

PRETTY IN PINK (film clips will be used)

Themes for Discussion

- Socioeconomic status
- Identity
- Peer pressure
- Creativity

Materials needed

- DVD or Digital Copy of MOVIE (Howard Deutch, 1986)
- Equipment for showing film screen/monitor/dvd player/computer/speakers
- Paper/Journals/Writing Utensils
- Markers/Color Pencils
- Scissors
- Glue/tape
- Fabric/newspaper/scrapbook paper/
- Activity Descriptions/Directions
- Discussion Questions

Purpose of activity

- To promote learning to accepting of self and others
- To discuss the value of all people
- To discuss the positives and negatives of peer pressure

Plot summary

“I live on the outside. There's something to be said for having nothing.”

Andie Walsh is pretty and smart. She has her own style and a kind of pride as unique and personal as the way she dresses. But to the rich kids at school, Andie's a nothing - a "zoid".

Andie couldn't care less what the richies think. She's happy with her own friends, like devoted, goofy Duckie Dale. Then Blane McDonough - the ultimate richie - enters her life.

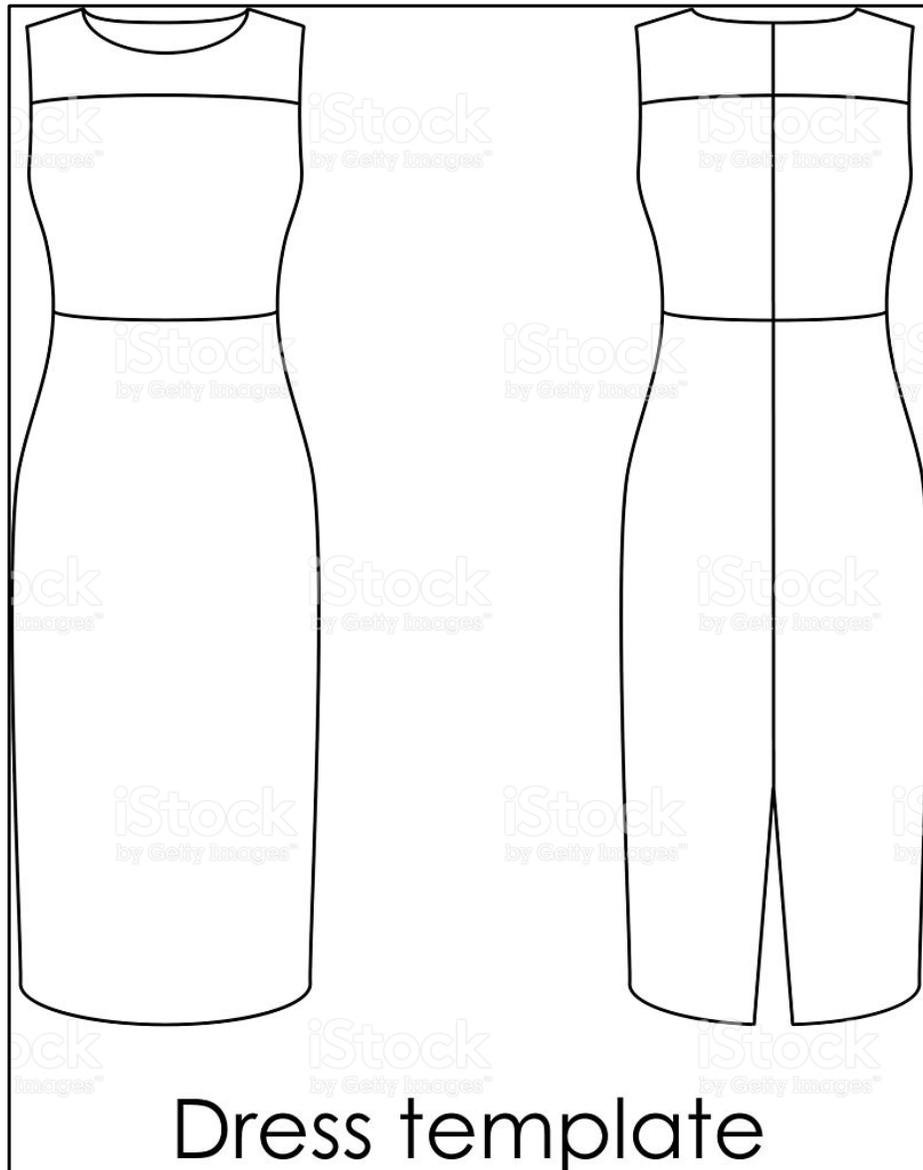
Never in a million years did Andie dream she'd fall for a guy like Blane. But when they're together, nothing else seems to matter. Until Blane asks her to prom - and his crowd starts pressuring him to dump her. Nobody said love was easy, but does it have to hurt so much?”

—Good Reads

http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/550052.Pretty_in_Pink

Description of activity

- In your journal, using the pattern/template provided or creating your own, design a dress of your choice to represent a favorite line, theme, thought, or emotion from the movie. This is personal, so make it unique! Be prepared to share and explain your image!



Discussion questions

- How did socioeconomic status affect how Andie viewed herself?
- Do you think this was a correct view?
- How do you think others viewed her because she was poor?
- Do you think valuing people based on their worth in dollars is fair? Why or Why not?
- What are some of the challenges Andie faced being “pretty and smart”?

- What are some of the that Andie faced from having her own style or being different?
- In what ways might this have been different if Andie were rich instead of poor?
- How do you think Andie should have responded to getting asked to the prom by a “richie”?
- How do you think she should have handled the situation differently?