 Pioneers of modern dance – assessment task

Stage 5

| Task number 1 | Title | Weighting 20% |
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| Due: | Pioneers of modern dance | If the task is not presented on the due date you will receive zero – see the school’s assessment policy. |

A take-home task requiring you to research and analyse a pioneer of modern dance.

| Context for the task: |
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| The unit for study in Stage 5 has been Pioneers of modern dance. Students have been interpreting and analysing a diverse range modern dance through the differing pioneers. Students will use class notes and individual research to complete this final task. |

| Outcomes to be assessed: |
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| A student: |
| 5.3.1 describes and analyses dance as the communication of ideas within a context |
| 5.3.2 identifies and analyses the link between their performances and compositions and dance works of art |
| 5.3.3 applies understandings and experiences drawn from their own work and dance works of art |

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In this task you will be assessed on:

Your ability to –

* meet all requirements for what is to be included in the assessment task
* clearly and concisely present information, findings, arguments and supporting evidence
* identify the historical context and a description of the style they pioneered
* correctly use dance terminology

Task description

* You will research a pioneer of modern dance and develop an essay, speech, PowerPoint presentation or prezie presentation.
* You must include:
* historical context
* significant factors in their life
* a description of the style they pioneered
* examples of their work
* your opinion on the style they pioneered
* Your research task must be 250 – 500 words
* You will be marked on your use of the TEEEC structure through each of your paragraphs

Examples of pioneers of modern dance you can choose:

* Isadora Duncan
* Loie Fuller
* Martha Graham
* Alvin Ailey
* William Forsythe
* Graeme Murphy

Please see me well before the due date, if you have any questions or problems.

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| Criteria | Marks |
| * Structures research task in precise format, with accurate details and appropriate terminology, displaying extensive knowledge of the pioneer * Clear and concise presentation of information, findings and arguments * Concise analysis chosen pioneer of modern dance, including a succinct historical context and analysis of the style | **17 - 20** |
| * Structures research task in correct format, with correct details and terminology, demonstrating thorough knowledge of the pioneer * Accurate presentation of information, findings and arguments * Thorough analysis of chosen pioneer of modern dance, including a thorough historical context and analysis of the style | **13 – 16** |
| * Structures research task in correct format, with an adequate level of descriptions and terminology, demonstrating sound knowledge of the pioneer * Satisfactory presentation of information, findings and arguments * Satisfactory analysis of pioneer of modern dance, including a well-researched historical context and/or analysis of the style | **9 – 12** |
| * Basic competence structuring a research task, with limited use of dance terminology, displaying basic knowledge of the pioneer * Basic presentation of information, findings and arguments * Basic analysis of the pioneer of modern dance, including basic knowledge of the historical context and/or a description of the style | **5 – 8** |
| * Limited competence structuring a research task, displaying elementary knowledge of dance terminology and the chosen pioneer * Limited presentation of information, findings and argument * Limited analysis of the pioneer of modern dance | **1 – 4** |