

Guidelines for Making an Imperial Robe

- 1. Read and discuss the story of your legendary emperor.** Carefully read the information on **Student Handout 1.2A**. As you read the story, make sure you answer the “Stop and Discuss” questions.
- 2. Identify the important actions taken by your legendary emperor.** After you have read the story of your legendary emperor, underline the sentences on **Student Handout 1.2A** that describe important actions taken by him during his reign.
- 3. Describe the qualities of your legendary emperor.** Carefully review the sentences that you underlined on **Student Handout 1.2A**. Then, circle the words below that describe the qualities that are reflected by the emperor’s actions. For example, if you underlined “mastered all known academic subjects by the age of 15,” you might circle “intelligent.”

approachable

caring

conscientious

humble

imaginative

insightful

intelligent

just

modest

peaceful

protective

religious

respectful

resourceful

unbiased

unselfish

- 4. Brainstorm ideas for visuals to represent your emperor’s qualities.** On the back of this page, sketch at least three visuals—symbols or illustrations—to represent the qualities of your legendary emperor. For example, if you described your legendary emperor as imaginative, you might draw a visual that symbolizes his imagination, such as a light bulb. You might also show his imagination by drawing an illustration of something he invented.
- 5. Design your imperial robe.** Use the outline of the imperial robe on **Student Handout 1.2D** to design your robe. Arrange your visuals in a creative and logical manner. Sketch additional decorative touches to show how you will make the robe colorful and dignified. Have the teacher review your design before you create your imperial robe.
- 6. Create your imperial robe.** Once the teacher has reviewed the design of your imperial robe, project the transparency of the outline of a robe onto a large sheet of unlined paper and trace the outline for the final draft of your imperial robe. Work neatly and carefully to create the final version of your imperial robe. Color the mask of the emperor appropriately, and make sure you can easily affix it to your face or your partner’s face. Make sure you can identify the unique characteristics of your imperial robe and clearly explain how the visuals depict the qualities of your emperor.