

What is the Difference between DRAMA and THEATER?

Drama: Is process centered. It means, "I do. I experience."

Theater: Is product centered. It means, "I view. I watch or prepare for others to watch."

Drama: Is for communication among participants.

Theater: Is for communication between artists and an audience.

Drama: The doing is for **all growing humans**.

Theater: The doing is ultimately for the talented.

Drama: Comes from the Greek word *dran*, meaning "to do." Drama is based in a human's natural ability to play. It is a study of the art form through improvisational, process-centered activities. The work produced is not intended for an audience. Members of the class involved in the same process, who might view the work of others, are not considered an audience because of the workshop atmosphere that is developed by the leader. Drama can be used to teach theater.

Theater: Comes from the Greek word *thea*, meaning "to view." Theater is the formal study of the art form through performance-centered activities. Performance stage vocabulary is part of the instruction, as well as rules and strategies for sharing work in front of an audience. Script text and subtext study dominate over improvisational play. The study of history, criticism, theory, and technical elements are included in the studies. There is usually a culminating presentation of work in front of an audience.

**Drama is where we begin so
that theater might evolve.**

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