

What is drama?

Aims

Drama refers to any programme on television which is dramatic. This means that it explores characters and relationships. Drama also tells a story.

Activity

- Suggest some of the different types of programme on television, which are about telling stories and which involve relationships between people.
- Which type of programme do you like?
- Look at the sheet which tells you how to recognise the genre of costume drama. Think about how you can recognise a programme which is a costume drama.
- Use the sheet again and try and identify characteristics which are typical of soap opera, one-off dramatic plays, thrillers, series, serials and book adaptations.

Summary questions

- How can you recognise a drama as being different from other types of programme?
- Why do people enjoy drama programmes?

Development work

Write out the characteristics of a drama programme neatly for your folder.

Assessment work and planning

Watch as many different types of drama programmes on television as you can. Which do you like best? Make notes for your folder on your views of them and give them marks out of five.