Theatre Arts Critique/Performance Critique Write Up
Typed Paper Report Focus

1. **Define the basic theme topic or idea** (e.g. “This play is about [greed, romance, politics, etc.]”) If the play is a well-known classic, what new insight does this production present? If it is a new play, what, if anything makes it unique?

2. **Direction:** Look for pace, unity, and overall quality of the production; give specific examples of what you found effective.

3. **Acting:** What characters were memorable and why? Which of the characters’ performance affected you the most and why? Separate the actor from the role.

4. **Design elements:** How did staging contribute to the production?
   - **Scenery Design:** Sets and Properties
   - **Costume Designs:** How did the costumes enhance and correlate to the overall design of the show? What effect was achieved? Give 4 examples throughout the show.
   - **Make-Up Designs:** Explain how make-up specifically contributed to the overall effect of the production and what specific make-up aspects were used to create this effect.
   - **Sound Design:** how did the sound design, music, effects, and character sounds contribute to the overall production? Explain the impact that sound and fx had on the productions success. Give examples.

5. Explain how **two** of the below areas impacted the overall effectiveness of the play as it registered with the audience; explain how the two categories specifically contributed to this particular play.
   a. Acting
   b. Costumes
   c. Lighting and Sound Effects
   d. Setting or Environment
   e. Stage business (movement or spectacle)
   f. Other Significant Human Details

6. Show how these elements affected the production. Keep in mind the following questions: What did the production try to do? How well was it done? Was it worth doing? Try to stick with the impact it had on you. That is, try to articulate what made the production a success, or failure, or whatever. Don't dwell on whether you “liked” something; the big question is “why?”
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