

Closet Costume Challenge

Pull four pieces from your closet to costume your character

Teacher instructions: Prompt students to consider the following:

Think about your character in _____.

Think about who they are.

Think about how you can relate to them.

Think about where they are. The setting. What they are doing. How they feel.

Think about what they look like.

Instructions provided to students live and via Canvas:

Your Challenge:

Design a costume for your character in 10 minutes.

1. Choose four items from your closet

- These are going to represent four costume pieces for your character. These pieces can be clothing, shoes, or accessories (hats, jewelry, anything worn).
- You are working with limited resources. This is why it is a challenge!

2. Your costume pieces must reflect the following:

- 1 piece must represent your **character's job/occupation** (*if this is not written into the script, you must decide what their job is*)
- 1 piece must suggest the **setting of the scene** (*example from the prologue: mittens and scarf because the scene is outside*)
- 1 piece must symbolize a **personality trait** of your character
- 1 piece must have a **memory** attached to it (*this story is to be made up by you*)

3. Take a picture of the four pieces and send it to our Drama II WeChat group! **DUE BY 1:45pm TODAY!**

4. Provide a short explanation for each costume piece

- describe the piece and explain how it represents your **character's job/occupation**
 - *I chose the pencil skirt because she works at a bank. It is black and knee-length, which makes it look professional and appropriate to wear to work.*
- describe the piece and explain how it suggests the **setting of the scene**
 - *The setting of the scene is outdoors during the winter. It is early evening and the weather is chilly. I choose the white fuzzy mittens because she would have them to keep her hands warm.*
- describe the piece and explain how it symbolizes a **personality trait** of your character.
 - *The black blazer is sharp and crisp and looks very professional. She has an uptight personality and the blazer represents that she is high maintenance and inflexible.*

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- create a **memory** that is attached to the piece. Write a paragraph telling the story. Be specific. Make it real. Write it in first person as if the memory is coming from your character.
 - *I wore these shoes the first time we met. It was a Saturday in July and I had just gotten off of work. It was a beautiful day and I decided I would treat myself to some ice cream from my favorite cafe. I walked across the street and stood in line at the window. It was a busy day since the weather was so nice, everybody was out enjoying the weekend. I ordered the flavor-of-the-day, mint chocolate chip, and got two scoops instead of one. The server was handing my cone over the counter to me when suddenly, I was bumped by the guy next to me. I dropped my cone all over the floor! And all over my shoes! If you look closely enough, you can see a small stain on my sneakers from a piece of chocolate that melted into my shoe. I was so angry at the guy that I started yelling at him, but when I looked up, I noticed that somehow my ice cream cone managed to smear all down the front of his shirt. He was covered in mint chocolate chip! For a moment, we just stared at each other as we tried to decide how to react. And we both started laughing.*