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SAMPLE ASSIGNMENT

THRA 331: Directing I

BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE PROBE

Directing I

The following quiz is **anonymous** and is not for credit. I would like you to fill in the answers as best you can. This will help me tailor your instruction so I don't waste time telling you what you already know. At the same time I won't assume you know things that you have not yet learned.

Define the following terms:

1. scenario
2. beat
3. objective (or action or verb)
4. obstacle
5. dramatic structure
6. given circumstances
7. conditioning forces
8. French scene
9. ground plan
10. cold reading
11. prepared monologue

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12. stage business

13. blocking

14. type casting

15. the stage map

List a few words or phrases that describes the following genres and or styles:

§ Melodrama

§ Tragedy

§ Farce

§ Drama

§ Mystery

§ Realism