

If you are self isolating, we expect you to complete the following work for Drama.

Week One

- Read slides 3 – 10 and complete the task on slide 12

Week Two

- Complete the tasks on slides 13 – 15

ROLE ON THE WALL only to be uploaded to Class Charts.

Extension work. Complete the worksheets entitled

‘Commedia Dell Arte’ and ‘Soundscapes and Sound Effects’

What is MELODRAMA?



‘A play full of extravagant action and
emotion’

What is Melodrama?

A play characterised by stereotypical characters, exaggerated emotions, and simple conflict.

A play marked by "good guys" vs. "bad guys".

A play which provides much action, suspense and tension but contains the conventional "happy ending."

Originally a term for musical theatre. By the nineteenth century the meaning changed to describe a suspenseful drama featuring all-good heroes and all-bad villains.

Stock Characters of Melodrama

- ‘Types’ rather than believable, well-rounded characters.
- Over the top, exaggerated characters.
- Similar to pantomime characters.



Noble Hero

Falls for the heroine.

Defeats the villain.

Brave and strong.

Cold-blooded villain

Evil without cause.

Wants to be with the heroine.

Schemes and plots.

Villain's Side-kick

Controlled by the Villain and not very bright.

Long suffering heroine

Pure and innocent.

Has had a difficult life.

Finds happiness at the end.

Comic Character

Lower class.

Tries to help the hero/heroine.

Well-meaning but not very bright.

Cruel Stepmother

Doesn't like her step daughter.

Bossy and controlling.

Schemes with the villain.

Weak Father

Not very confident.

Wants the best for his daughter.

Controlled by the Cruel Stepmother.

Write your own scene. . .

- In order to develop your understanding of Melodrama and the stock characters further, write your own short Melodrama. You could use the lines in the slide below to help you write your story!



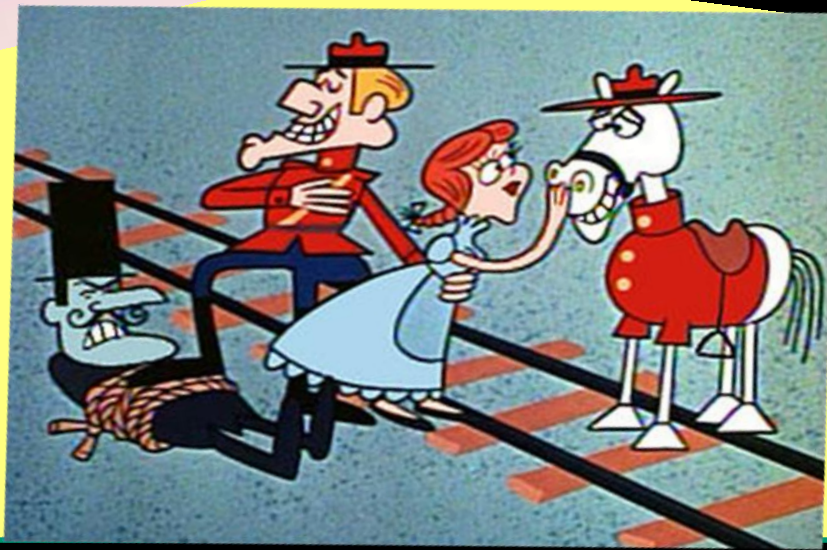
Hero: I'll save you my darling!

Heroine: I thought I would never
see you again!

Villain: My evil plan cannot fail!

Let's look at these characters more closely

- Watch the clip on the slide below and make notes on what you observe.
- Look for more examples on YouTube – see what you can find!



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Npfi0UZL2ow>

Role on the Wall

- Complete a Role on the Wall for one of the stock characters. Draw what you think the character looks like and then around the outside describe their personality and write everything you've researched about them.