



Theatre Virtual Learning

Introduction to Theatre Design & Production Crafting a Character Costume

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Objective/Learning Target:
The student will develop a character.

Crafting a Character Costume

Let's Get Started / Warm Up Activities:

Think about a favorite character from a television show, movie, or video game. How did the character's costume help tell the story?



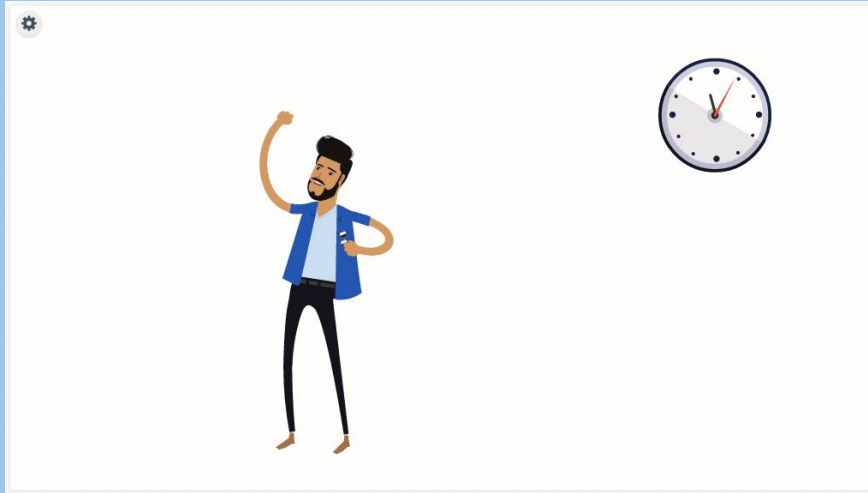


Lesson: Creating a Character

Today, you will develop an original character that you will draw a costume rendering for tomorrow.

One of the first steps a costume designer must follow is pulling all the information they can from the script about the character in order to develop a clear design.

Today, instead of using a script you will develop the story of an original character.





Practice: Develop a Character

First, choose one of the following character types:

1. The Bride: She comes from a wealthy background and is very concerned with being in fashion. She has always dreamed of a big traditional wedding.
2. The Monster From the Black Lagoon: He is icky, he is slimy, he is disgusting. Enough said.
3. A Shakespearean-type wood nymph fairy (non – gender specific): Your basic crafty little mischief-maker. Should look “other-worldly” and may have magical powers.
4. A Lion: King of the jungle. This lion is from a children’s story theatre script and should have a good humored storybook style to him.
5. A Tree: This tree is very overgrown and old and is, in fact, a sinister old witch who has had a spell cast on her a hundred years ago! It should be free to move around because there is much choreography planned for it.
6. New-age Munchkin: This little one has evolved from the days of Oz. He/she is hip and up-to-date, but still holds onto the hippie values of long ago



Practice: Develop a Character

Next, answer the following questions about the character you choose:

1. Character's Name
2. Character's Gender (How do they identify?)
3. Character's Age
4. What are the character's interests?
5. Write the story of the character. Include where they are from, the time period, family members, favorites/likes, etc.?