



Theatre

Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet (book). No one can add or subtract from the Boy Scout Requirements #33215. Merit Badge Workbooks and much more are below: [Online Resources](#).

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Scout's Name: _____ Unit: _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Ph #: _____

1. See or read three full-length plays or scripts. These can be from the stage, movies, television, or video. Write a review of each. Comment on the story, acting, and staging.

Full Length Play or Script 1 _____

Comment on story _____

Acting _____

Staging _____

Other review notes _____

Full Length Play or Script 2 _____

Comment on story _____

Acting _____

Staging _____

Other review notes _____

Full Length Play or Script 3 _____

Comment on story _____

Acting _____

Staging _____

Other review notes _____

2. Write a one-act play that will take at least eight minutes to perform. _____

The play must have a main character, _____

conflict, _____

and a climax. _____

3. Do THREE of the following:

a. Act a major part in a full-length play; or act a part in three one-act plays.

b. Direct a play. Cast, rehearse, and stage it. The play must be at least 10 minutes long. _____

c. Design the set for a play or a production of a circus. Make a model of it. _____

d. Design the costumes for five characters in one play set in a time before 1900.

e. Show skill in stage makeup. Make up yourself or a friend as an old man, a clown, an extraterrestrial, or a monster as directed. _____

f. Help with the building of scenery for one full-length play or two one-act plays. _____

g. *Design* the lighting for a play; or, under guidance, handle the lighting for a play. _____

4. Mime or pantomime any ONE of the following, chosen by your counselor.

a. You have come into a large room. It is full of pictures, furniture, other things of interest. _____

b. As you are getting on a bus, your books fall into a puddle. By the time you pick them up, the bus has driven off. _____

c. You have failed a school test. You are talking with your teacher, who does not buy your story. _____

d. You are at a camp with a new Scout. You try to help him pass a cooking test. He learns very slowly. _____

e. You are at a banquet. The meat is good. You don't like the vegetable. The dessert is ice cream. _____

5. Explain the following: proscenium arch, _____

central or arena staging, _____

spotlight, _____

floodlight, _____

flies, _____

center stage, _____

stage right, _____

stage left, _____

stage brace, _____

stage crew, _____

cyclorama _____

portal _____

sound board. _____

6. Do two short entertainment features that you could present either alone or with others for a troop meeting or campfire.

Online Resources *(Use any Internet resource with caution and only with your parent's or guardian's permission.)*

Boy Scouts of America: ► scouting.org ► [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) ► [Age-Appropriate Guidelines](#) ► [Safe Swim Defense](#)
► [Scout](#) ► [Tenderfoot](#) ► [Second Class](#) ► [First Class](#) 🎥 [Rank Videos](#) ► [Safety Afloat](#)

Boy Scout Merit Badge Workbooks: [BSA Troop 780](#) -or- usscouts.org -or- meritbadge.org Merit Badge Books: www.scoutstuff.org

ExpertVillage.com Lesson Videos: 🎥 [Building a Stage](#) 🎥 [Stage Basics](#) 🎥 [Stage Makeup](#) 🎥 [Puppets](#)
🎥 [Be Seen & Heard](#) 🎥 [Mime](#) 🎥 [Finish a Play](#) 🎥 [Theater Masks](#)

Amer. Assn of Community Theatre: <http://www.aact.org/index.htm> Children's Creative Theater: <http://library.thinkquest.org/5291>

Ed. Theatre Assn: <http://www.edta.org/default.html.asp> Online Shakespeare: <http://www.onlineshakespeare.com>

Masterpiece Theatre: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/>

Museum of the City of New York: <http://www.mcny.org/Collections/costume/costume.htm>

Theatre History on the Web: <http://www.videoccasions-nw.com/history/jack.html>