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What is Digital Theatre Plus?

Digital Theatre Plus is a tool for arts students, providing access to a wealth of footage, information and resources relating to a variety of performance areas, including plays, dance, musicals and opera. Entire performances of plays by key playwrights are also available.

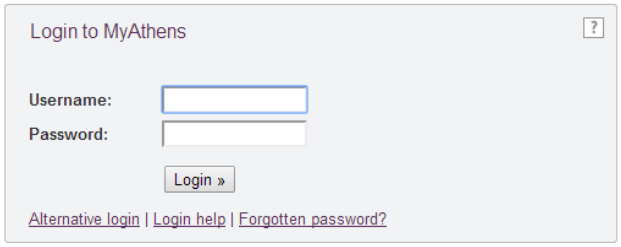
Who can access Digital Theatre Plus?

All students and staff at BOVTS, CSB, LCDS, NCCA, NSCD & Rambert.

How can I access Digital Theatre Plus?

Students and staff at all affiliate schools can access Digital Theatre Plus directly from any computer in their affiliate building. Simply go to **https://edu.digitaltheatreplus.com/** and you will automatically be logged into the database.

You can also access the database on & off-site on any computer with internet access via an online gateway called OpenAthens. You will need a username and password to log into OpenAthens @ **http://www.openathens.net/**



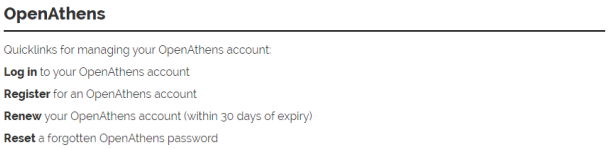
You can also log into OpenAthens by following the 'Athens' link at the bottom of the CDD & NSCD websites.

N.B. OpenAthens is sometimes referred to as Athens or MyAthens.

How do I get a username and password to access OpenAthens?

Ideally from a networked school computer, go to **http://www.cdd.ac.uk/students/library-resources/** and scroll down to the OpenAthens section.

Here you can register, log in, renew and reset the password for your OpenAthens Account. Accounts must be set up using your school email address which will act as your username.



Once you have logged into OpenAthens select Digital Theatre Plus from the resource list and log in using the username/password when prompted.

What will I find on Digital Theatre Plus?

- High quality films of leading theatre productions including drama, musicals, dance and opera
- Detailed study guides for a large variety of plays
- Backstage footage and interviews with cast and creative team members
- Teaching support videos and information
- Collections of videos from various other companies such as the Royal Opera House, Broadway Digital Archive, Shakespeare's Globe, Gran Teatre del Liceu and the National Jewish Theatre

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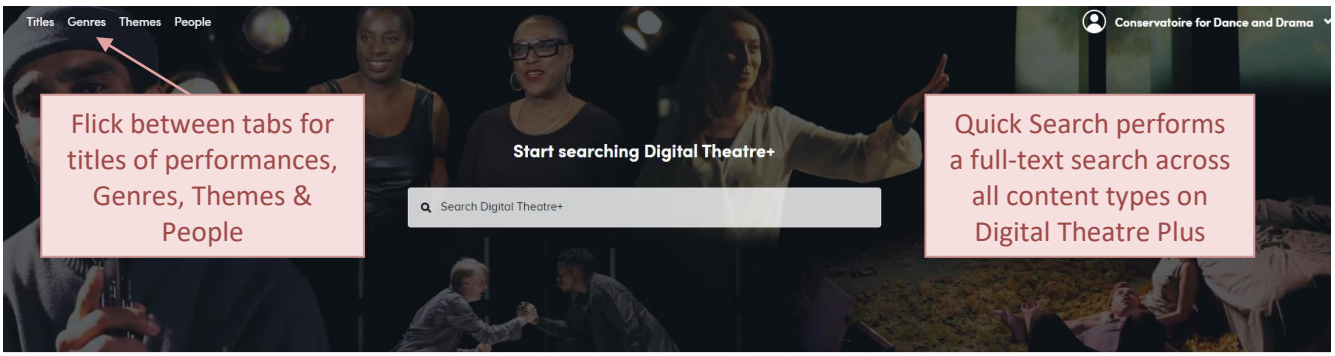
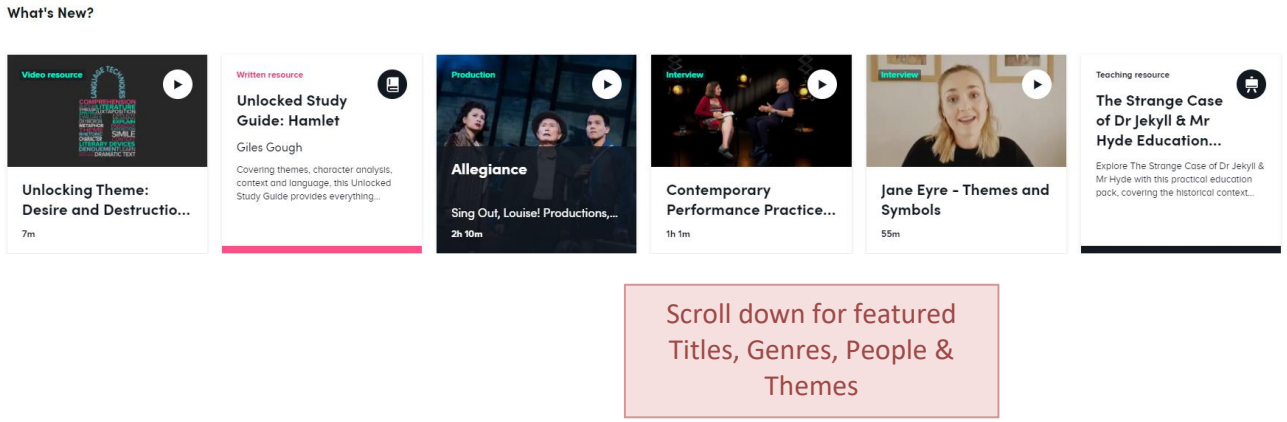
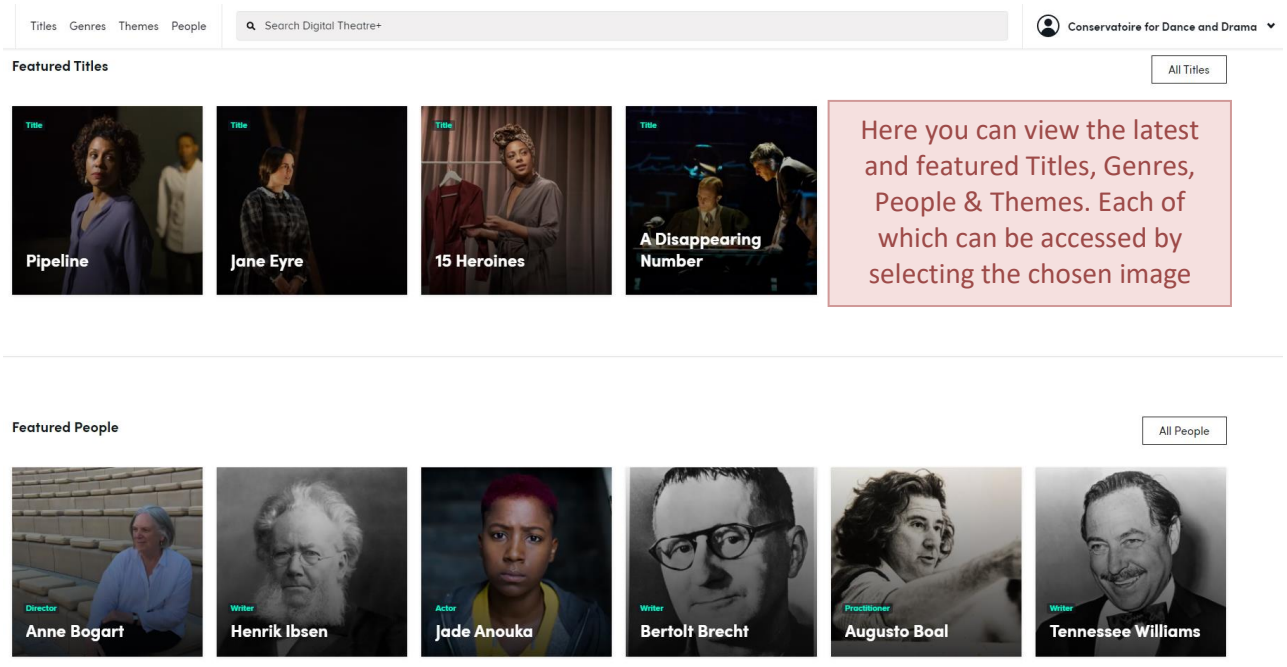
How do I use Digital Theatre Plus?







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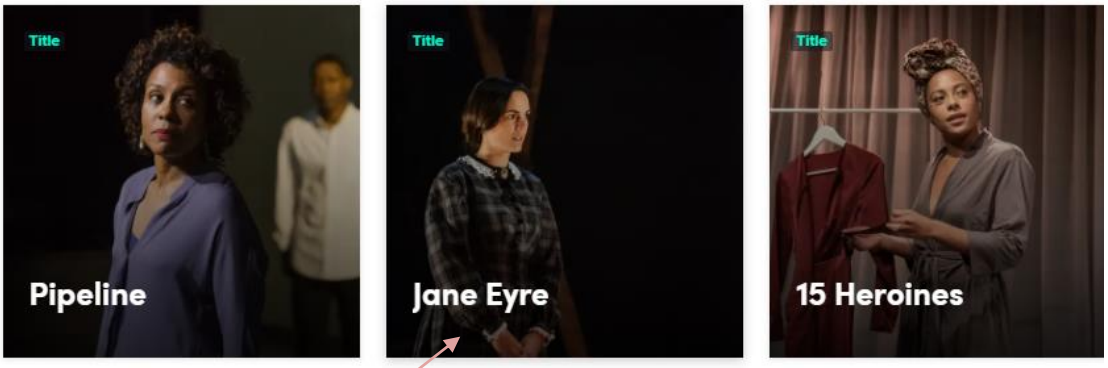
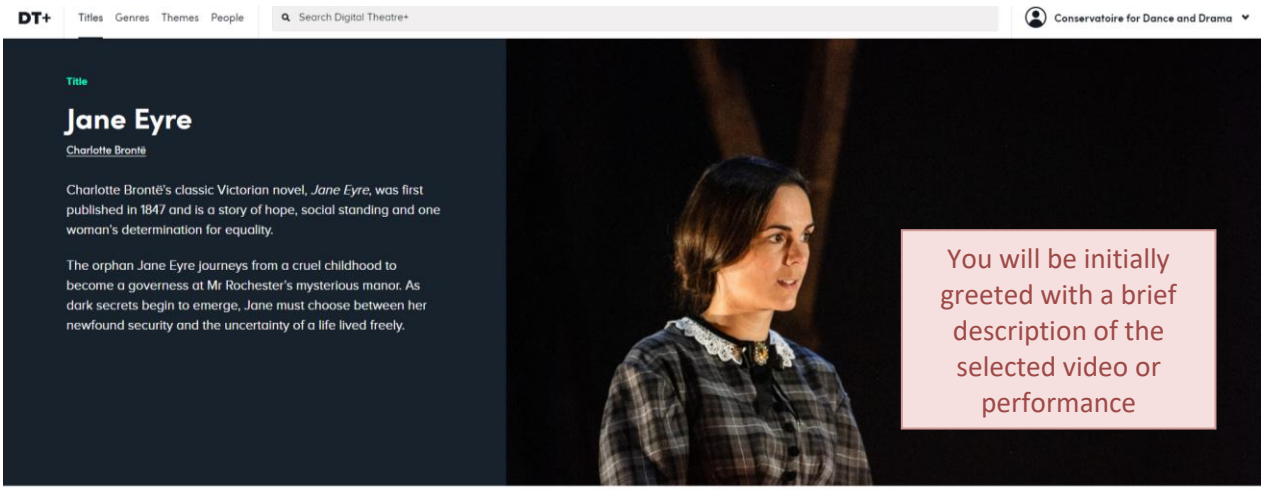
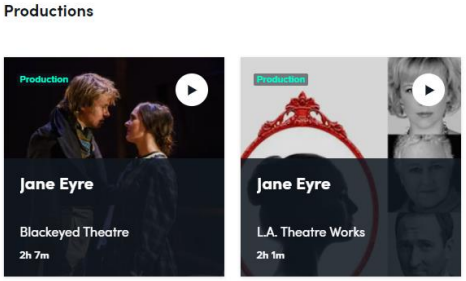


Once you have chosen, click the icon to view



You will be initially greeted with a brief description of the selected video or performance



For some pieces, you can choose between different versions of the production

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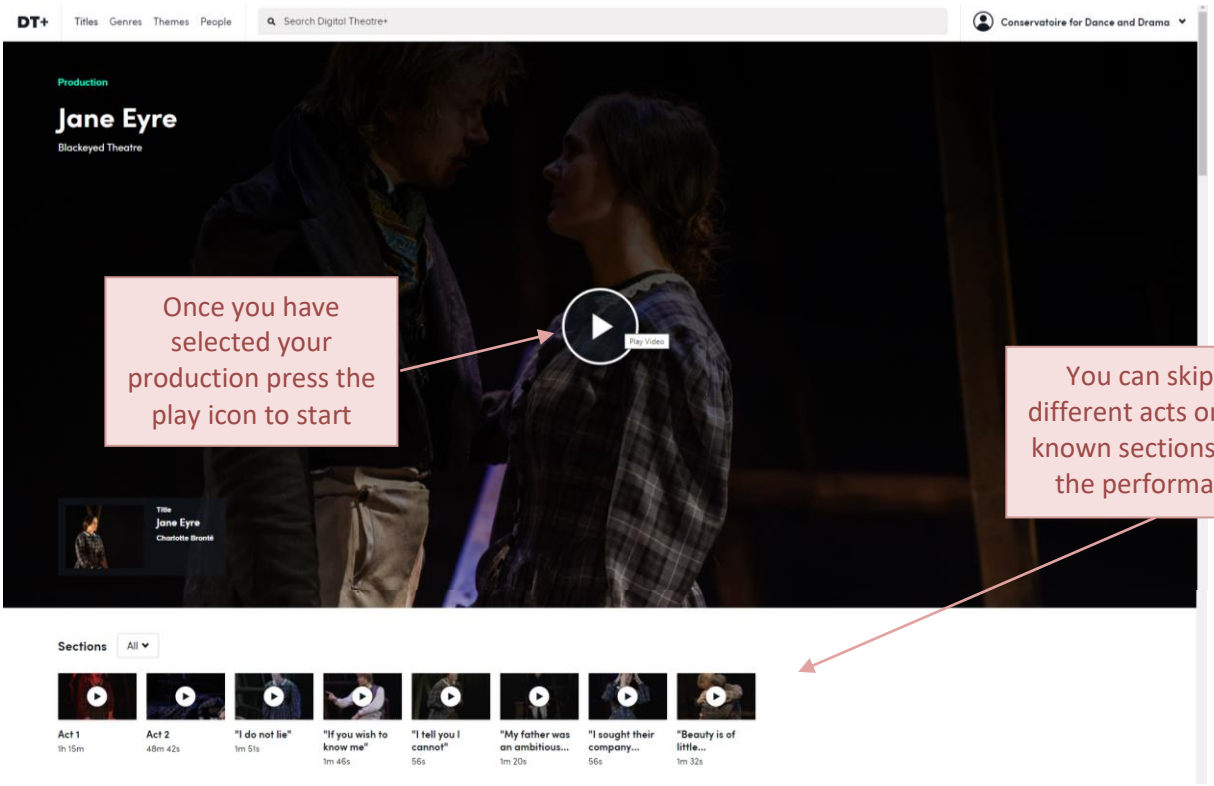

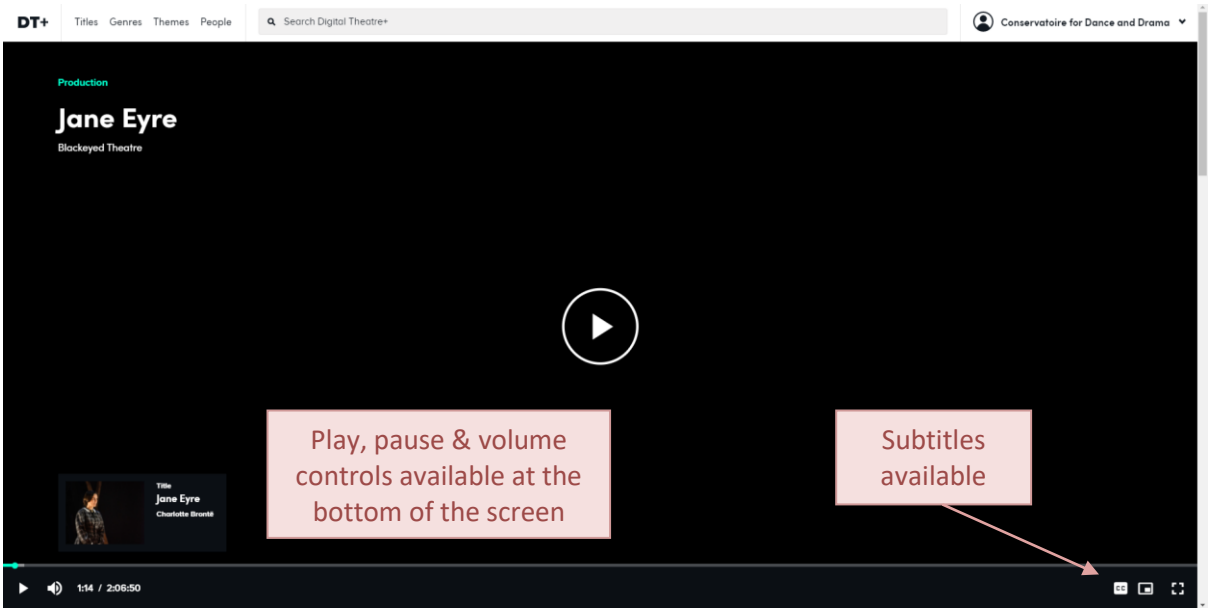

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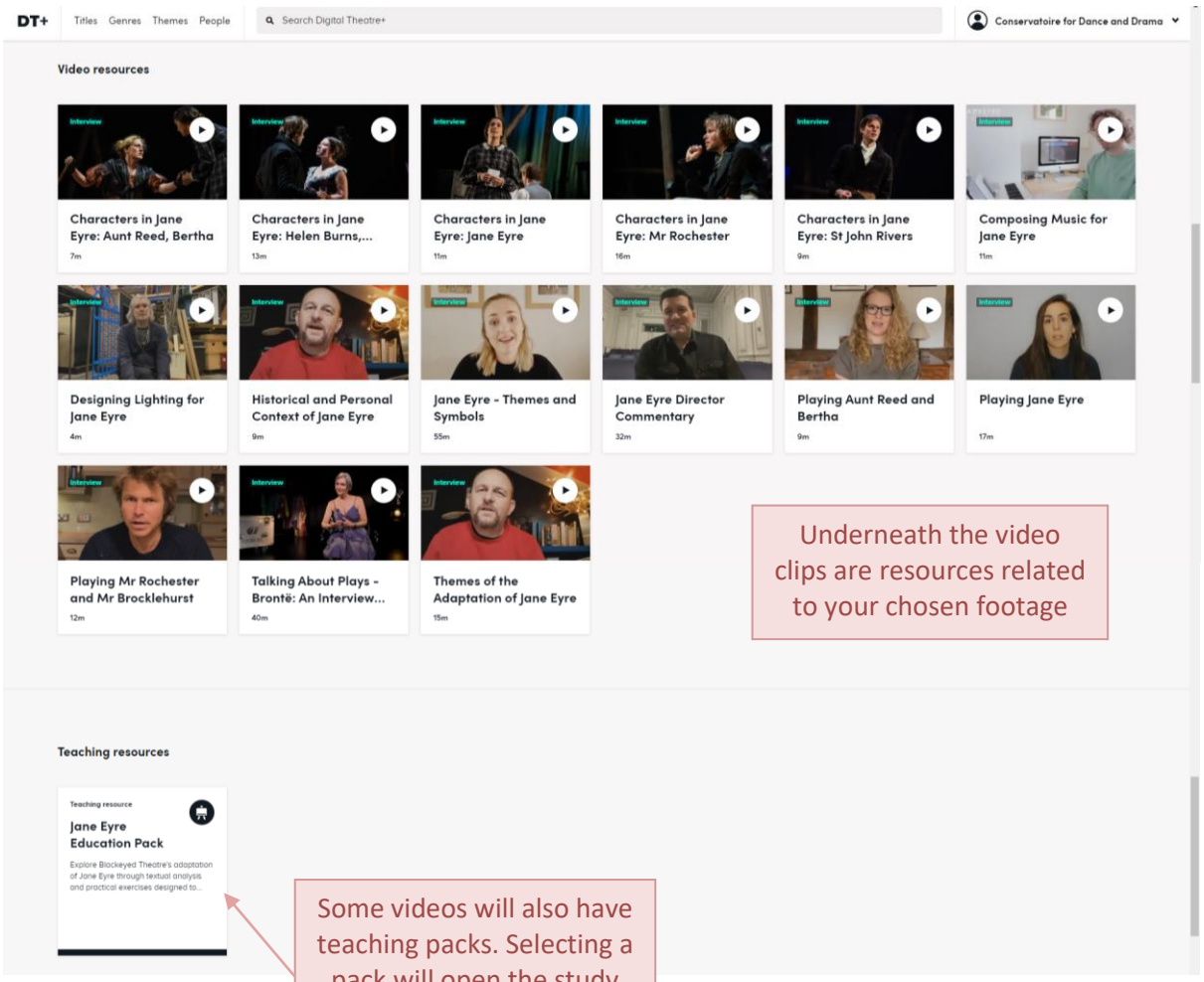

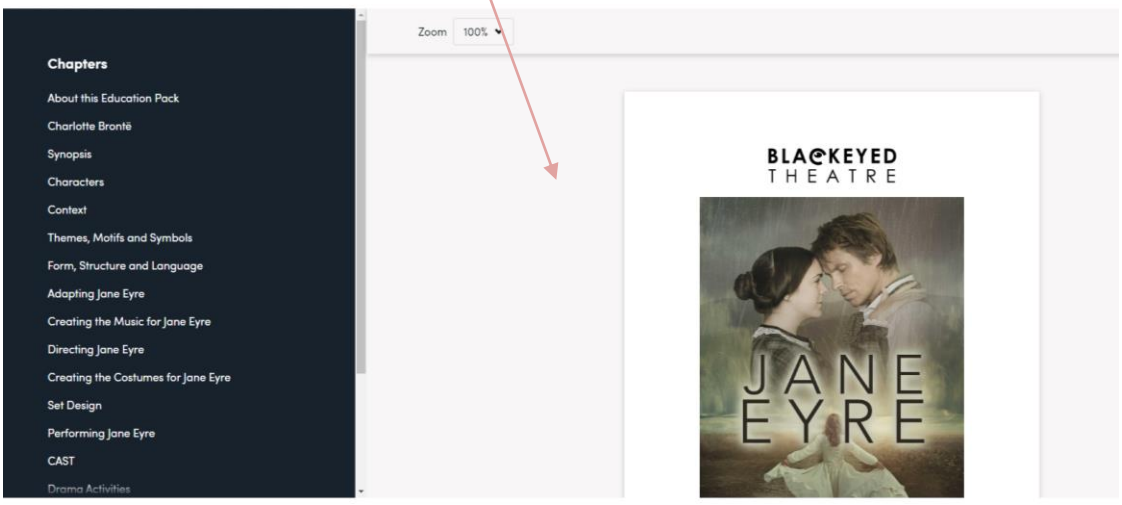

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What can I do with the study guide?

The study guides can be accessed using either the links underneath each video or by clicking on the study guides tab at the top of the page. Each study guide has key information about each of the productions and is written in detailed, easy to read sections. These resources include:

• A relationship map and character page to get to grips with the characters within the play and understand the motivations/drivers of each role. There are also interviews with the cast about the roles they play and their thoughts about them

• A playwright biography and context page, providing an insight into the time period and important events happening during the creation of the play and the playwright's lifetime

• Themes, language and a plot summary covering aspects of the piece in greater detail. There are also key words which are useful for focusing on themes and ideas

• Reviews and an image gallery that focus on the performance itself