

1 MARILYN: And didn't you buy a sweater for five dollars more  
2 last week?  
3 BRENDA: It was on sale.  
4 MARILYN: *(Closely examining it)* I don't know. I think it's  
5 really pretty.  
6 BRENDA: Well, good luck. Good luck ruining your fashion  
7 reputation in front the entire middle school tomorrow  
8 when you wear that hideous sweater.  
9 MARILYN: *(Looking carefully in the mirror)* You really think it's  
10 that bad?  
11 BRENDA: Trust me, Marilyn. Buying that sweater would be  
12 the worst mistake you make this year.  
13 MARILYN: Well, OK. If you really think so. *(Goes Off-Stage to*  
14 *change out of sweater, or just replaces it if she doesn't have*  
15 *it on).*  
16 BRENDA: *(Shouting Off-Stage, if MARILYN is Off-Stage, smiling*  
17 *to herself)* I do. You won't be sorry you didn't buy it. Let's  
18 go to Macy's and see what they have.  
19 MARILYN: *(Coming back On-Stage)* All right. I'm gonna stop  
20 for a soda.  
21 BRENDA: OK, I'll meet you. I want to call my mom.  
22 MARILYN: OK. *(Exits.)*  
23 BRENDA: *(Waits until MARILYN is gone and picks up the same*  
24 *sweater.)* This is gonna look great on me!

## 11. Student Council

**Topic:** A play about compromise and working together in times of conflict as two boys negotiate a run for student council.

**Cast:**

MIGUEL: typical smart kid, average looking, and highly intelligent

JAKE: a babe magnet and more into popularity and girls than politics

1 *(JAKE joins MIGUEL at the cafeteria table.)*  
2 JAKE: Hey.  
3 MIGUEL: *(Cautiously friendly)* Hey.  
4 JAKE: So I hear you put your name in for student council  
5 president.  
6 MIGUEL: Yeah. You too?  
7 JAKE: Yeah. *(Pause. Continues somewhat arrogantly.)* You  
8 know, you might as well give it up. We both know I'll win  
9 in, like, a landslide.  
10 MIGUEL: Not necessarily. Since sixty percent of the school  
11 is male, I think my chances are good.  
12 JAKE: You mean only girls would vote for me?  
13 MIGUEL: That's the general consensus.  
14 JAKE: *(Very full of himself)* You're just jealous because all  
15 the girls like me.  
16 MIGUEL: Well, enjoy your popularity, because I'm going to  
17 be the next student council president.  
18 JAKE: Why in the world do you think you would beat me in  
19 the election?  
20 MIGUEL: Well, let's see. I'm smart. How's that for a start?  
21 JAKE: You saying I'm not smart?  
22 MIGUEL: *(Sarcastic)* Oh, no, I would never say that. Quick,  
23 what's four plus four?  
24 JAKE: *(Dryly)* Oh, you're a barrel of laughs. I'll have you  
25 know that there's more to leadership than brains.

1 MIGUEL: In your case, I would certainly hope so.  
 2 JAKE: How about personality? Good looks?  
 3 MIGUEL: Yes, I can see how those qualities would greatly  
 4 impact the decision-making process concerning school  
 5 policy.  
 6 JAKE: *(Still pretty self-assured)* Maybe not, but they will get  
 7 me elected.  
 8 MIGUEL: Hmmm. *(Considers.)* You know who would be the  
 9 perfect candidate for school council president?  
 10 JAKE: Napoleon Dynamite?  
 11 MIGUEL: No, *us*. I mean, us together. My brains and your ...  
 12 what did you call it? Good looks and personality.  
 13 JAKE: *(Suspiciously)* You're not talking about some cloning  
 14 thing, are you?  
 15 MIGUEL: *(Frustrated)* No, dimwit, I'm talking about  
 16 teamwork.  
 17 JAKE: You mean like, working together?  
 18 MIGUEL: Yeah. I think there are a lot of good changes I could  
 19 make around the school. I have lots of ideas about  
 20 fundraising, clubs, school spirit, and new cafeteria  
 21 menus.  
 22 JAKE: *(Considering)* I haven't thought about any of those  
 23 things.  
 24 MIGUEL: What a surprise. Anyway, I know you're right about  
 25 one thing. The popular kids do always get elected. What  
 26 do you say we make a deal?  
 27 JAKE: Does it involve money?  
 28 MIGUEL: No. Let's run together. My brains and your looks.  
 29 President and Vice President. We could both get elected  
 30 and make lots of good changes.  
 31 JAKE: Who gets to be president?  
 32 MIGUEL: Does it really matter?  
 33 JAKE: Not if I get to be president.  
 34 MIGUEL: Fine. Whatever.  
 35 JAKE: You're right. We'll make a great team. I like the way

1 you think.  
 2 MIGUEL: Naturally.  
 3 JAKE: So you think I'm good-looking, too?  
 4 MIGUEL: No, but I think other people think so.  
 5 JAKE: Huh?  
 6 MIGUEL: Maybe you'd better let me do the talking during  
 7 the campaign.  
 8 JAKE: Good idea. I'll work on our theme music.  
 9 MIGUEL: Perfect.