

Careers in the Arts Workshop:

21st Century Skills in Action



4th Grade Workshop – Acting is Believing

Pre-workshop Activities

1. Create a list of tools or skills used by actors when performing a play. As a class, create a chart tallying the responses. Discuss which items on the chart are the most popular and why. Decide which three items from the list you think are the most essential and write a persuasive piece supporting your choice.
2. Think about your best friend. What have you observed about him or her? What does he or she look like and act like? Pretend that you are an actor and using your critical thinking skills, write down a character description of your best friend. Be sure to use lots of details!

Follow-up

1. Actors must utilize the 4Cs (Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, and Creativity) to effectively tell a story and ensure a play's success. Many other careers require use of the 4Cs as well, such as professional athletes, police officers, doctors, and teachers, just to name a few. Working in small groups, write a script and then perform a commercial "selling" the importance of one of the 4Cs.