

# BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

## Learning Activity: Expression through writing and movement

Content Area: Arts and Humanities

### Part 1:

Ballet conveys storyline and themes through movement only - there is no dialogue!

One of the themes of *Beauty and the Beast* that must be conveyed through dance is that beauty is only skin deep - and that often you have to look beneath the surface to find someone's true nature. And sometimes the most "beautiful" person in the room can also be the meanest, "ugliest" person and vice versa.

Imagine that you have just had an experience where someone's true nature was revealed and is very different from your initial assumption about that person, which was based on their appearance. On the back of this page write a journal entry describing this experience, including their appearance and your assumptions. Then describe the "reveal" and how it made you feel about your assumptions.

### Part 2:

From your journal entry, make lists of adjectives you used for the following:

- Your assumption about what the person is like based on their appearance:

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- The person's true nature:

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- Your feelings about this revelation:

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Now create movements that convey these ideas and feelings. Use these movements to tell someone else the story of your assumption, the revelation, and your reaction.

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