

Year 7 Drama Knowledge Organiser – Superheroes

Background Information to Superheroes

A superhero or superheroine is a stock character that possesses abilities beyond those of ordinary people, who typically uses their powers to help the world become a better place, or is dedicated to protecting the public, and stopping evil. Superhero fiction is the genre of fiction that is centred on such characters, specially in American comic books since the 1930s (and later Hollywood films), as well as in Japanese media since the 1930s.

Performance Techniques Melodrama	A sensational dramatic piece with exaggerated characters and exciting events intended to appeal to the emotions.
Stance	The way in which someone stands
Posture	The position of a person's body when standing or sitting
Slapstick	Comedy based on deliberately clumsy actions and humorously embarrassing events
Slow motion	Moving slowly in order to highlight parts of scene to an audience



Tasks for this topic:

- Exploring the difference in body language between a superhero and their secret identify
- Using exaggerated acting skills as seen in superhero films
- Representing a transformation from a secret identity to a superhero
- Using slow motion and movement to music to created stylised and engaging work
- Using slapstick skills to entertain an audience and portray different character

