

A Level Dance Summer Independent Learning Activity

Welcome to A Level Dance, please complete the following tasks ready for your first day at Pontefract New College.

Task 1 - Understanding practitioners from American Jazz Dance 1940-1975; the selected practitioner is **Jerome Robbins**.

Task 1 – Research Jerome Robbins;

- Training & Influences
- Collaborations with other artists
- Stylistic qualities
- Themes covered in his work

Task 2 – Watch, analyse and make notes on the following clips from two of Jerome Robbins' professional pieces.

1. West Side Story

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxoC5Oyf_ss
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kokbJvSEMUY>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wugWGhItaQA>

2. Fancy Free

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Ou-O9Awkzo>

When analysing any professional work, please ensure you make comments on the constituent features including:

- Lighting
- Costume
- Music (Aural setting)
- Set
- Stylistic features of the dance – including dancers used.
- How do the above features communicate the themes?

Assessment: You will be assessed on your knowledge of Jerome Robbins as a practitioner and also the two professional works that have been named above.

Please ensure you bring this work to your first Dance class in September.