Theater History Project (CAP 9 Drama)

**Topic** (each group of no more than 3 students will research a separate time period in theatre history.

**Presentation:** Addresses the following questions thoroughly - **50 points**

- Describe the characteristics of the time period/genre (prevalent themes, forms)
- Who were the particular audiences?
- Leading performers? Playwrights?
- Describe the theaters.
- Describe the circumstances in that society which gave rise to the theater.
- How did the theater in turn influence society?
- How did the ancient theater evolve and influence contemporary theater?

**Engagement with audience - 20 points**

- You will receive a grade for content and presentation of the information.
- No reading to the audience; please engage us using eye contact, clear and audible speech and enthusiasm for the subject matter.
- Index cards are ok. Create an outline and practice with your partner.

**Performance – 40 points**

- Character physicality (including costume)
- Character objective
- Emotional subtext
- Setting
- Staging
- Focus/commitment
- Script prep
- Voice projection/clarity