

Week 1

- Blood Brothers, a musical by Liverpoolian playwright Willy Russell, revolves around twin boys (Mickey and Edward) who are separated at birth and brought up in completely different environments in the city.
- The play, set in the 1960s, is divided into two acts, with songs throughout.

Week 2

- Mickey is brought up with his seven older siblings by his struggling single mother, Mrs Johnstone.
- His twin brother, Edward, however, is brought up as the only child of the wealthy Lyons family, who live nearby, after Mrs Lyons persuaded Mrs Johnstone to hand over one of her twins at birth.

Week 3

- Mickey and Edward don't meet each other until they're seven years old but immediately become best friends and blood brothers.
- The bond continues when the boys are teenagers and both live in the countryside, despite them both being in love with Mickey's neighbour Linda.
- However, as they get older, the huge difference in their backgrounds pulls them apart and eventually leads to their tragic deaths.

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Week 4

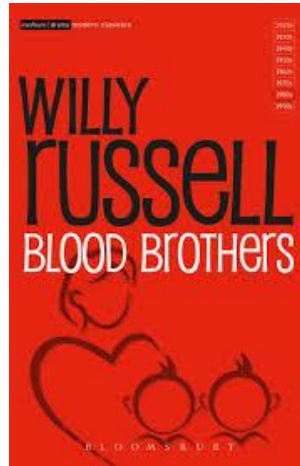
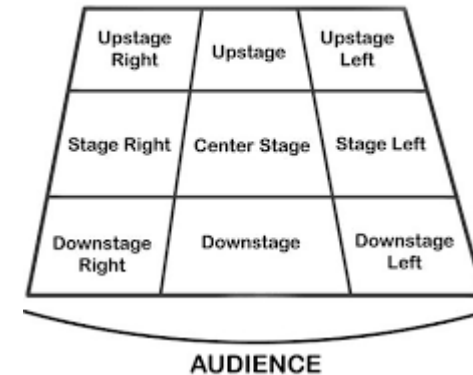
- Mrs Johnstone is a warm and caring mother, despite the struggles she faces supporting her eight children alone.
- When she first met her husband, he would take her out dancing, but as she had more children, he left her for another woman.
- Mrs Johnstone learns she is pregnant with twins – she realises she can't keep them both, due to lack of money, she is persuaded by Mrs Lyons to give one away.

Week 5

- Mrs Lyons is a very lonely woman, who is the opposite of her employee Mrs Johnstone.
- She is alone in her large home as her husband often works away on business - and is away for nine months at this point.
- She reveals to Mrs Johnstone that they are unable to have children and her husband refuses to adopt. Mrs Lyons' manipulates Mrs Johnstone into giving her one of the twins.

Key words:

Stage Directions



Week 1

Questions	Answers
What type of text is Blood Brothers?	A musical
Who wrote Blood Brothers?	Willy Russell
Where is it set?	Liverpool
What re the names of the twin boys?	Mickey and Edward
What era is it set in?	1960s

Week 2

Questions	Answers
How many siblings has Mickey got?	Seven
Who is in charge of bringing up Mickey and his siblings?	Mrs Johnstone – as a single parent
How many siblings has Edward got?	None – he is an only child
Who is poor and who is rich?	Mickey's family is struggling, whilst Edwards family are wealthy.
Why are the twins growing up apart?	They were separated at birth after Mrs Lyons persuaded Mrs Johnstone to let her have one.

Week 3

Questions	Answers
How old are the brothers when they first meet?	seven
Do they get on?	Yes, the bond immediately and become blood brothers
Where do they both move to and continue their friendship?	The countryside
Who are they both in love with?	Mickey's neighbour - Linda
What happens?	Their differences mean they drift apart, eventually ending with their tragic deaths.

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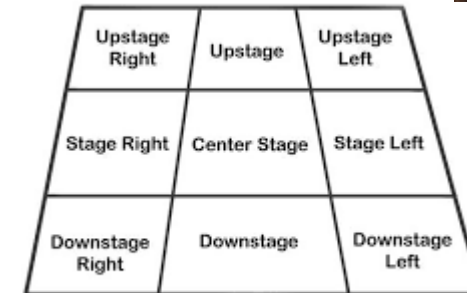
Week 4

Questions	Answers
What type of mother is Mrs Johnstone?	Warm and loving
How many children does he bring up?	Eight
Where did her husband used to take her?	Dancing
Why did he leave her?	She had too many children to him so he left her for another woman.
Why can't she keep both babies?	She cannot afford them.

Week 5

Questions	Answers
What type pf woman is Mrs Lyons?	She is lonely
Who does Mrs Lyons employ?	Mrs Johnstone
Where is her husband?	He works away a lot.
Why does she want Mrs Johnstone's baby?	She cannot get pregnant and Mr. Lyons will not adopt
What word shows she is desperate?	She is described as manipulating Mrs Johnstone into giving her one of the babies.

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