

Windy City Players 2015

Emperor's New Clothes

Student Study Guide

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11. The Emperor purchases clothes to make himself feel better. What activities do other people use to distract themselves from problems?
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- 1. What tricks does the Crook play on other characters in the play?** The Crook fools the Police Officer into thinking she's innocent, she fools the Emperor into believing she's an expert, gets the oldest advisor fired, and convinces the Emperor to go out in the parade without clothes on.
- 2. What tricks does she play on the audience?** She fools the volunteers into playing "Simon Says."
- 3. What is the Emperor in love with?** Fashion.
- 4. In the Teacher's story to her students, what does the ruler give to the children as a test?** The ruler gives all four students a different plant seed.
- 5. How does the Teacher's story relate to the moral of the play?** In both the story and the play, the key principle is to always tell the truth.
- 6. What does the Crook ask for from the Emperor?** The Crook asks for 10,000 gold pieces and 10 pounds of solid gold.
- 7. Who does the Emperor fire? Why?** The Emperor fires his senior advisor and sends him to the dungeon based on the advice of the Crook, and he fires the main advisor for questioning his judgment.
- 8. How did the Crook continue her trickery, even after she was questioned on her schemes?** The Crook played on people's insecurities by insisting that the "invisible cloth" could not be seen by the incompetent.
- 9. How did the Emperor's advisor return to his service?** The main advisor disguised her face and voice.
- 10. Who finally convinces the Emperor that there are no clothes?** One of the teacher's students steps forward and says "The Emperor has no clothes."

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