

## Year 8: Absurdism

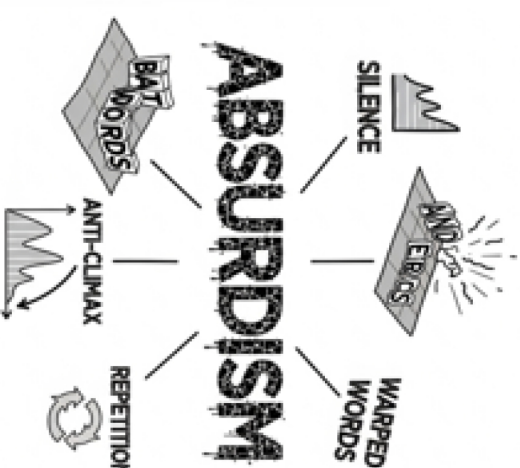
Key term	Definition
Absurdism	It's the idea that life doesn't really have a set meaning or purpose, and that's okay.
Silence	The complete absence of sound.
Repetition	The act of doing or saying something over and over again.
Anti-Climax	When something exciting or important ends in a way that's boring or disappointing.
Passive Aggression	An indirect expression of hostility through non-physical actions
Farce	A funny play or situation that's silly, over-the-top, and often has crazy mix-ups.

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### Powerful knowledge

- Plays often show a world that feels confusing and without clear meaning.
- Characters might talk in circles or say really weird, illogical things.
- Not much seems to happen, or the plot is super strange and doesn't make traditional sense.
- It's meant to make the audience feel a bit bewildered and think, "What was that all about?"
- The goal is to make you think about big life questions by showing a world that seems to lack order or purpose.



### THEATRE OF MENACE

- Theatre of Menace plays often make the audience feel uncomfortable or anxious, rather than happy or calm.
- Characters might act in strange, unsettling ways or say confusing things that create a feeling of unease.
- The goal is to explore how frightening human behavior can be and make you think about power or hidden threats, without needing monsters or special effects.