

*Lights over center stage. Curtains open to reveal a chair in center stage facing the audience. WALT, a high school senior, enters cautiously and a bit confused. He awkwardly waves and then wonders why he did that. He walks over to the chair. He looks for someone to tell him what to do.*

WALT

Do I just...?

*(Points to the chair, waiting for a response)*

Okay.

*(Sits down, waiting for something to happen)*

So who talks first? Am I...are you waiting for me to start? Or...

*Lights turn on over MRS DREXEL, who is standing in downstage right in front of her chair with a clipboard. MS COOPER is beside her fumbling with a tripod camera. She runs backstage and jogs back on to the camera.*

MRS. DREXEL

Sorry, hold on. Wait just a second, hon. We're um...

*(whispers to MS COOPER)*

What's—what's the issue?

MS. COOPER

Just getting the camera all set. And the lighting.

WALT

Oh, sorry.

MRS. DREXEL

No worries, honey. No, it's not you. Hold on. Just getting everything perfect!

MS. COOPER

Good.

MRS. DREXEL

There! All right, good! We can begin!

MS. COOPER

So I'll start recording in 3. 2. 1.

*Lights quickly and overwhelmingly center in on Walt in his chair.*

WALT

Woah, wait. Um...still not sure what's happening. Or what we're doing. My teacher was talking about it, but... I wasn't listen--I didn't understand--

MRS. DREXEL

Well first and foremost, I'm Mrs. Drexel! Hi, if you don't know me! And the camerawoman behind me is the great and wonderful Ms. Cooper. You may have seen her before. She teaches...the...history...of...Americaaa?

MS. COOPER

Algebra.

MRS. DREXEL

Algebra! She teaches algebra! And she's the greatest gosh darn algebra teacher there is. ... I didn't know we offered algebra. Well you learn something new every day, don't ya?

MS. COOPER

That's the goal.

MRS. DREXEL

Well! Back to me! I'm in charge of putting together the yearbook and creating the little video at graduation. The students talk about some of their favorite high school experiences, where they're going to college, that kind of thing.

WALT

Right! Right, yeah! I saw that at my cousin's graduation.

MRS. DREXEL

Exactly! But instead of just making a little video about that stuff for graduation, we're making a much *larger* video for your class' ten year reunion! It's gonna have more in depth interviews with the students.

*(eerily eager)*

We're gonna ask you more questions this year!

*(beat)*

And you can come in anytime you like! Just to talk. Our door is always open. Sometimes Ms. Cooper won't be here, sometimes I won't be here, but someone will always be here during our office hours. You can come in here and just tell us your thoughts and concerns and *everything*, and then *everything* will be on the video for *all* your classmates to see in ten years!

WALT

Oh. Uh o-okay.

MRS. DREXEL

So let's begin! *What is Your Name?*

WALT

Walt.

MRS. DREXEL

Okay honey, say your full name. With your last name.

WALT

Walt Adams. Well, technically Walter, but—yeah.

MRS. DREXEL

That's great, good job!

WALT

Thank you.

MRS. DREXEL

Now, I'm just gonna ask you some simple questions. You know, just to get to know you, that kind of thing, okay?

WALT

Okay.

MRS. DREXEL

*(with the most passion)*

What is your favorite color?

WALT

Blue.

MRS. DREXEL

Ohhh...kay. We were actually looking for green. Yeeahh. Cause that's the... school color. Can you just... say green?

WALT

Green...?

MRS. DREXEL

Perfect! We'll edit that out later.