

## Drama Challenge

Week 8: May 27<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>

### “Make a Mask”

#### Assignment:

**Option A: Make a Paper mask using the following directions. Note: These instructions are just a guideline and do not have to be followed exactly.**

- Heavy card stock, 8.5x11, enough for sheet per student.
- Thin (around 1/4 inch) sewing elastic, enough for about 14 inches per student. (Often you can buy this by the yard on a large spool.) Or string, ribbon, shoelace will work!
- Scissors.
- Hole-punch.
- Crayons or markers.

#### Making the Masks

- First, determine the distance between the eyes. The easiest way to do this is to close your eyes and very gently place two fingers (thumb and second finger seem to work best) on your eyes. Open your eyes and transfer the distance to the paper and mark the eyes with dots. The eyes should be about a third of the way down the paper, and centered.
- Once you have marked the location of the eyes, draw the eyes around your dots. Make them about as big as, or a little bigger than, your own eyes.
- Draw the shape of a head around the eyes. The head should be as big as the paper, especially at the sides. (Otherwise, among other things, the elastic will not be long enough.) Depending on the character you have in mind, you can make the head basically oval or a more fanciful shape. Remember, though, that it should use most of the paper, or your own face will show through.
- Once you have drawn the basic shape of your mask, you can decorate it any way you like with crayons or markers. Try to make your mask a definite character.
- If you have the time and the inclination, you may provide students with construction paper and glue so they can add three-dimensional details.
- Once the mask has been decorated, cut it out. Teacher may have to help cut out the eyes.
- Punch holes on the sides, around one inch below the eyes. Be sure the holes are far enough in not to just tear out.
- Carefully tie one end of a 14" piece of elastic to each hole. If the elastic is too loose, re-tie one side.
- Your mask is ready to wear.

**Option B:** Make a Paper Mache mask.

Here are a few links showing how to make a mask.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCiYNE\\_hmNg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCiYNE_hmNg)

<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/how-to-paper-mache-mask-1106527>

Criteria:

1. If your mask is human, it should reflect a character or facial expression such as angry or sad or happy or crazy.
2. Your mask should be wearable.

Notes:

1. You can use a balloon or a bowl if choosing the paper mache option.
2. You can create a non-human mask such as an animal or a creature or a superhero, etc.

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