BODY BIOGRAPHY

You will be creating a Body Biography for a character of your choice – a visual and written portrait illustrating your character’s most important traits.

Begin by drawing an outline of the body. I have listed some possibilities for your body biography, but feel free to come up with your own creations. The choices you make should be based on the text; for you will be verbally explaining them. Be creative!

After completing this portrait, you will present your "masterpiece" in small groups. You should accomplish the following objectives:

- Give a review of the play that involves your character.
- Communicate to the group the full essence of your character by emphasizing the traits that make the character unique.

BODY BIOGRAPHY REQUIREMENTS

Although I expect your biography to contain additional dimensions, your portrait must contain:

- A review of the novel's events
- Visual symbols
- The two most important quotes (either exposition or dialogue) relating to your character (be sure to attribute correctly (who said it) and annotate (page number).

BODY BIOGRAPHY SUGGESTIONS

1. **Placement** - Carefully choose the placement of your text and artwork. For example, where your character's heart would be might be appropriate for illustrating relationships or emotions. Their hands might refer to actions; their eyes may reflect what they see; their mind what they think; their mouth what they say, etc.
2. **Spine** – A spine is sometimes discussed as an objective within a play or movie. What is the most important goal for your character? What drives their thoughts and actions?
3. **Virtues and Vices** - What are your character's most admirable qualities? Their worst? How can you make us visualize them?
4. **Color** - Colors are often symbolic. What color(s) do you most associate with your character? Why? How can you effectively weave these colors into your presentation?
5. **Symbols** - What objects can you associate with your character? Are there objects mentioned within the play that you could use? If not, choose objects that especially seem to correspond with the character.

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