

ALT410: Drama in Education

Unit Description

The unit addresses concepts of the nature of play as a means to human development especially in children. It deals with the problems inherent in working with children of different age groups and backgrounds in the context of their attitude and motivation. It focuses on improvised drama as an aid to teaching; examination of various ways of developing drama programmes in educational institutions.

Unit Objectives

- ❖ To delve into ways in which Drama can be used in the development of the individual; and as a vehicle of developing self-awareness and self-expression.
- ❖ To depict Drama as a medium of education.
- ❖ To encourage the power of imagination through Drama.
- ❖ To expose students to the potential of drama as a curriculum subject and as a teaching methodology in the classroom.
- ❖ To analyse educational and dramatic qualities inherent in various African plays.
- ❖ Study of Mekatilili: The use of dance drama as a tool of empowering the people against colonialism

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