PLAY INTO NEGATIVE STEREOTYPES OF A CULTURE THAT’S NOT YOUR OWN?

IS YOUR COSTUME INAPPROPRIATE?

LETS AVOID CULTURAL AppropriATION, RACISM AND HARMFUL STEREOTYPES THIS HALLOWEEN

WILL YOU BE: USING MAKEUP TO ALTER YOUR SKIN TONE OR REPLICATE FEATURES OF ANOTHER CULTURE?

YES

Using makeup to give yourself the appearance of another skin tone or culture is racist, no matter what day it is

NO

Good choice, don’t be racist

DOES YOUR COSTUME: HAVE THE NAME OF AN ETHNICITY IN THE TITLE?

YES

Are you a member of that racialized group?

NO

You’re good to continue!

ARE YOU DRESSING UP: AS AN OFFENSIVE OR QUESTIONABLE HISTORICAL FIGURE?

YES

These are caricatures of a group of people. Marginalized people are not your costume inspiration.

NO

You’ve earned the right to reclaim or critique.

IS YOUR COSTUME: MEANT TO BE “FUNNY” BECAUSE IT USES THE REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCES OF OTHERS?

YES

Belittling another person’s experiences and struggles is never okay. Don’t use marginalized groups as your punchline. Eg. Homelessness

NO

Fantastic! Enjoy dressing up and have a great Halloween.

BE CONSIDERATE THIS HALLOWEEN

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER ABOUT AppropriATION AND RACISM:

FOR YOU, IT’S ONE NIGHT AS ANOTHER PERSON. YOU CAN RETURN TO PRIVILEGE ONCE YOU REMOVE THE COSTUME – MARGINALIZED PEOPLE CANNOT.

If you wear a culture as a costume it is called cultural appropriation.

You’re good to continue!

The glorification of these individuals is inappropriate.

Wonderful!