



Childsplay's Student Activity Guide for *The Beauty Machine*

Today you saw a production of *The Beauty Machine*, performed by Childsplay. Here are some things to think about and some activities to do now that you've seen the show!

Tell your family and/or friends about the play you saw. Talk about the following:

- Tell them about the story and the characters: How many characters can you remember? Which character was your favorite and why? What was your favorite part of the play?

- Tell them about the costumes, scenery, props and sound that were used in the production. Draw pictures to help describe the different costumes and scenery.

- Tell them how the villagers made the choice to go through "The Beauty Machine" and ended up having to live with the consequences of their actions. Can you think of a time when you wished you had made a different choice than the one you made?

- If you could choose a different ending for the play, what might it be?

- Suzy Snapshot is the only person (besides Professor Hammer) who doesn't go through "The Beauty Machine". Why does she decide to stay as she is?

- If there was one thing you could change about the way you look, what would it be? Why?

The Beauty Machine

(La Machine A Beauté)

Based on the novel by
Raymond Plante

Stage adaptation by
Robert Bellefeuille

Directed by
Anthony Runfola

Scenic Design by
Geof Eroe

Costume Design by
Liz Ihlenfeld

Lighting Design by
Mike Eddy

Sound Design by
Benjamin Monrad

Stage Manager
Gretchen Schaefer

THE CAST

Albert Hammer..... Thomas Bigley
Suzy Snapshot/
Carmen/Yvette..... Julie Cotton
Beatrice/Nellie..... Jenn Taber
Beetroot/Leo..... Michael Arbuckle
Steven/Jeremiah..... Joe Flowers

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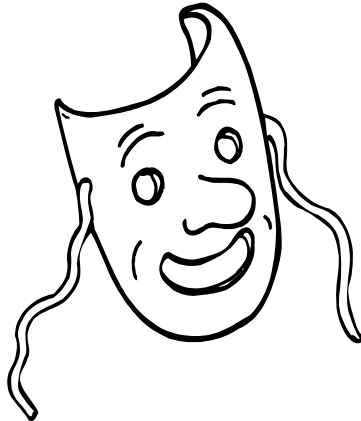
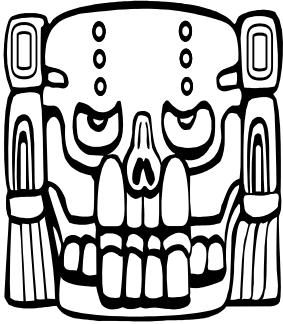


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In "The Beauty Machine", the actors use masks to look the same. Masks are used all around the world in performances and celebrations. Here are some examples to color!



Word Scramble

"The Beauty Machine" is a *pretend* invention. Many *real* inventions have changed our world and the way we live.

Unscramble the inventions below:

1. npeethloe _____
2. rietecyiltc _____
3. ubmooatlei _____
4. vesiiteoln _____
5. cepas utshlte _____
6. ptucmore _____
7. lrainepa _____
8. wsigne hnmiace _____
9. droia _____
10. rlcilulae nhope _____

Similarities and Differences:

Together with a friend make a list of your similarities and your differences! How many things do you have in common? How many differences can you count?

Same:

Different:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Total:

Total:

Find the answers to the puzzle!

B _ _ _ _ _
 E _ _ _ _
 A _ _ _ _
 U _ _ _ _
 T _ . _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
 Y _ _ _ _ _

M _ _ _ _ _
 A _ _ _ _
 C _ _ _ _
 H _ _ _ _
 I _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
 N _ _ _ _
 E _ _ _ _

Clues:

- B: a male character from the play
 E: we hear with these
 A: not different but ...
 U: not pretty but...
 T: who tells us the news?
 Y: a female character
- M: women use this to look pretty
 A: another word that means "to love"
 C: this takes our picture
 H: a tool and a male character
 I: when two things are the same
 N: on your face
 E: you see with these

Look-Alike Masks: Create half masks with your friends that make you all look the same! Start with a paper plate and cut it in half. Cut out eyeholes so you can see. As a group, decide on type and color of hair, what the nose should be like, and what the skin color should be. Use markers, yarn, pipe cleaners or whatever! Use elastic or string to hold it in place.

Answers for Word Scramble:

1. Telephone
2. Electricity
3. Automobile
4. Television
5. Space shuttle
6. Computer
7. Airplane
8. Sewing Machine
9. Radio
10. Cellular phone