Checklist page, Receipts or proof of fair market value of items. (see E6-36)