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ANTI-BULLYING / CHARACTER EDUCATION

# FRIEND REQUEST

BRIGHT STAR CHILDREN'S THEATRE, LLC\*BRIGHT STAR TOURING THEATRE

## About the Production!

This new show brings to light internet safety in a fun, yet serious way! We are in the golden age of technology, and we have global information at our fingertips! However, sometimes that knowledge can get in the hands of the wrong people. Help your students understand the importance of internet safety in ways of passwords, fake profiles, and how to handle those random "Friend Requests." Our actors will help show your students tips and tools in how to keep safe online!



## Martin Cooper

Can you imagine what our lives would be like without cell phones? Now a days, the average age for getting a first cell phone is just 10 years old! When Martin Cooper invented the first cell phone back in 1973, he had no idea what a phenomenon he had created! The first cell phone rolled out in 1983 and with that,

he is considered the "Father of the (handheld) cell phone." As of 2015, 92% of American adults had a cell phone, and that number has continued to grow since then! Imagine what your life would be like if you couldn't use your cell phone for a day; a week; a year; forever!



# Friend Request Word Search!



## SOCIAL MEDIA FACTS!

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# Classroom Discussions!

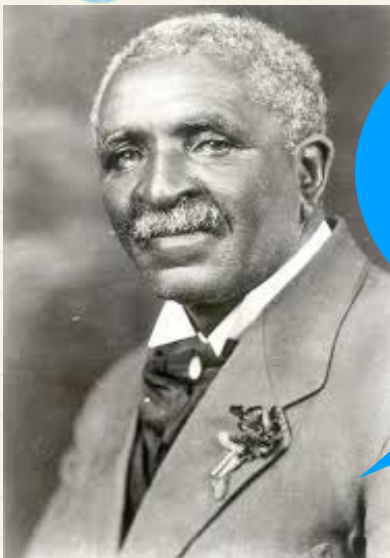
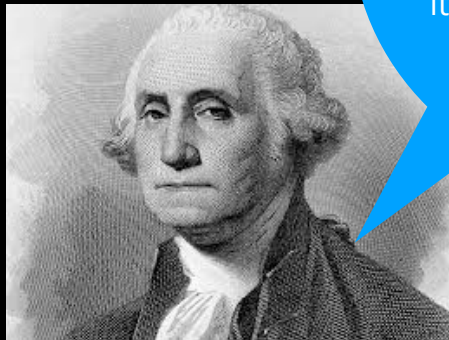
1. Break up into groups and discuss what the best things about the internet, cell phones, and social media are! Have each student discuss what makes our social technology so useful!
2. In the same groups, go around and talk about how the internet, cell phones, and social media can be dangerous. Talk about what happens when you spend too much time on these devices, and what the best ways to stay safe online are!
3. Have a group discussion! Do your students have a cell phone? If so - discuss why it is important in their life. What about that portable technology has helped their lives!

## HISTORICAL TWITTER!

@George\_Washington1

"We're doing all right! A bit of an adjustment, but as the first President of the, new, United States of America, I can say it's been a pretty cool day.

#1776 #First President



@THE\_George\_Washington\_CARVER

"GUYS! So I've been playing around with peanuts I found and I think these are WAY cooler than people are giving them credit for. I've found, like... over 300 uses for them.

SERIOUSLY. Um, I guess... just buy my book?

#HowToGrowThePeanut #NOTGeorgeWashington

#Inventor #Peanuts #Scientist "





# Be the Next Famous Inventor!

Every single piece of technology we use today came from one small idea!

What ideas do you have? Use the space below to brainstorm what inventions you could make that would change the world! What would you need to do to ensure that your inventions were safe for all people?





**YOU CAN DO THIS TOO!**

**Where to start:** All of our actors started out playing and telling stories when they were young -then they decided to study acting in school. Now they are pros! Here are some ways you can start doing theatre right away!

**In School!** Does your school have plays or musical performances? This is a great place to start.

**In Your Community!** Many towns have community theaters or local acting groups. See if you can try out!

**Start Something!** If your school doesn't have a drama club or a theatre club, talk to your favorite teacher about how you might be able to start one.

**At Home!** Get together with friends, cousins, brothers and sisters and make your own play. You can make up plays based on your favorite books and stories. Invite family and friends to see your performance.

**Try new things and do your best at them!** There are lots of jobs in the theatre besides acting. There are people who paint the sets, make costumes, write plays and more. Get the most out of your art, music and English classes. You can use all of these things to be a live theatre pro!

## Before, During and After the Play...



### BEFORE YOU SEE THE PLAY...

Attending the theatre is very different from watching TV or going to the movies. For one thing, the actors are real people who are performing right then and there. They can see and hear everything that happens in the audience. Because of this, YOU are an important part of the play and it's important to do your job as an audience member well. Here are some tips before you see the play.

1. Please be quiet and respectful so everyone else around you can hear what's happening and so the actors can do their job.
2. If something is funny, it is okay to laugh!
3. The actors may ask you to participate. Don't be afraid to respond, ask a question or volunteer!
4. Keep your hands to yourself and your eyes up front.
5. If you like the play, be sure to clap at the end.
6. Have fun! Enjoy yourself!



## FUN FACTS ABOUT THEATRE!

After a play is over and everyone goes home, there is always a light left on backstage. It's called a ghost light!

The oldest play that is still around was written by an Ancient Greek named Aeschylus. It's almost 2500 years old!

The longest performance on stage ever was over 23 hours long! It happened in New Jersey in 2010.

William Shakespeare is a famous play writer. He wrote 37 plays and is still quoted by many people. There are 157 million google pages that mention him--the most of any famous person ever!

In theatre, it's considered bad luck to tell an actor, "Good luck" before a performance. Instead, you're supposed to say, "Break a leg!"

## After seeing the Play...

Write your own review of the play! A review is a way of telling your thoughts about a play, movie or book. Consider the following when you are writing your review.

When you summarize

# Everything about the Theatre!



A mini-van is our hip and favored mode of transportation for touring the country!

## THEATRE VOCABULARY!

**Actor:** The people on-stage performing the play.

**Backdrop:** The background for the play.

**Props:** Anything that an actor holds while on-stage--a cane, book or rubber chicken.

**Downstage:** the area closest to the audience a long time ago stage were built at angles.



**Upstage:** The area away from the audience, like the back wall of the a stage.

**Director:** The person who told the actors where to go while they were on-stage and helped them create the characters they played.

## Facts about us!

1. Did you know we're owned by an Emmy winning actor?

2. Our actors average 1,000 miles a week traveling the country to entertain young audiences.

3. Our programs have been seen in almost every corner of the country and even around the world.

4. We watch over 1200 actors audition before we cast our season.

5. We offer dozens of different shows a season from Black History to anti-bullying and literary classics.

6. We toured Moscow with performances of our Aesop's Fables.

7. We're based in Asheville, NC.

## ABOUT US!

Founded in 2003, Bright Star Theatre tours the nation offering high quality, affordable programs to every imaginable venue. We've had countless engagements at the National Theatre, toured to Moscow and are so grateful to be in your very school today!

**Costumes:** The wigs, clothing and glasses that the actors wore to help flush out their characters.



**Auditions:** How an actor gets a role is by auditioning. They may have to interview, pretend to be a character from the play or read something from it.

**Set Designer:** The person who decided what should be on the background and who painted or created it.

**The Process of a Play:**

1. Actors audition 2. Directors cast the show (that means they choose actors) 3. The directors and actors rehearse the play (that means they practice it). 4. A team of people works on building the set, costumes and props. 5. The play opens (that means it is performed for the first time)!

Were there other terms that came from the experience of seeing the live play that you'd like to learn more about?



## BRIGHT STAR THEATRE

Bright Star Touring Theatre performs as west as Seattle and as east as Moscow, Russia! We visit many schools, museums, theaters and community events in between. Each season our shows run the gamut from Black History to anti-bullying, from literary classics to biographical shows. Our shows are available throughout the year for any event in any part of the world.

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