



Lesson 5- Create a Character

Outcomes:

Create a new professor at Hogwarts using a character profile and brainstorming sheet.

Introduction

Explain that we are going to be focusing on costume design. Once again, emphasise that it is not about recreating costumes from the film versions of HP, they must be creative and original with their ideas.

Retrieval Starter

Last lesson we looked at different roles and jobs in theatre. Complete the sentence:

The role of the costume designer involves.....

Watch [this clip about costume](#) in the Cursed Child. Why is the role of the costume designer so important for the actors and audience?

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Activity 1- The Costume Design Brief

Read the Student Worksheet- Costume Design Brief and look at the modelled example of Sybil Trelawney. Focus students' attention on four design fundamentals of character, colour, texture and style.

Activity 2- Initial Design Ideas & Character Profile

Complete the Character Profile with initial ideas.

Finisher

Share a selection of initial ideas. What do you need to go away and think about before next lesson?



Student Worksheet

Costume Design Brief

Create a new Professor at Hogwarts. Use the prompts below to do an initial brainstorm of your ideas for your character.

You are designing for a stage play, set during the first series of Harry Potter books (not the Cursed Child).

All scenes are set at Hogwarts School of Witches and Wizardy in the winter.

1. Witch or Wizard
2. Age
3. Personality traits
4. Interest in fashion/ clothes
5. Are they who they say they are or an imposter?
6. Personal journey e.g. at the start of the play they....at the end of the play they...
7. What is their relationship to the other professors, Dumbledore and Harry? e.g. amicable? Mutual suspicion?
8. What is their teaching specialism? e.g. Dark Arts, Divination, Potions?
9. What is their attitude towards Muggles?
10. What are their habits? How will that influence their costume? e.g. an untrustworthy character might have their face concealed, All characters who have wands will need somewhere to keep it.