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Speak Up!

Directions: Read the play *The Emperor's New Clothes* and the informational text "How to Speak Up." Then follow the directions below to prepare for the writing prompt on page 15.

SECTION 1: Why do the characters in the play stay silent?

Explain why the characters listed below stay silent instead of speaking up and saying that the Emperor's new clothes do not exist. Support your conclusions with details from the text. We filled in the information for one character for you.

The Royal Dresser

In Scene 5, the Royal Dresser realizes that he cannot see the clothes the tailors are supposedly working on. He wonders if he is a fool and worries about what the Emperor will do if he finds out. Rather than admitting that he doesn't see the clothes and risk the consequences, the Royal Dresser pretends to see the clothes.

The Emperor

The Courtiers

The Emperor's Subjects (in Scene 7)

SECTION 2: What could have made the situation different?

Choose three pieces of advice from “How to Speak Up” and explain how the situation in *The Emperor's New Clothes* might have been different if one or more of the characters had followed that advice. We started one idea for you.

Idea 1:

One piece of advice that author Mackenzie Carro offers is “Enlist allies.” If the Royal Dresser had listened to this advice,

Idea 2:

Idea 3: