DRAMA AND THEATRE



Drama is a type of literature usually written to be performed. It is also called 'play'. In other words, drama can be defined as an art form that tells a story through the speeches and actions of the characters in the story. In drama, actors and actresses impersonate characters before an audience.

Theatre is the performance as well as the place where a performance takes place. Theatre is also an art form in which series of events usually a

written play is acted out by a group of performers who impersonate characters.

Drama and Theatre could be interchanged as they are very similar. Note that theatre could either be a place or a performance, while drama could either be a written play or a performance.

Functions of Drama

i. Educative: Drama as an art educates people to be conscious of activities around them. It helps to highlight certain ills in the society with the aim of correcting them.
ii. Informative: Drama as a means of communication creates awareness and sensitizes people to understand themselves in the society.
iii. Entertainment: Drama is an avenue to satisfy the yearning of people when it comes to pleasure seeking.
iv. Therapeutic: Drama enables patients to release tensions and also provides therapist with

valuable information on and insight into the patient's state of mind.

v. Advertising/Marketing: Drama could be used to advertise or market a product, service or place.