

Drama in the TV Schedules

Aims

The aim of this exercise is to help you to realise that drama programming is very important in the media.

Drama programming is generally very expensive to produce, but is very popular.

There is a lot of drama programming on television and on satellite.

Activity

Use the schedule magazines in the Media room.

Make a list of all of the channels which show drama programming.

1. Cut out the lists and glue them onto paper neatly with some drawings to decorate them.
2. Make a list of the different drama programmes shown on the channels.

Summary questions

- How many different types of drama programme did you discover?
- When do drama programmes tend to be shown on television?
- How many hours are devoted to drama programmes?
- Which channels show most dramas?

Development work

For yourself, see if you can think of reasons why drama programming is so popular and write them down or make a brainstorm diagram.

Assessment work and planning

Make a collage for your assessment folder which shows popular characters and actors seen in drama programmes. Comment on the characters that they play.

Popular Drama Programmes on Terrestrial Channels

BBC	
ITV	
BBC 2	
Channel 4	
Channel 5	