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What is #IfIWere?

Inspired by two of the new Pearson Edexcel GCSE Drama texts, Pearson is inviting Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 students to reimagine well-loved classic plays and performances. Taking the lead from Tanika Gupta's reimagining of A Doll's House and Roy Williams' Antigone, we want students, and teachers alike, to reimagine the story, characters and outcomes of their favourite classic dramas from their perspective.
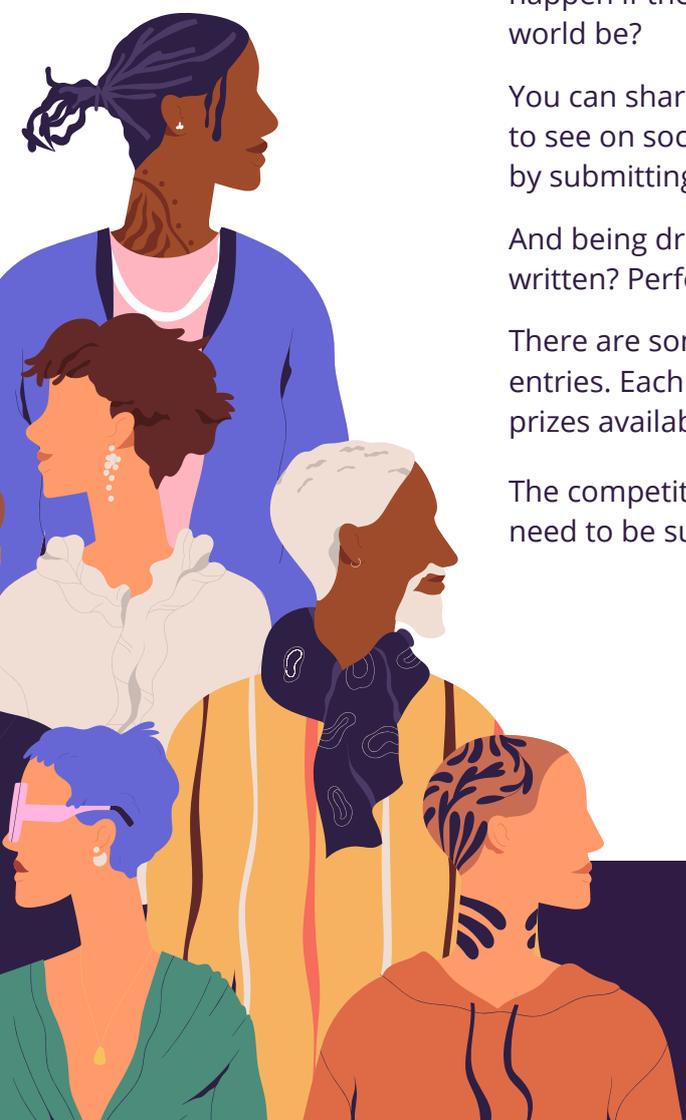
From *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to *Nine Night, Goodnight Mister Tom* to *A Raisin in the Sun* or *War Horse to Our Country's Good*, we want to encourage students to view the play or performance as if they themselves were represented in the texts and question, what would the storyline look like if they were at the heart of it? What would the characters and setting be like? What would happen if they were the protagonist? What would the view of the world be?

You can share your students reworked creations for all to see on social media, using the hashtag #IfIWere, or by submitting via email.

And being drama, who says their reworked creation needs to be written? Performed entries can be submitted too!

There are some amazing prizes up for grabs for the top three entries. Each student will receive £100 of theatre vouchers with prizes available for their school too!

The competition opens on 1 March 2022. Entries need to be submitted by 17:00 on 29 April 2022.

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Why is this taking place?

For young people, seeing others like themselves represented in their chosen field can offer inspiration and reassurance that they too can succeed. That's why Pearson has recently moved to broaden the representation of the texts in its GCSE Drama curriculum so that a wider range of voices and experiences can be studied. The #IfIWere campaign is an extension of this, empowering children, young people and adults to become the creator of their play or performance.

How to get involved?

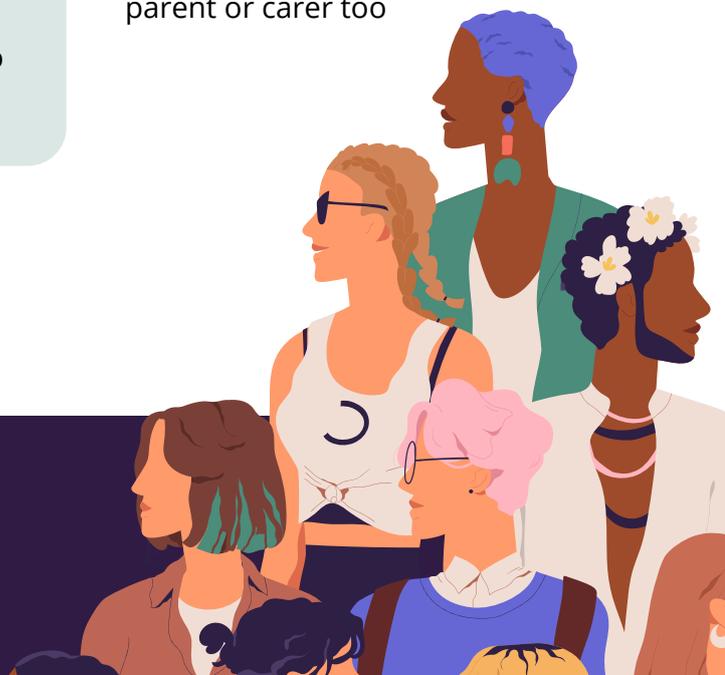It's easy to participate in #IfIWere. Just five simple steps:

1. First check out our rules – you can find them here

2. Then encourage your student to pick their favourite play, text or performance

3. Now ask them to imagine themselves in the heart of the play - what would the storyline look like if they were at the heart of it? Which character would they be? Where would it take place? How would it differ from the original?

4. Once your student has completed their reworked representation, share it with us on social media on Twitter @PearsonSchools or Facebook @PearsonUnitedKingdom. Don't forget to include the hashtag #IfIWere! Alternatively send their reworked creations to us by email at ifiwere@pearson.com providing full contact details

5. REMEMBER: Without using the hashtag #IfIWere or including full contact details in the email, their reworked creation can't be entered into the competition. Please remember so both your students and your school have the opportunity to win an amazing prize

A few dos and don'ts

- Your students reworked representation should not be longer than a 280-character Tweet, 200-word Facebook post or a short video

- The entry can be created at home or in school however an adult's permission (teacher or parent/carer) is needed for any student under the age of 18

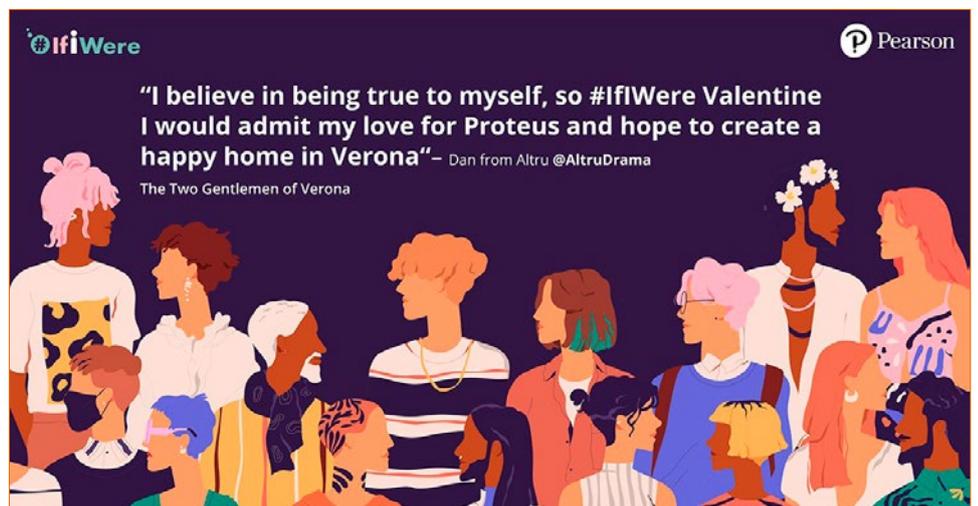- Recorded entries can be sent to us as .mp4, .avi or .mov files. They should not be bigger than 25 MB

If they have created a recording that includes anyone else under 18 years old – such as friends or family members – they must have permission from their parent or carer too

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Looking for inspiration

A few secondary school students and those in the theatre world have already shared their creations with us:

"#IfIWere... Lady Macbeth, I'd cause even more drama!"

(Macbeth)
Year 10 Drama Student, King James Academy Royston
@open_drama_uk

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"I believe in being true to myself, so #IfIWere Valentine I would admit my love for Proteus and hope to create a happy home in Verona"– Dan from Altru @AltruDrama
The Two Gentlemen of Verona

Encourage your students to let their imagine run wild, find their voices and express themselves in the lines of their new, reimagined creation.

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Contact

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