BUILD-A-PLAY
YOUR MAIN CHARACTER

Actors play characters. That’s what they do. So, if you’re going to build a play, you need characters. TODAY, we are going to create the MAIN CHARACTER of your play. The one who the story will be all about.

FIRST
THINK about your character: Who are they? What do they like? What do they dislike? What kind of personality do they have? What are some of the experiences they have had in their life so far? Are they human? Are they superheroes? Are they an animal? Where do they live? What do they like to do? USE YOUR IMAGINATION. HAVE FUN.

SECOND
AFTER THINKING ABOUT YOUR CHARACTER - WRITE ABOUT THEM! ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE TO CREATE THIS CHARACTER.

You can write your answers on a piece of paper or type them up on a tablet or computer.
ALL ABOUT MY MAIN CHARACTER

1) GIVE YOUR CHARACTER A NAME. And then, Age? Siblings? Where do they live?

2) LIST FIVE THINGS YOUR CHARACTER LOVES:
   1)
   2)
   3)
   4)
   5)

3) LIST FIVE THINGS YOUR CHARACTER HATES (things not people):
   1)
   2)
   3)
   4)
   5)

4) What is your character’s favorite place in the whole world? Write about why this is their favorite place. Tell a story about it even.

5) What is the best or worst (you choose) gift your character has ever received? Write about why. Tell a story about this too.

6) What is the most challenging thing your character has ever done? Write about why. This can be a story too.

7) What is your character’s greatest ambition? (This is the one thing your character wants to do more than anything else) Why? Is there a story behind it?
WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR CHARACTER

DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR CHARACTER
What are they wearing? Is this their costume for the play? Are they doing something in the picture? Use some of your writing to inspire this drawing.

MAKE A CHARACTER STICK PUPPET
Draw the character, much like you did above and make sure the character is at least 8 inches tall. Make sure to draw the character in their costume. Cut out the character drawing and add fabric scraps to their costume and maybe even hair, fur, etc. Tape the cut-out character onto a popsicle stick, a small dowel, a straw or plastic spoon or knife. Ta-da! You have a created the main character of your play.

WRITE YOUR CHARACTER A SHORT MONOLOGUE TO PERFORM
Monologue means – “one speaking” You have one character, so write words for your character to say to an audience. Have them tell the audience exactly who they are. Use the answers to the character questions as inspiration. Practice speaking for your character. Use the words you wrote. Record your character performing their monologue.

NEXT TIME
We’ll create another character for your play that is nothing at all like your main character.