



Adopting Alternative Roles Pupil Resource Card

CRITIC

Planning & preparation

- Research into critique/reviews on dance performances – the internet, newspapers, dance journals, etc.
Read examples and make notes about what makes a good review and what you want to include in your review.
- Watch (either live or a recording) and review a well known Dance Performance and then compare your work to that written by renowned critics
- Digitally record the practice sessions
- Make notes during the practice sessions
- Digitally record the performance
- Make notes during the performance
- Interview the choreographer, the dancers, the audience and your teacher

Responsibilities

You are responsible for:

- Watching the final performance and then preparing and producing a detailed review of the dance
- Ensuring that your review is an honest, unbiased critical reflection of the dance
- Ensuring your review is useful for providing feedback to the choreographer and dancers
- Ensuring your review would be useful in helping a potential spectator determine if they want to watch the performance or not





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Getting help

- Ask your teacher
- Ask your English teacher
- Read dance reviews in local and national press
- Research reviews of dance performances on the internet
- Reviews are normally compiled in three sections: Description – what I saw, Interpretation – what I think it was about, Evaluation – what was good about it and how it could be improved and why. Refer to key points in the dance that convey meaning or intention

Next steps

If you enjoy your role as a critic you could:

- Ask your teacher if you can become involved in any choreography for school productions, displays etc.
- Work with a community dance company and ask to shadow a choreographer
- Set up your own dance group and continue to choreograph dances
- Research the possibilities for taking GCSE, A Level or BTEC qualifications involving dance (See Qualifications section)
- Discuss possible careers that are linked to choreography with your careers advisor
- Research university and college courses linked to choreography

