

TEACHER TO TEACHER RESOURCE: READER'S THEATER

1. Teacher and students choose a story which includes dialogue
2. Provide copies for everyone
3. Read and re-read the story
4. Demonstrate how to read the dialogue without dialogue tags (i.e., she said)
5. Decide on actor's parts
6. Decide on narrators for non-dialogue parts
7. Students practice their part (not memorize)
8. Perform for an audience

Examples of texts for Readers Theater:

- Fairy tale
- Excerpt from a novel or chapter book
- Narrative poem
- Historical fiction