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GCSE Dance: revision notes

# The GCSE Dance anthology

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## The six anthology works

- Artificial Things (Lucy Bennett, Stopgap Dance Company): created by an integrated company of disabled and non-disabled dancers, including a wheelchair user.
- A Linha Curva (Itzik Galili, Rambert): a lively **ensemble** work influenced by Brazilian culture, with a percussion score and a lighting grid.
- Infra (Wayne McGregor, The Royal Ballet): a **contemporary ballet** about city life and human relationships, with music by Max Richter and an LED screen designed by Julian Opie.
- Shadows (Christopher Bruce, Phoenix Dance Theatre): a family facing hardship and an outside threat, with music by Arvo Pärt.
- Within Her Eyes (James Cousins Company): a dance film duet about a relationship, filmed on location.
- Emancipation of Expressionism (Kenrick "H2O" Sandy, Boy Blue): a **hip hop** work for a large **ensemble** with striking unison.

## What to know for each work

- The choreographer and company, the choreographic intention, the style, the structure, and key motifs.
- The features of production: staging and set, lighting, costume, dancers and aural setting.
- How the choreography and production features communicate the intention.

## In the exam

- Questions ask you to describe, analyse, interpret and evaluate the works, sometimes comparing two of them.

## Key terms

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| **Anthology** | The set of six professional dance works studied for the exam. |
| **Integrated dance company** | A company with disabled and non-disabled dancers. |
| **Hip hop** | A street dance style, including popping, locking and krumping. |
| **Contemporary ballet** | Ballet that combines classical technique with modern ideas. |
| **Ensemble** | A group of dancers performing together. |

## Quick questions

Cover the answers and test yourself: remembering is what makes it stick.

1. Which company performs Artificial Things?
2. Who choreographed Infra?
3. Which work is a hip hop piece by Boy Blue?
4. Which work is influenced by Brazilian culture?
5. Which work is a dance film?
6. Who composed the music for Infra?
7. Which work was choreographed by Christopher Bruce?
8. What is an integrated dance company?

### Answers

1. Stopgap Dance Company
2. Wayne McGregor
3. Emancipation of Expressionism
4. A Linha Curva
5. Within Her Eyes
6. Max Richter
7. Shadows
8. A company with disabled and non-disabled dancers

## What to do next

**Practise 10 questions on this topic**

**Try 3 exam questions, with mark schemes**

**Read the lesson, one step at a time**

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