

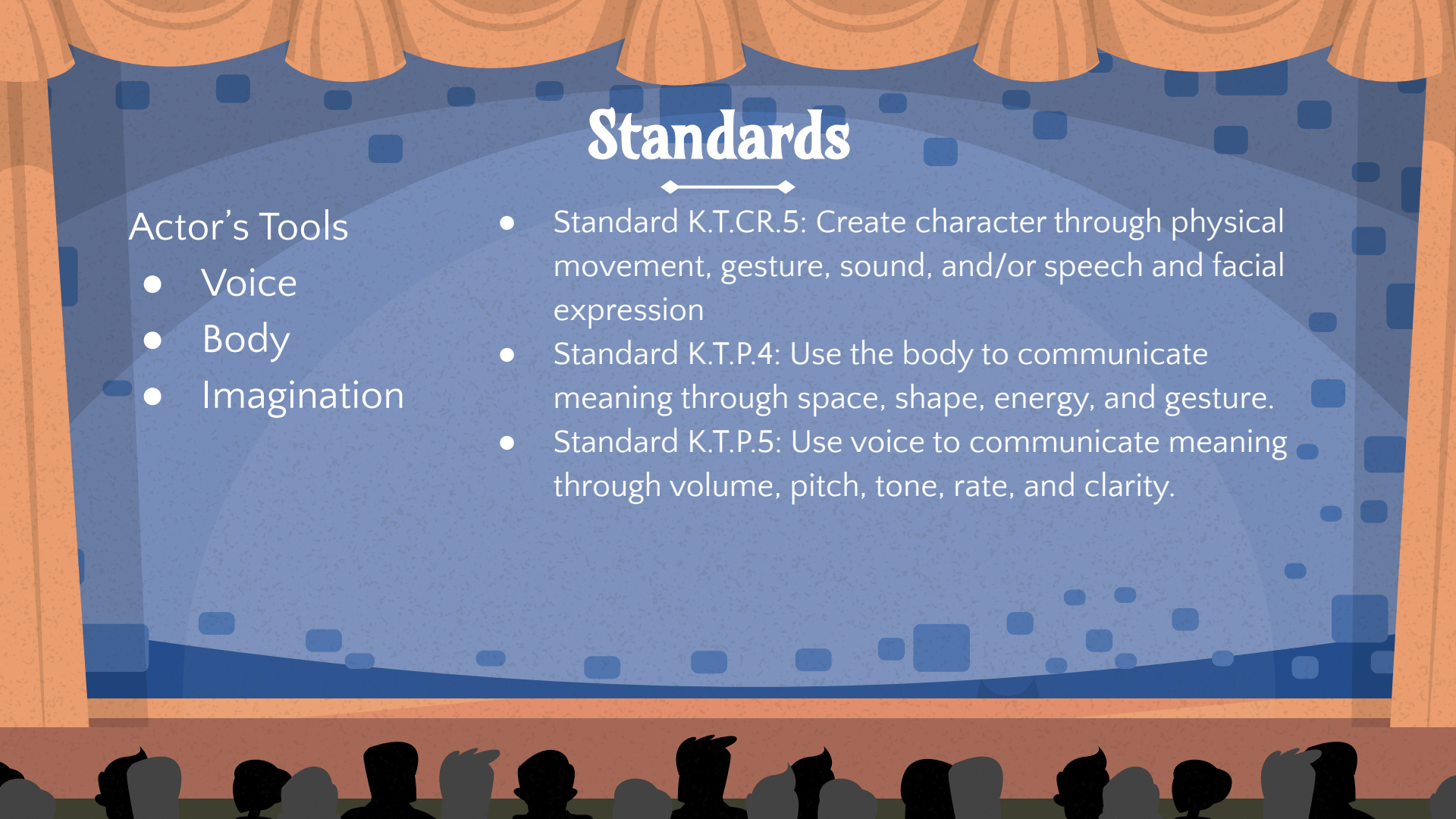
Common Characters in Shakespeare



Objective:
I can act like different
types of characters from
Shakespeare's plays



Standards



Actor's Tools

- Voice
- Body
- Imagination

- Standard K.T.CR.5: Create character through physical movement, gesture, sound, and/or speech and facial expression
- Standard K.T.P.4: Use the body to communicate meaning through space, shape, energy, and gesture.
- Standard K.T.P.5: Use voice to communicate meaning through volume, pitch, tone, rate, and clarity.

Stock/Archetype Characters

A stock or archetype is a way we describe characters that have similar traits in different types of stories



Examples

Think about it in modern TV shows movies:

Superheros

Most superheros
are brave, strong,
fast, and confident



The Prince or Princess

Most prince or princess characters are considered handsome or beautiful, headstrong, wear pretty clothes, and have lovely singing voices



The Villain

Most villain characters are cunning, have scary voices, and even wear darker, bolder colors.



Those
characters are
examples of
STOCK
characters



Shakespeare, and other playwrights have
their own stock characters



#1 The Sovereign, or The King/Queen

Examples: Queen Hippolyta King Macbeth, King Henry, Queen Titania, King Claudius,

How does a king walk? Talk? Stand? Speak?

Can you practice walking, talking, standing, and speaking like a king?

Try saying this line of Shakespeare like a king:

“Fail not our feast” –*Macbeth*



#2 The Warrior

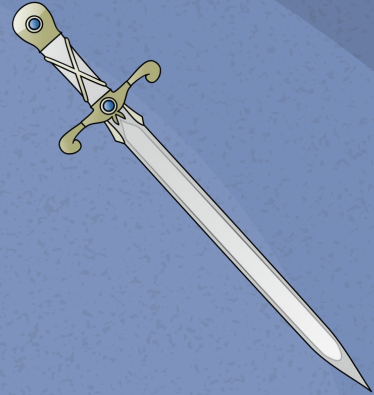
Examples: King Henry, Mercutio, Tybalt, Hamlet, Othello, Benedick, Claudio

How does a warrior walk? Talk? Stand? Speak?

Can you practice walking, talking, standing, and speaking like a warrior?

Try saying this line of Shakespeare like a warrior:

“Give me mine armor!” –*Macbeth*



#3 The Trickster



Examples: Puck, Feste

How does a trickster walk? Talk? Stand? Speak?

Can you practice walking, talking, standing, and speaking like a trickster?

Try saying this line of Shakespeare like a trickster:

"What fools these mortals be!" *—A Midsummer's Night Dream*



#4 The Caregiver



Examples: The Nurse, Nerissa, Celia

How does a carer walk? Talk? Stand? Speak?

Can you practice walking, talking, standing, and speaking like a caregiver?

Try saying this line of Shakespeare like a caregiver:

“Dearest chuck,” *-Macbeth*



#5 Mystic Creatures

Fairies, witches, wizards, sprites,



Examples: The Witches, Oberon (King of the Fairies) Titania (Queen of the Fairies), Prospero, Ariel

How does a fairy walk? Talk? Stand? Speak?
How about a wizard? A witch?

Can you practice walking, talking, standing, and speaking like a witch? A fairy? A wizard

Try saying this line of Shakespeare like a witch:

“Double, double toil and trouble” –Macbeth

#6 The Villain



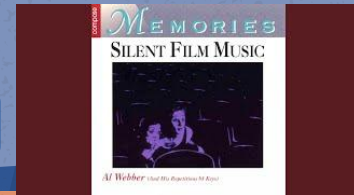
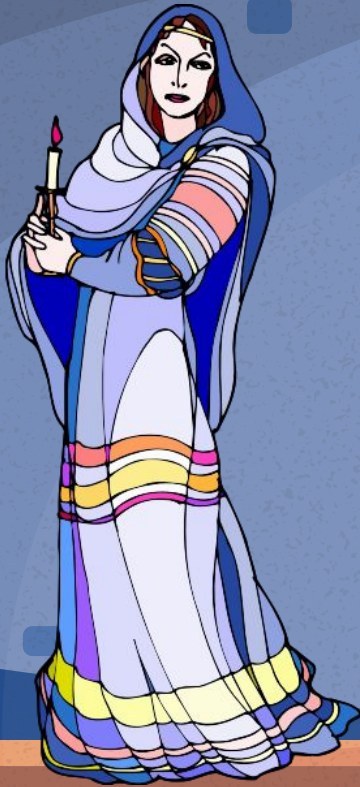
Examples: Iago, Lady Macbeth, Don John, King Claudius, King Richard III

How does a villain walk? Talk? Stand? Speak?

Can you practice walking, talking, standing, and speaking like a villain?

Try saying this line of Shakespeare like a villain:

“I am a plain-dealing villain” – *Much Ado About Nothing*

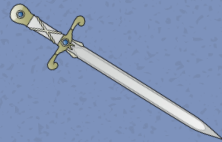


Which stock character from Shakespeare was your favorite?

The King/Queen



The Warrior



The Trickster



Magical Creatures



The Caregiver



The Villain



THANKS!



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