



# 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** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Acting** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Staging** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Other review notes** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Full Length Play or Script 2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comment on story** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Acting** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Staging** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Other review notes** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Full Length Play or Script 3** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comment on story** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Acting** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Staging** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

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

**Merit Badge Workbooks:** [usscouts.org](http://usscouts.org) -or- [meritbadge.org](http://meritbadge.org)      ► **Merit Badge Books:** [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org)

Boy Scouts of America: <http://www.scouting.org/>   ► [Requirements](#)   ► [Intro to Merit Badges](#)   ► [Guide to Safe Scouting](#)

[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](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>