Earn Extra Credit by
Attending a Play or a Performance and Writing a Report

Due Date: Oct. 27
Extra Credit: Up to 20 points (if the report responds in sufficient detail to all the prompts under number 2, below, and if all materials and information are supplied as described in numbers 3 and 4, below). Maximum extra credit earnings: 20 points.

1. **Attend and observe alertly.** Take notes, if possible.

2. **Write a report that responds to the prompts below ( \textit{“a” through “g”}).** Include the prompt’s pertinent words and phrasing in your answer, as in this example of a response to 2.b.: The crowd in the packed lobby was loud and excited, and that carried through into the auditorium where children ran in the aisles and people leaned backwards and forwards over seats to talk. I smelled liquor, onions, and cigarette smoke on people as I walked around looking at the art on the lobby’s walls. Once I found my seat, I was pleased that no tall people were in front of me, which meant I could see all of the stage. It took a long time for people to get quiet, and the play started five minutes late.

   a) **Tell the title of the play or performance,** its author or composer, its publication date (or first production date), the name of the auditorium or theater, the town in which the theater is located, and the day, time, and date you attended (example: Saturday night, Dec. 31).

   b) **Describe the crowd and the atmosphere of the lobby and auditorium before the play begins.** Tell if you went alone or with company. (See example response above. The pertinent words are underlined here and above for instructive purposes only. Do not underline pertinent words or phrases in your response.)

   c) Briefly describe the setting(s), lights, costumes, props, and sound effects, and explain how these affected your understanding and enjoyment of the play.

   d) Name which characters you most and least enjoyed, and explain why.

   e) Describe what was most and least interesting about the play, and explain why.

   f) Explain the play’s theme, the central idea you understand from the play.

   g) Reflect upon your experience: Describe your thoughts about the experience, and share any reactions including shock, pleasure, disappointment, grief, anger, confusion, joy, etc. Be exact and precise in your explanations of your thoughts and feelings and what caused them.

3. **Staple your ticket stub and playbill (program) to the back of your report.**

4. **Include an appropriate heading on the first page of your report.**

**Remember:** All report aspects must be complete and fulfilled with sufficient detail to earn all 20 extra credit points. These points will be added to your essay point totals.