

**Sylvia Jean, Drama Queen**  
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Writing/Grammar/Usage and Mechanics/Visual Art Appreciation

**Focus:** Write a description of the costume that you would wear to win a costume party prize, and draw an illustration of the costume. Tell why you chose this costume and what materials you would need to make it.

**Pass Objectives:**

- 1.1 Create a list of topic ideas for writing.
- 1.2 Use a process approach to write coherently using prewriting, drafting, revising, editing or proofreading, and publishing or sharing.
- 4.3 Demonstrate thoughtfulness and care in completion of artworks.

**Supplies:** Copies of costume books from the school or public library for ideas. Paper, pencils & art materials for writing and illustrating.

Read *Sylvia Jean, Drama Queen* and discuss how Sylvia chooses her costumes. Think about what costume you would choose and why. Meet in the library to get ideas for costumes. Make a list of the features of the costume. Do you want to draw the costume first or write the description? After you've written a draft of your description, work in pairs proofreading your descriptions and make corrections. Combine the written description with your illustration.