



Acting 1 & 2 (Introductory Acting)

Developing Character

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Learning Objective:

The student will create backgrounds for three characters in the following video.

Bell Ringer:

What are some things that influence a person's behavior? Can you name four or five?

Lesson Steps:

Watch the following sketch from The Carol Burnett Show. The Carol Burnett Show was a weekly televised variety program which involved skits and songs. Several of the skits and characters were recurring. This is a sketch with the characters Eunice, Ed, and Mama. (And it is set in Raytown, Missouri – no fooling!)

[The Carol Burnett Show – “Sorry Sketch”](#)

Practice:

After you have viewed the video, answer the following questions for each character.

Eunice:

How is she related to the two other characters?

In the sketch, what does Eunice want?

What makes it so difficult for her to get what she wants?

Does she get what she wants?

Ed:

How is he related to the two other characters?

What is his opinion of Eunice?

What is his opinion of Mama?

Does he get what he wants?

Mama:

How is she related to the two other characters?

What distracts Mama from the game?

Who does she favor between Ed and Eunice?

Why do you think she is so critical?

After answering these questions, consider the following:

How do these characters interact?

Do they influence each other's behaviors? How?