

# ACTIVITY: CREATE A COSTUME FOR A CHARACTER YOU CREATE!

**RECOMMENDED AGE: 8 and up**

**TIME: 10 – 30 minutes**

**SET-UP: None**

**SUPPLIES:**

- **Something to write with (paper and pencil, or computer/tablet)**
- **Adjective List (provided)**
- **Internet access or magazines (for inspiration)**



What does a Costume Designer do? A Costume Designer supports the story the director wants to tell through what the characters wear on stage. To decide what each character will wear, the Costume Designer first reads the play to understand the story. Then Costume Designer will draw or create ideas for what each character will wear (sometimes, these are called renderings).

Try creating your own character and design a costume for them!

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Using the provided adjective list on the next page, pick 3-4 adjectives that will describe your character. You can also pick 3-4 adjectives of your own.
2. Write a biography about a new character that matches the adjectives you chose. Some things to consider: What is this person's name? What do they do? Are they a student? What do they do for fun? Where does this person live? Do they exist in the past, present, or future? Is this someone you could meet in real life, or from a fantasy world?
3. Using all of your notes, create a costume for your character! You can collect images you find online or in magazines around your home for inspiration. Look for different kinds of outfits and pieces of clothing that you think this character should wear. When you're ready, draw what the costume would look like on your character.

## EXTENSION

Take your original adjectives, choose opposite words, and design the opposite character!



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*Above: Costume designs for Countess Andrenyi, Monsieur Bouc and Helen Hubbard by Costume Designer Devon Painter.*

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## ADJECTIVE LIST

Agile	Helpful	Resourceful
Aggressive	Hesitant	Respectful
Agreeable	Honest	Restless
Ambitious	Hot-headed	Righteous
Analytical	Hysterical	Sad
Assertive	Immature	Sassy
Blunt	Impatient	Selfish
Boisterous	Impulsive	Selfless
Brave	Inconsiderate	Sensible
Callous	Inconsistent	Sentimental
Cautious	Intelligent	Serious
Careless	Judgmental	Shy
Charming	Lethargic	Silly
Cheerful	Level-headed	Sincere
Childlike	Listless	Snobby
Clumsy	Logical	Sophisticated
Conceited	Lovable	Spiteful
Confident	Loyal	Stern
Confused	Modest	Strong
Cruel	Motivated	Sturdy
Curious	Naive	Tactful
Decisive	Negative	Tactless
Delicate	Nosy	Thoughtful
Depressed	Naughty	Thoughtless
Determined	Nervous	Timid
Diligent	Odd	Tolerant
Disagreeable	Outgoing	Uncooperative
Ditzy	Passionate	Undependable
Dull	Passive	Unfriendly
Eager	Patient	Unhelpful
Earnest	Picky	Unpleasant
Energetic	Playful	Unsophisticated
Enthusiastic	Plucky	Vigilant
Excitable	Positive	Vulnerable
Fabulous	Practical	Warmhearted
Fair	Proud	Wary
Ferocious	Quick-tempered	Weak
Friendly	Quiet	Willing
Generous	Reliable	
Gentle	Resentful	
Grouchy	Reserved	



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