

Designer's Essential Questions—complete on your own paper

Part I: The Play

1. What kind of play is this? Drama, Comedy, Tragedy, Farce? How do I know?
2. What is the basic story of the play? Explain briefly.
3. Where and when is the play set? What indications of climate (seasons) or weather do I notice?
4. What mood is present in the play? Does the mood change? When?
5. Whose play is it? (Who is protagonist and antagonist? Does protagonist achieve the goal?)
6. What important or repeated images (symbols) occur in the play?
7. Has the director imposed any particular production concept to the play? Explain.

Part II: The Characters—complete the following questions for each character being designed

1. Character's Vitals
 - a. Name
 - b. Age
 - c. Occupation
 - d. Physical condition (healthy, weak, sickly, etc.)
 - e. Type of character: major, supporting, chorus
2. Character's Interior
 - a. Intelligence Level
 - b. Self Esteem/Emotional State (note if changes during play)
 - c. Morality or Religion
 - d. Personality Traits
3. Script Information
 - a. Make note of any and every text reference to the character's clothing and/or accessories
4. Will the actor cast in the role require any special treatment (padding, shoe lifts, wigs) to look the part?