

Characterization and Costuming

Due Thursday, May 7

Name _____

My Character _____

The parts in red are required.

Some questions to get you thinking:

1. If your character were a color, what color would they be? Would it be bright or dark? Neon or muted? Why?

2. If your character were an animated Disney character, who would he/she be? Why?

3. If your character were a car, what kind of car would he/she be? Old? Dented? Ostentatious (showy)? What color? How expensive? (If that question doesn't appeal to you, how about a house? Would your character be a big house? A little cottage? Would the paint be peeling?)

4. If your character could have one wish granted, what would it be?

5. If your character were an animal, what animal would he/she be?

6. What does your character have in his/her pocket?

7. What present-day store would your character shop at for clothes?

8. How old is your character? _____ 9. What is your character's social rank?

Your Costume:

My minimum costume changes: _____

When (Act, Scene - Act, Scene)	Costume description (eg. "Mourning")

The Hierarchy of Cheap Costuming

Remember, funds and time for costuming are not endless, so as you think about your costume, go down this list. The more items you can use from higher on the list, the better.

- ☺ Things you already own
 - Things you can borrow (Especially from the YLP collection)
 - Things you can make yourself
 - Things that can be bought (Cheaper the better!)

⌚Expensive items and things that must be made by someone else

This list is not meant to prohibit you from listing things you don't have! List all your ideas, but keep this in mind.

Clues from Shakespeare

Sometimes lines in the play give clues about what your character is wearing. (Olivia is in mourning at the beginning, Malvolio wears yellow, etc.) Sometimes seemingly humorless can be made funny by the right costume pieces or props. For example, When Maria tells everyone that Malvolio "will come to her in yellow stockings, and 'tis a color she abhors", it might be funny if Aguecheek were also wearing yellow. Look for these clues as you become more familiar with the script.

Clue line	My idea

Your List:

Give a detailed list of items you are considering using for your costume. Don't forget:

- Underclothes to change the shape of your costume—a fake belly or a petticoat for example.
 - Accessories- jewelry, pouches, hat or headpiece etc.
 - Makeup- Feminine cosmetics? Beard? Black eye?
 - Color- list possible colors for your pieces.

List alternatives. This is a brainstorming exercise, so put down all your ideas. Not every costume piece is feasible to acquire, so it's always good to have a plan B. Also **please check off whether you have the item (or can be responsible for getting it on your own) or need it** (this includes things that need to be bought, sewn, or borrowed from the YLP collection). If you are willing, it would be helpful to us if you include pictures of the things you want us to find/make for you. (Try online image search or cut from clothing catalogs) Even if you aren't sure about the actual costume pieces, you can attach pictures of styles you like, or that remind you of your character. This is completely optional, but it would be helpful.

Sketch

Try a rough sketch of your costume.

