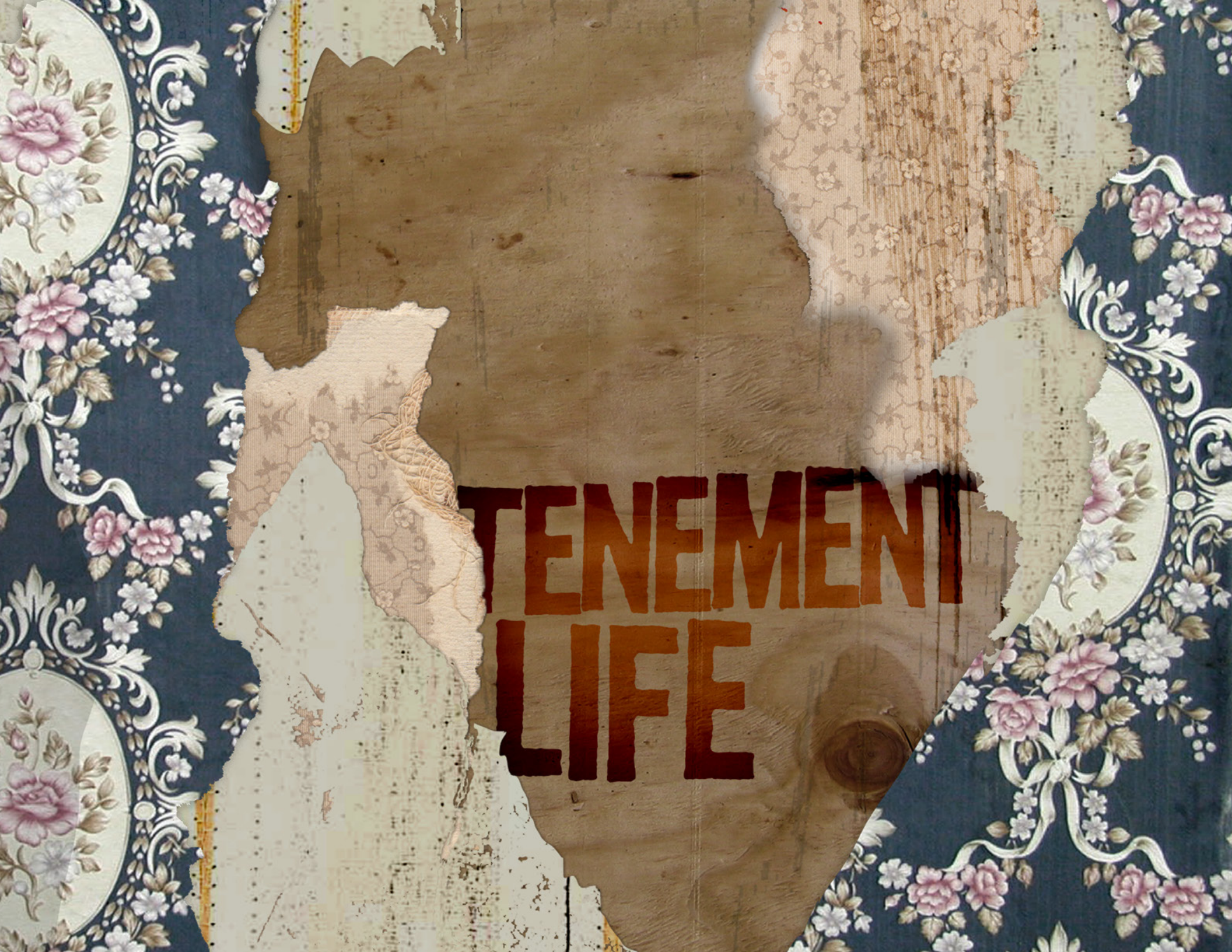


**TENEMENT  
LIFE**



## MIME TIPS

- Truly visualize the items you are interacting with, the space where you are, and any other details that can help bring your scene to life.
- Get as specific as you can with every decision and movement. You are not just ironing a shirt but you are ironing a long sleeve button down shirt.
- Find the resistance or weight of an object.

## QUESTIONS FOR YOU

- Would you have survived tenement life?
- What aspect of tenement life would you find most challenging?
- Where might you excel in tenement living? For example, would you have made the best bread, been able to kill the most cockroaches, or would you have been able to sleep through any distractions even when on a chair?
- Many tenement dwellers were very resilient and were able to keep going following setbacks and living under difficult circumstances. When is a time when you have been resilient?
- Most of us cannot believe what these people did over 100 years ago. Perhaps if we fast forward to 100 years from now, people will have a hard time believing what we are doing right now. What do you think they'll be shocked to learn that we do today?

## EXTRA CHALLENGE

In addition to tending to the stove and laundry, there were many more chores to do in the tenements.

Try the following task...

Making bread or some other dish. Remember, everything was from scratch. Oh and you would have to go to the market first to pick up your ingredients, lug them up five flights of stairs and then get cooking. It might be helpful to think about something you and your family make and go through those steps in real life. Then try it out mime style.

## DISCOVER MORE

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