

Observation Tool:

Story Making through Puppet Play: Part 1

Play with your students and notice the stories they create! *Story seeds/ideas to notice:*

- *WOW! Were you struck by certain actions, images, sound effects, puppet voices, dialogue or story problems that appeared in kids' play?*
- *DETAILED IMAGINARY WORLD/PLACE! Are kids using their play to flesh out the details of an imaginary world?*
- *ACTION AND CONFLICT! Are they using play to introduce and explore action and conflict?*
- *REPETITION! Are they enjoying repetitive phrases or actions?*
- *FANTASY, ABSURDITY, SURPRISE OR FAMILIAR? Are they excited by imaginary activities? familiar activities? surprising or absurd twists or juxtapositions?*
- *A CHILD ON A ROLL! ...!Did you notice a moment where one child was on a roll with their own imagination?*
- *THEY'RE ON A ROLL! Did you notice a moment where students were on a roll together?*
- *THEY ARE LOVING TO...! What were the students most enjoying and interested in their play?*

Take notes here

What amazing story ideas have my students generated through their puppet play?

What have I learned about my students as story-makers through playing with them?

Support Tool:**Story Making through Puppet Play: Part 2**

Reflect: What story making skills are my students using? How can support them? How can I build on their strengths?	Consider doing these warm ups and recommended activities to introduce story making strategies
If you would like to encourage kids to use the puppets they have created to express their story ideas through meaningful movement	TRY- Puppet Safety & Skills Demonstration Guided Puppet Movement Exploration with Action Vocabulary prompts The Puppet Action Story Action Strategy
If you would like to encourage kids to make stories with engaging problems/ conflicts...	TRY Quick Pose Warm Up- with before and after problem prompts The Generating Story Problems Strategy
If you would like to encourage kids to develop and extend their stories...	TRY Quick Pose Warm Up- with before and after problem prompts The Extending Story Problems Strategy
If you would like to encourage kids to collaborate with their partners to create stories...	TRY Quick Pose Warm Up- with before and after problem prompts The Solving Story Problems Strategy
If you would like to encourage kids to make vocal choices to express character traits and/or emotions...	TRY Any warm up on the Vocal Expression Page The Expressing Character Traits & Emotions Strategy
If you would like kids to express and understand character traits and character emotions...	TRY Quick Pose Warm Up- with character trait prompts or Emotion Statue Game Guided Puppet Movement Exploration with trait and emotion prompts Emotion Character Grab Bag The Expressing Character Traits & Emotions Strategy
If you would like kids to create & use setting details to their inspire story making	TRY 5 Senses Journey The Show Story Setting Strategy or The Use Story Setting Strategy
If you would like to encourage kids to develop their story further through revising their visual designs.	TRY 5 Senses Journey The Revise Story Setting Strategy
If you would like to encourage students who are hesitant to speak to enter into play.	TRY Pass the Sound Effect Warm Up The Create Story Soundscapes

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Activity page (links to all resources)

