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Theater Arts**Residencies offered:**

I believe that residencies should be designed to fit the needs of the students, teachers and school involved. My areas of expertise are Drama, Writing and Shakespeare. I work with students grades 3 through 12. Recent residency projects have included:

- ◆ 4th and 5th grade students writing, rehearsing and performing a play about the Lewis and Clark expedition involving the music and visual arts programs as well.
- ◆ A two week residency with 6th – 12th grade students rehearsing and performing a Shakespeare comedy. (Renaissance costumes provided for these residencies.)
- ◆ A one week residency ending with 4th – 6th graders performing a play about the Boston Tea Party.

Acting and writing workshops from an hour to a day long are available for grades 3 – 12.

My performance, A VISIT WITH WILL, can be part of any residency. It is a delightful opportunity for students to step back to the year 1616 for an interactive visit with Will Shakespeare.

Supplies, space and time considerations:

Scripts are required for most residencies. Rehearsal space can be a stage, gym or common area. I am available throughout the year and will travel throughout the county.

Teaching experience:

Rod Molzahn has taught on both the secondary and community college levels and holds a Washington K – 12 certificate. Since 1986 he has brought his residencies and performances as Will Shakespeare to students throughout the United States and Canada. He has been named three times to the Artist In Residence Roster of the Washington State Arts Commission.

Artist Statement:

Helping students discover creativity and truth about themselves through writing and performance is greatly rewarding. It satisfies both the artist and the teacher in me. It has been said that “Art starts in the schools” and “Arts saves lives.” Both are true.

Awards: Humanities Washington “Inquiring Mind” Roster, Artist in Residence Rosters for WA, OR, AK, MI & British Columbia. CD recordings have received Awards of Excellence for Creativity, Writing & Characterization.