

STUDENT WORKSHEET 19

EXPLORE STAGE SPACE & STAGE POSITIONING

CHOSEN EXTRACT IS SCENE XII

Suddenly, getting an idea, he puts a strange geodesic contraption on his head. He opens the door and a frantic Marty enters.

MARTY

Doc!! Doc!! Thank God you're here!
I need your help!!

DOC

Don't say a word!
I'm going to read your thoughts!
(Hold that right there...)

DOC slaps a suction cup onto Marty's forehead. It's wired to a tall machine full of tubes and dials. Doc twists some dials, then concentrates.

DOC

I perceive...that you've come...from a great distance...

MARTY

Yes!

DOC

Wait -- don't tell me! You're... collecting donations for the coast guard youth auxiliary!

MARTY

No!

DOC

You want me to buy a prefabricated nuclear bomb shelter!

MARTY

(yanks off the suction cup, intense)
My name is Marty McFly and I'm from the future.
I came here in a time machine that YOU invented.
And now I need your help to get back to the year 1985.

DOC

My God! Do you know what this means?
It means...

(indicates the headgear)

This damn thing doesn't work at all!
Six months of labor down the drain!

Doc removes it in frustration and paces. Marty goes to him.



MARTY

Stop! Wait, I can prove I'm from the future!
See? My drivers license. I haven't even been born yet!

DOC

Fake I.D. I've got three of 'em.

MARTY

And a photo of my brother and sister and me.
Look at her sweatshirt. Hill Valley Class of 1984!

Doc takes the photo and puts it into an opaque projector. The image appears on a screen so the audience can see it, a vacation photo with Marty flanked by his siblings, all full figure. But Dave is a bit out of focus.

DOC

Pretty mediocre photographic fakery.
Look - your brother's out of focus!

MARTY

Doc, ya gotta believe me. I'm not making this up!

DOC

Then tell me, "Future Boy," who's president
of the United States in 1985?

MARTY

Ronald Reagan.

DOC

(snickers)

The actor? Then who's vice president - Daffy Duck?
I've got better things to do than play games with you, kid.
Good night, future boy.