



Reader Theater, Enjoy Your Storytime

Why use Literature?

- for language enrichment
- it broaden Students' horizons
- helps understand the cultures of other countries /periods in history
- develops critical thinking and appraisal
- promotes personal involvement
- teaches morals

What can drama achieve?

- It promotes the processes of thinking, creating and evaluating
- It develops attributes of self-discipline and responsibility
- It reinforces the joy of learning and the feeling of self-esteem
- It enhances the understanding of self and others
- It encourages team work
- It involves mind, body & spirit
- Language and movement are invariably linked
- Giving some sort of physical context helps with meaning
- Students who are unwilling to speak may feel freer playing a character
- Students will generally not worry so much about their English as they become involved in an exercise

Dealing with text

1. Instructions
2. Familiarization
3. Organizing language
4. Demonstrating & clarifying
5. Creating the script
6. Rehearsing, adding movement & feelings
7. Performing
8. Feedback



Performing a play

- Use the story as a story!
- Familiarize Ss with the content and teach lines
- Allocate roles!
- Rehearse the play in class & add movement & feelings
- Give feedback
- Conduct rehearsals at the venue
- Stage the play
- Break a leg!!!

The role of the teacher

- Models pronunciation, intonation, stress, rhythm and oral expression
- Facilitates comprehension of vocabulary, idioms, cultural aspects and plot
- Creates a stimulating environment
- Establishes ground rules

Beware!

- We are not out to make “stars”!
- Correction can wait!
- There is no right or wrong!
- It is ok to have fun!

"Imagination is more important than knowledge."

Albert Einstein

