

You Are the Puppet Master

Background

Puppetry is an age-old and much adored form of communication and entertainment that enjoys an active following to this day. Creating puppets and making them come alive through skits and stories is a great way for your students to experience language development. In this hunt your learners will be encouraged to study suggestions and ideas from other puppet makers in order to construct a scrap puppet of their own. Additionally, your students will study and collect professional puppetry strategies and tips that they will use to create a quality puppet show of their very own.

Objectives

The student will create a scrap puppet for use in a skit/play/show.

The student will incorporate outside ideas/suggestions with his/her own ideas.

The student will collect and organize information from a Web site.

The student will evaluate a personal performance in order to find improvements.

The student will apply professional techniques to an amateur production.

The Hunt

Activity One: Create A Puppet

Key Question: Do I need special equipment and materials to make a puppet?

Activity Two: Puppeteering Like a Pro!

Key Question: What techniques do real puppeteers use to make a good show?

Focus Web Site

Puppets

Go to <http://www.teachercreated.com/books/2159>

Click on page 49, site 1

Companion Sites

Go to <http://www.teachercreated.com/books/2159>

History of Puppets

Click on page 49, site 2

The Puppet Gallery

Click on page 49, site 3

Tips for Readers' Groups

Click on page 49, site 4

Use these to create your very own puppet production:

Plays from Aaron Shepard

Click on page 49, site 5

Stories from Aaron Shepard

Click on page 49, site 6

Create-A-Puppet

<http://www.teachercreated.com/books/2159> Click on page 49, site 1

Key Question: Do you need special equipment and materials to make a puppet?

Directions: Go to the Web site and click on the *Scrap Puppets* button to learn more about making scrap puppets. Use this activity page to help organize your ideas so that you can make the best scrap puppet ever!

Ideas I got from the page

Ideas floating around in my head

Materials I'm going to collect

A picture of my design

Now—go and make your puppet!

Puppeteering Like a Pro!

<http://www.teachercreated.com/books/2159> Click on page 49, sites 1-4

Key Question: What techniques do real puppeteers use to make a good show?

Directions: Use the Web sites above to help you to fill out this activity page. Write down at least three tips in each section. Keep it handy during your practices for your first puppet show, and you're sure to be a hit!

Tips for Before the Show

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Tips for During the Show

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Tips for After the Show

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

After the show is over, you might want to write down some tips you'll want to use next time!

Tips for Next Time