Readers Theatre
Literacy Skills / Oral Reading in Context & Fluency

Materials

1. Books or reading passages for students to read

Virginia SOLs

1.8, 2.7

Procedure

1. Select a text that is appropriate for grade level and lends itself to being read aloud by multiple students. Typically, readers theatre should use an independent text.

2. Briefly describe/review the story. Work with students to pick appropriate roles.

3. Students practice reading the script independently (and at home).

4. Explain to students that gestures, props, and movement are not used in Readers Theatre. Instead, the focus is to use one's voice, emotion, and expression.

5. Students practice as a group.

6. When the students are ready, have them perform the story for their classmates.