



English 8: Reading: Module 2: Lesson 7: Section 2

Characters and Staging in Drama

Passage 2: Excerpt from *The Wizard of Oz*

Instructions: Read the next passage below. Return to the lesson when you are finished.

The Wizard of Oz

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(Based on the novel by L. Frank Baum)

(Dorothy steps forward to the cornfield as she speaks to the Scarecrow)

DOROTHY

. . . you did say something, didn't you?

(The Scarecrow shakes his head, then nods. Dorothy, looking at the Scarecrow as he nods his head, speaks to him)

DOROTHY

Are you doing that on purpose, or can't you make up your mind?

SCARECROW

That's the trouble. I can't make up my mind. I haven't got a brain — only straw.

DOROTHY

How can you talk if you haven't got a brain?

SCARECROW

I don't know. But some people without brains do an awful lot of talking, don't they?

DOROTHY

Yes, I guess you're right.

(Dorothy steps over the fence and into the cornfield — speaks as she steps up to the Scarecrow)

DOROTHY

Well, we haven't really met properly, have we?

SCARECROW

Why, no.

(Dorothy curtsies, speaks —)

DOROTHY

How do you do?

(Scarecrow nods, speaks —)

SCARECROW

How do you do?



Source: Ray Bolger as Scarecrow from *The Wizard of Oz* at the Wax Museum at Fishermen's Wharf in San Francisco, Mary Harrsch, Flickr