

## Theatre Virtual Learning Introduction to Theatre Design & Production Crafting a Character Costume





## Lesson: May 4, 2020

## **Objective/Learning Target:** The student will explore the role of a costume designer.



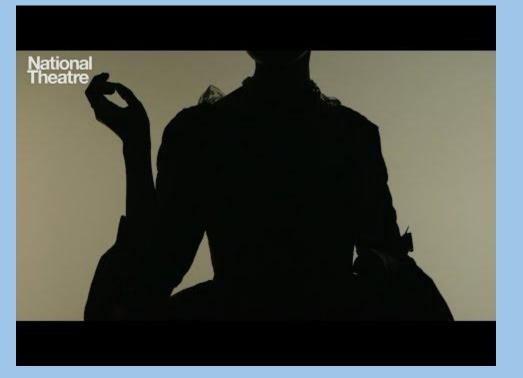
### **Crafting a Character Costume**

### Let's Get Started / Warm Up Activities:

Analyze the character/person in the picture. What would you assume about them based off what they are wearing?







#### Lesson Steps

First, watch the video from the National Theatre: Fifty Years of Costume.

#### Then, reflect on the question:

Why is it important for a costume designer to help tell the story?



# Lesson: How does a costume designer help tell the story?

#### Costume Designer's Goals:

- 1. Reflect the tone and style of play
- 2. Establish time and place
- 3. Establish character information
- 4. Aid the performer
- 5. Coordinate with the other designers
- 6. Reflect the director's vision





# Practice: Analyze the choices of a costume designer:



- 1. First, watch the scene from *THE GOONIES*
- 2. While you are watching, choose 2 characters and analyze the costumes
- 3. Think of the following questions:
  - a. How does the costume establish time period?
  - b. How does the costume establish time of year and/or place?
  - c. What does the costume immediately tell us about the character?



## **RESOURCE: THE GOONIES CREW**





