

Middletown

Preliminary Props, Costume Accessories, Furniture, Sound

PROPS:

Playing cards

2-4 medium-sized cardboard moving boxes, newspaper, dishes

Brown paper bag with large beer bottle in it

Small bag of potato chips

Police baton

Police holster and gun

Police flashlight (large and powerful)

Police 2-way hand-held radio (attaches to belt/holster)

Medium-sized sign on front of (or hanging over) desk "Information"

Librarian's computer

Manila files, papers

Ink Stamp (to stamp library book)

8-10 old, hard-cover library books, (at least 2 with unidentifiable, plain covers, and/or one entitled "Laws of the World")

Pens and pencils

Desk Telephone (Librarian)

Life Magazine

Business card ("Lucy Graves Associates")

Camera with strap (male tourist) medium size

Backpack (female tourist)

Clip Board

Road map of Massachusetts

Plastic grocery bag with a few items in it

2 sandwiches wrapped in plastic wrap

2 napkins

Hard candy, wrapped (for Aunt)

Notebook and pen (for Freelancer)

Cell phone (for Woman)

Old toolbox with 1 large wrench, flashlight

Kitchen towel

Hospital "Emergency" sign

Shovel

Small sapling tree
3 medium-sized rocks
Dirt

Doctor's clip board, papers, pen
Stethoscope
Small white new-born baby's cap
Hospital chart (that attaches to end of bed?)
Small plastic bowl (for nausea)
Hospital bedding (pillow, white sheets)
Plastic hospital gloves
Gauze bandage

A few old cardboard boxes (for outside hospital)
2 -4 big green garbage bags (full)
Prescription drug bottle with pills

2 plastic hospital water pitchers
2 plastic cups
Newborn baby swaddled in cloth blanket
Remote control for radio or TV
Small hospital trash can
Large trash bin on wheels
Possible hospital equipment (monitor? I.V.? etc.)

COSTUME ACCESSORIES:

Mrs. Swanson: purse (large enough to hold 2 small sandwiches)
Librarian purse (large enough to hold a book)
Aunt purse

Metal Name Tags: "Tour Guide", "Librarian", 2 "Doctor"
Sunglasses (male tourist)
Half reading glasses with eyeglass chain (Librarian)

Sc 12: ankle bells for Chakmawg Indian costume, possible drum, Indian rattle

FURNITURE:

Librarian's Desk (wood)
Librarian's chair
School/library chair

Simple Park Bench
4 x 4 x 4 "granite" block (Monument, Scene 4)

Swanson house interior: kitchen table, 2 chairs, kitchen sink with cabinet door underneath sink (that opens)

Dodge house: table, chair

5-6 Intermission Audience Chairs with armrests
(one armrest is broken and detaches)

1 or 2 Hospital beds
Hospital high side-table/counter
Hospital bedside table(s)
Bedside Hospital chair(s)

Sound:

Phone ring (library)

Female voice on police 2-way radio (live)

Radio communication between ground control/astronaut with static (live)

Medical Intercom (woman's voice), static, buzzing

Radio Host: Science Show (recorded or live)

Radio Host: Classical music show (recorded or live) with
Beethoven's Ninth Symphony (Coral section)

Other possible recorded sounds:

crickets/peepers, cicadas, birds
medical monitor beeps/hospital machine sounds,
labored breathing, small baby gurgling sounds,
American Indian drumming and chants (in the tradition of Apache or
Sioux)

Middletown Characters

Public Speaker

Cop

Mrs. Swanson

John Dodge

Mechanic

Librarian

Tour Guide

Male Tourist

Female Tourist

Greg (Astronaut)

Janitor

Attendant

Attendant 2

Landscaper

Male doctor

Female Doctor

Intermission Audience (will be double cast):

Aunt

Sweetheart

Freelancer

Man

Woman

Voices offstage:

Cop's radio

Ground Control (might be onstage)

Hospital Intercom

Radio Host (science show)

Radio Host (classical music)

Middletown Scene Breakdown

Prologue

Public Speaker

ACT I

Scene 1: *Town Square, evening*

Mechanic

Cop

Scene 2: *The Library, morning*

Mrs. Swanson

Librarian

Mechanic

John Dodge

Scene 3: *Town Square, evening*

Cop

John Dodge (illuminated in window)

Mrs. Swanson (illuminated in window)

Scene 4: *Town Square, bright daylight*

Tour Guide

Female Tourist

Male Tourist

Scene 5: *Town Square, bright daylight*

Mrs. Swanson

John Dodge

Scene 6: *Evening*

Librarian

Scene 7: *"Space Capsule"*

Greg

Voice: Ground Control

Scene 8 *The Swanson kitchen*

Mrs. Swanson

John Dodge

Scene 9: *Darkened stage*

Cop with flashlight

(Intermission Audience Onstage)

Scene 10: *House lights*

Intermission Audience:

Aunt

Sweetheart

Freelancer

Man

Woman

Intermission

Act II

Scene 1: *Evening, dimly lit stage*

Mechanic

John Dodge (illuminated in window)

Mrs. Swanson (illuminated in window)

Scene 2: *Afternoon, Outside Hospital*

Cop

Landscaper

Scene 3: *Hospital room*

Doctor

Mrs. Swanson

(Intercom Voice)

Scene 4: *Hospital room*

Female Doctor

John Dodge

Scene 5: *Hospital Loading Dock*

Mechanic

Female Doctor

Scene 6: *Hospital room*

Mrs. Swanson

John Dodge

Scene 7: *Outside Hospital*

Librarian

Mechanic

Cop

Scene 8: *Mrs. Swanson Hospital room*

Attendant

Mrs. Swanson

Scene 9: *John Dodge Hospital room*

John Dodge

Cop

Scene 10: *Mrs. Swanson Hospital room (warm light)*

Mrs. Swanson

Female Doctor

Scene 11: *John Dodge Hospital room*

John Dodge

Scene 12: *Empty space/John Dodge Hospital Room/Catwalk?*

John Dodge and Mrs. Swanson

Mechanic (dressed as Indian)

Attendant

Scene 13: *John Dodge Hospital room*

John Dodge

Attendant

Attendant #2

Scene 14: *Mrs. Swanson Hospital room, John Dodge Hospital room*

John Dodge

Mrs. Swanson

Librarian

Cop

Sweetheart

Janitor

(Radio Voice: Science Show)