



ORLANDO SHAKESPEARE THEATER IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UCF

Status Walk

Part 1. Status in the School Environment

Assign each student the number 4 or the number 1. This can be done by walking around the room and assigning alternate numbers or having the class count off. Instruct 1s and 4s to form two lines facing each other. Tell students that two by two, one person from each line will cross to the other line, until the lines have changed places. Also, tell them that 4s and 1s behave differently. You will be giving them two sets of behaviors. Each time they cross, they are to follow your instructions of behavior.

The first time they cross, tell them that 4s always look 1s in the eyes, while 1s avoid making eye contact with 4s.

The second time they cross, tell them that 4s also take really big steps while 1s take really tiny steps.

As a class, describe people who are usually 4s? Describe people who are usually 1s? The lists can be adjectives or job titles.

Examples:

4s = rich, older, bossy, teacher, policeman, president, principal, lawyer, etc.

1s = poor, slave, shy, janitor, thief, intern, student, etc.

Part 2. Status in a Novel

After completing Part 1, assign each student a character from a novel. (You may assign two students the same character, if necessary.) Tell each student to decide if their character is a 4 or a 1, and instruct them to stand on the appropriate line. Repeat the exercise, crossing lines with behaviors. Sit down. Follow with a discussion of status in the novel. If there is disagreement, discuss how status changes with situation and plot/character development.

You may compile a list of characters from the novel you are studying or use one of the following:

Animal Farm - Old Major, Napoleon, Snowball, Squealer, Minimus, Boxer, Clover, Mollie, Benjamin, Moses, Muriel, Mr. Jones, Mr. Frederick, Mr. Pilkington, Mr. Whympers

Lord of the Flies - Ralph, Piggy, Jack, Simon, Roger, The Lord of the Flies, Samneric, Phil, Percival, Wemys Madison, British Naval Officer, Henry, Maurice, Robert, Bill

Jane Eyre - Jane Eyre, Edward Fairfax Rochester, Adèle Varens, Céline Varens, Blanche Ingram, St. John Rivers, Rosamond Oliver, Diana and Mary Rivers, Mrs. Fairfax, Grace Poole, Bertha Mason, Richard Mason, John Eyre, Uncle Reed, Mrs. Reed, John Reed, Georgiana Reed, Eliza Reed, Bessie Lee, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Brocklehurst, Maria Temple, Helen Burns, Miss Scatcherd, Miss Abbot

The Outsiders - Ponyboy Curtis, Darry Curtis, Sodapop Curti, Johnny Cade, Dallas Winston, Two-Bit Mathews, Steve Randle, Bob Sheldon, Randy Adderson, Cherry Valance, Marcia, Sandy, Buck Merrill, Tim Shepard, Curly Shepard, Mr. Syme, Jerry Wood, Mrs. O'Briant, Mrs. Cade, Paul Holden

To Kill A Mockingbird - Jean Louise Finch (Scout), Jeremy Atticus Finch (Jem), Atticus Finch, Arthur Radley (Boo), Calpurnia, Charles Baker Harris (Dill), Miss Maudie Atkinson, Aunt Alexandra, Tom Robinson, Bob Ewell, Mayella Ewell, Uncle Jack, Mrs. Henry Lafayette Dubose, Nathan Radley, Heck Tate, Link Deas, Mr. Underwood, Mr. Dolphus Raymond, Mr. Cunningham, Walter Cunningham, Miss Rachel Haverford, Mrs. Grace Merriweather, Miss Stephanie Crawford, Mr. Avery, Cecil Jacobs, Judge Taylor, Mr. Gilmer, Miss Caroline, Miss Gates, Reverend Sykes, Lula, Burris Ewell

The Hobbit - Bilbo Baggins, Gandalf, Thorin Oakenshield, Smaug, Dwalin, Balin, Kili, Fili, Dori, Nori, Ori, Oin, Gloin, Bifur, Bofur, William the Troll, Elrond, Great Goblin, Gollum, Beorn, Bombur, Elvenking, Master of the town, Bard, Roac, The Old Thrush, Dain, Lord of the Eagles, Bolg