

LESSON NOTE FOR WEEK THREE

CLASS: J.S.S 3

SUBJECT : ENGLISH STUDIES

PERIOD : (3rd term for week 3)

TOPIC: FEATURES OF DRAMA

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES: By the end of the lesson, the students should be able to:

1. Explain what drama is correctly.
2. Mention at least five features of drama.
3. Relate the features of drama to the text "Edewede" written by Julie Okoh, they are reading.
- 4 . Answer the follow up questions correctly.

EXPLANATION: Drama is one of the genres of literature. It is a story in action, performed on stage by actors/actresses who are also referred to as characters. Drama is said to be incomplete until it is acted on stage. In drama, actors play the role of characters, speak the written dialogue and perform the

actions for the audience to watch. However, there are different features of drama. They include:

1. Setting:

Like other forms of literature, drama is set at a certain place or places and at a given time . In the drama " Edewede" By Julie Okoh, the story is set at different places like: at Ordia's house, at the market square, along the bush path leading to mama nurse's place and so on. The playwright also mentioned the time of the actions.

2. There is always a plot or plots in every drama. A **Plot** is the arrangement of actions beginning from where the problem starts, to its finally, to the resolution or denouement (which is the outcome or the end result of a problem) like you will notice in "**Edewede**".

3. Drama is meant to be acted on a stage.

4. There must be actors/actresses who put actions in a

story to life. So, we know the characters by the roles they play.

Like in "**Edewede**", you will notice the roles of these characters: Ordia, Edewede, Oseme, mama nurse, etc. as you're reading the text.

5. Drama usually have a theme or themes. A **theme** is the central idea in a story. A story can have more than one theme. Like in "**Edewede**", the main theme in the story is the theme of "**dangers of Female circumcision**". There are other minor themes like "unity, braveness, love, selflessness" etc.

6. Drama entertains, informs and also educates.

7. Drama can be performed at any place (stage), theatre, or written in a book using "acts and scenes" as you will see in "**Edewede**".

8. Drama makes use of sound, lighting, furniture and other special effects to make a story entertaining. Lastly, there are other

people who help to bring actions in a story to life, such as the producer, and other people on stage.

EVALUATION: Read the drama "Edewede" by Julie Okoh and attempt these questions from BECE, 2019.

JULIE OKOH: Edewede "Oh no! My child, happiness and sorrow go hand in hand like day and night". That is the pattern of life itself".

- (i) Who is speaker A ?
- (ii) Who is being addressed?
- (iii) State two (2) negative effects of circumcision.
- (iv) In your own understanding, why should circumcision of young girls be abolished ?

2. ATTEMPT THE QUESTIONS BELOW FROM THE TEXTS YOU STUDIED IN CLASS.

BECE, 2016 questions from: UCHE NYAGU: Final Judgement

"I never had such impression, and

you have never even blabbed such to me". If I may ask, was it an accident or what"?

- i. Who made the statement?
- ii. In whose house were they?
- iii. What was the purpose of the speaker's visit?
- iv. What was the "impression"?
- v. What does "blabbed " mean?

3. BECE, 2019 OKECHUKWU

OTUKWU: travails Of The Innocent.

"Control yourself, you fool! The deed is done. You had better begin now to worry about the consequences of the discovery, so shut up!"

- i. Who made the statement?
- ii. Who is referred to as a fool?
- iii. What deed is done in the extract?
- iv. State two (2) lies told by the speaker against Doctor Philip.

4. BECE, 2019 J. U. TAGBO

NZEAKO: The Greedy Gambler.

"We have combed the bushes in the village and trekked along roads and

footpaths in search of him, but to no avail".

i. Who is the speaker?

ii. Who is being addressed?

iii. Who is referred to as "him" in the statement?

iv. State two (2) secrets revealed by the speaker about the person being searched for.

PLEASE ATTEMPT THESE QUESTIONS FOR YOUR EXAMS.

Remain safe!