Elements of Drama

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Dialogue

* A conversation between characters in a literary work.

Function of Dialogue

* Dialogue brings characters to life by revealing their personalities and by showing what they are thinking and feeling as they react to other characters.
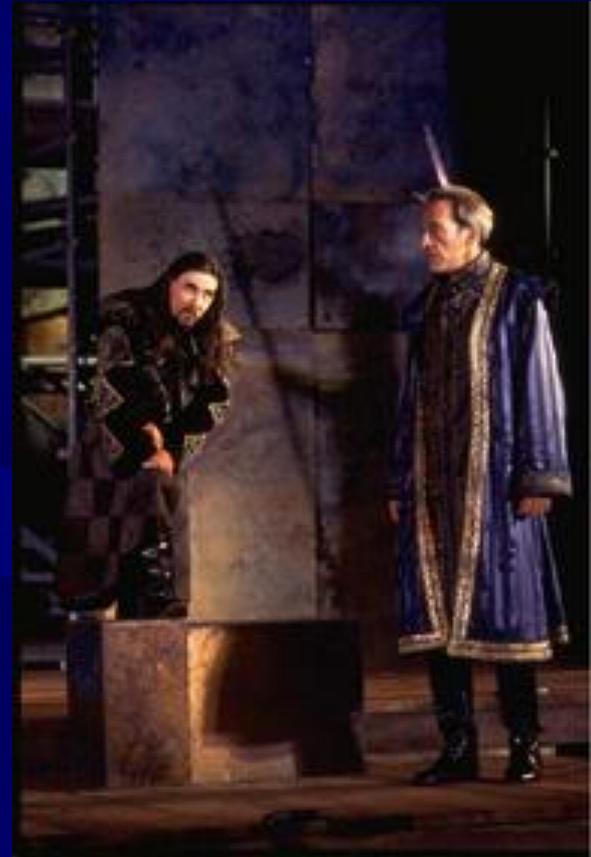
Scene Design

- A subdivision of an act in a play. Each scene usually takes place in a specific setting and time.

Function of the Scene Design

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* The scene design allows the author of the play to create a sense of *Setting*

Soliloquies

* A long speech delivered by a character who is alone onstage.
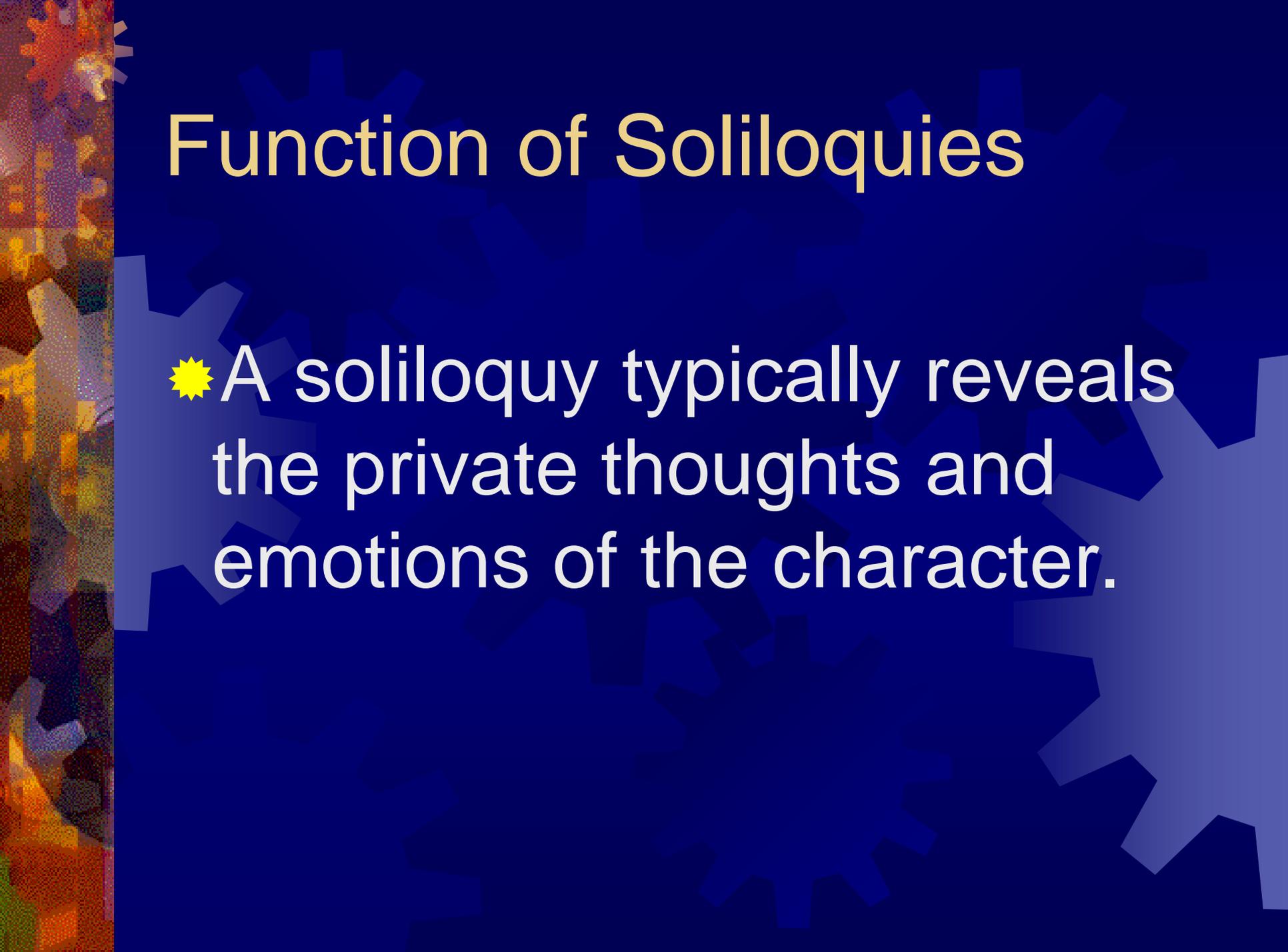
Function of Soliloquies

* A soliloquy typically reveals the private thoughts and emotions of the character.
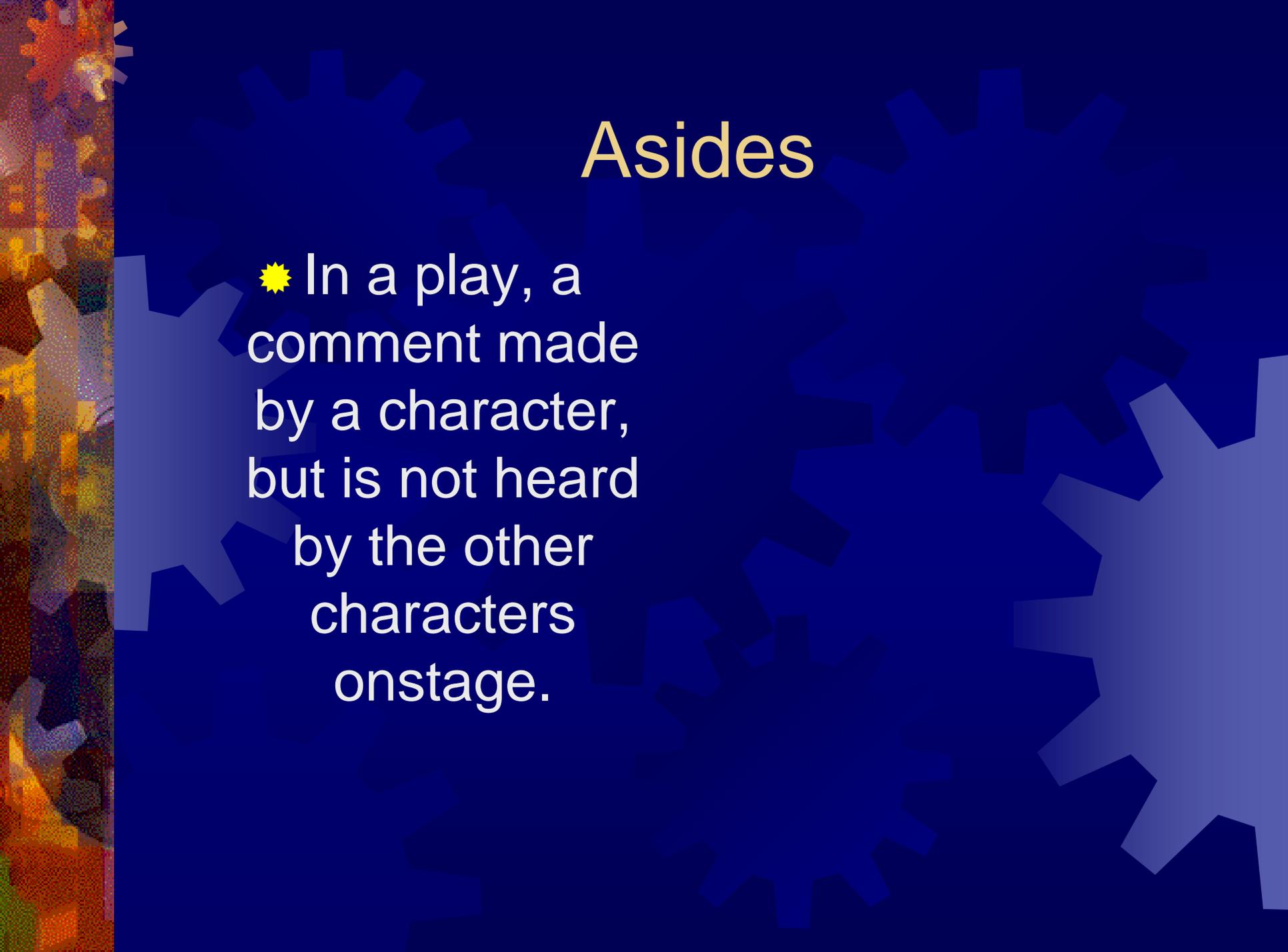
Asides

* In a play, a comment made by a character, but is not heard by the other characters onstage.

Function of Asides

☀ Asides are frequently used to provide information to the audience and to reveal the private thoughts of characters.

Aldo Billingslea as Othello and Paul Sulzman as Iago

Foil

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⭐ A character who provides a strong contrast to another character.

Function of Foil Characters

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☀ A foil may emphasize another character's distinctive traits or make a character look better by comparison.
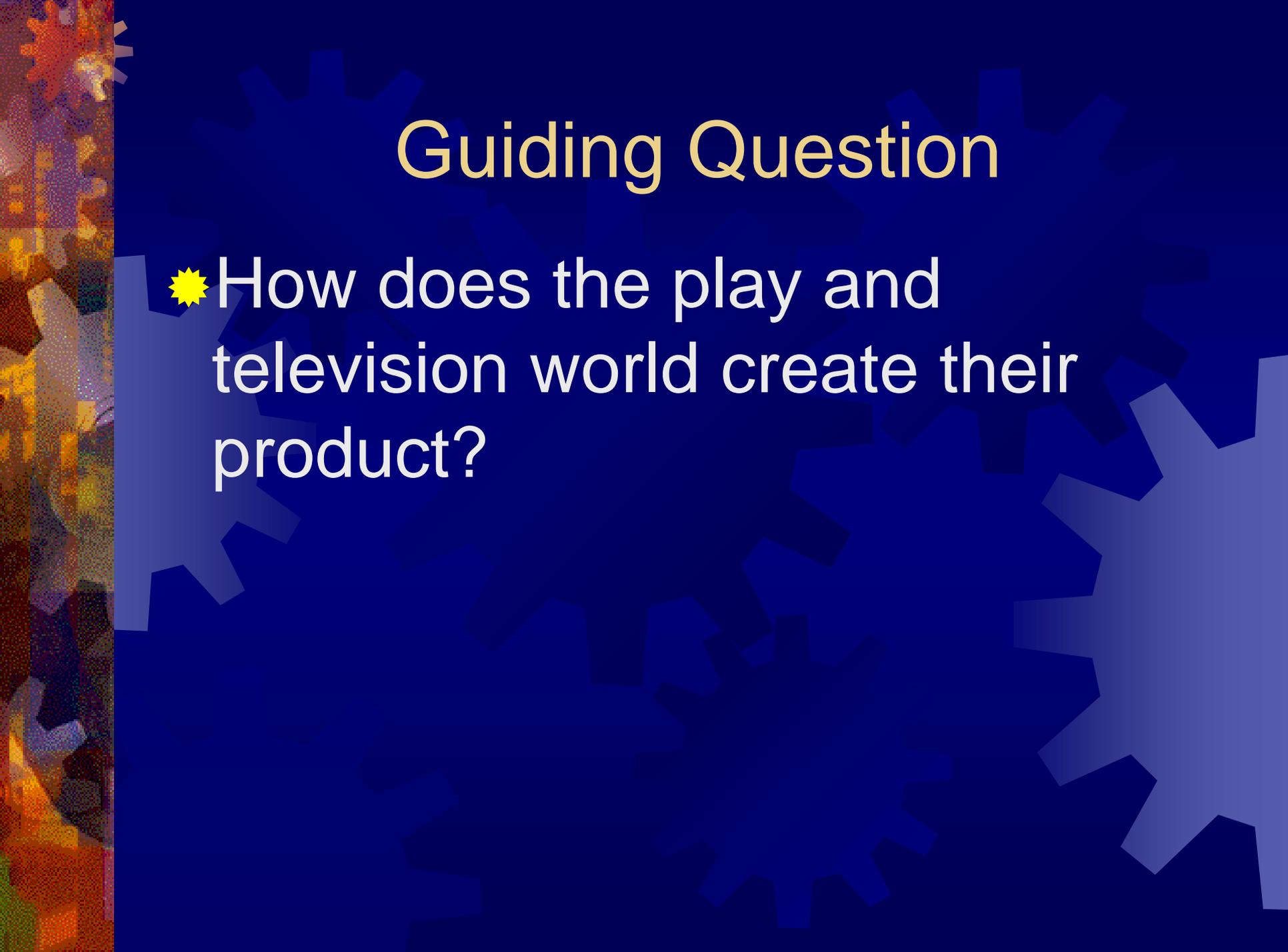
Guiding Question

- How does the play and television world create their product?

Drama

* Comes from the Greek Word, "Dran"

* Means "To do" or "To Act"

* The Doing/Acting Makes Drama

Drama…

- …is a story told in front of an audience

Elements of Drama

- ☀ Playwright-the author of a play
- ☀ Actors-the people who perform
- ☀ Acts-the units of action
- ☀ Scenes-parts of the acts

Elements of Drama

- Characterization-playwright's technique for making believable characters

Dramatic Speech

- Dialogue-conversation between or among characters
- Monologue-long speech by one single character (private thoughts)

Stage Directions

- Found in brackets [ ]
- Describe scenery and how characters speak
- C, Center Stage
- L, Stage Left
- R, Stage Right
- U, Upstage or Rear
- D, Downstage or Front

Theater

- Where a play takes place

Set

- Construction on the stage that shows time/place
- Could be called Scenery

Props

* Small movable items that the actors use to make actions look real

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