

Chapter 5

Literature lesson: A drama play in the playground!

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Summary

The Philosophy and Drama teachers of the school invited our 3rd of ESO students (14-15 years old) to watch a play in the playground: "The death of Socrates". The play was prepared and acted by the students in 4th ESO. This activity was done in December 2018.

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Introduction

One of the objectives of the Language and Literature teachers is to get students interested in reading and learning about all kind of literary productions: novels, short stories, poetry and drama. Unfortunately most of our students do not usually go to see plays at the theatre, because they find them difficult to follow, or even boring. But when they were invited to watch a drama play interpreted by other students, they were very excited!

Learning objectives

- To appreciate the beauty of watching a drama play.
- To learn about the importance of philosophy.
- To respect the opinions of others.
- To respect the work done by other students.

Resources

No resources needed, other than the actors and the play itself. The audience was sitting on benches that we had taken outside.



Activity

A group of students of 4th of ESO (15-16 years old) interpreted "The death of Socrates" in the playground to an audience of 3rd of ESO students. After watching the play, we talked about the importance of philosophy in our lives, and the importance of respecting others' opinions.





Comments from the learners' surveys

Our students really enjoyed this activity, especially because they knew most of the actors in the play.

Final remarks

Although the topic was a bit difficult to follow, being about a Greek philosopher, the students understood the plot with no difficulty.