



## Drama & TV Genre Ideas for Devising Drama

Genre	Description
<b>Realism</b>	Everyday life, naturalistic dialogue, authentic settings
<b>Docudrama / Verbatim</b>	Based on real events or interviews
<b>Physical Theatre</b>	Movement-driven storytelling, often abstract or symbolic
<b>Comedy</b>	Includes slapstick, satire, farce, and dark comedy
<b>Tragedy</b>	Emotional downfall, fatal flaws, catharsis
<b>Melodrama</b>	Exaggerated emotions, clear moral contrasts
<b>Surrealism</b>	Dreamlike, illogical, symbolic or subconscious themes
<b>Absurdism</b>	Meaninglessness, repetition, existential themes
<b>Musical Theatre</b>	Storytelling through song, dance, and dialogue
<b>Improvisation</b>	Spontaneous creation, often interactive
<b>Epic Theatre</b>	Political themes, direct address, Brechtian techniques
<b>Theatre-in-Education (TIE)</b>	Designed to inform or provoke discussion
<b>Forum Theatre</b>	Interactive problem-solving drama (Boal's method)
<b>Pantomime</b>	Family-friendly, exaggerated, audience participation
<b>Mystery / Thriller</b>	Suspense, clues, dramatic irony

Genre	Description
<b>Fantasy</b>	Magical worlds, archetypes, quests
<b>Science Fiction</b>	Futuristic settings, technology, ethical dilemmas
<b>Historical Drama</b>	Period settings, real or imagined events
<b>Romantic Drama</b>	Love stories, emotional conflict
<b>Crime / Detective</b>	Investigation, justice, moral ambiguity
<b>Horror</b>	Fear, suspense, supernatural elements
<b>Soap Opera</b>	Ongoing drama, relationships, cliffhangers
<b>Sitcom</b>	Short-form comedy, recurring characters, familiar settings
<b>Mockumentary</b>	Fictional story told in documentary style
<b>Adventure</b>	Exploration, danger, heroism
<b>Coming-of-Age</b>	Youth, identity, transformation
<b>TV Game Show</b>	Competitive format, audience interaction, exaggerated personas
<b>Children's TV</b>	Bright, simple, educational or fantastical storytelling
<b>Late Night Discussion</b>	Panel-style, opinionated, topical or satirical dialogue
<b>Puppetry</b>	Character-driven, symbolic or whimsical storytelling using puppets
<b>Greek Chorus</b>	Ensemble commentary, narration, stylized movement and speech

## Additional Creative Prompts for Students

- **Mash genres:** What happens when a Greek chorus invades a game show?
- **Flip expectations:** E.g. Turn a horror into a children's TV show.
- **Use genre to explore themes:** e.g., use puppetry to explore identity or forum theatre to address justice issues

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