

Language Objective:

Improve oral reading fluency, which will also help with reading comprehension.

Readers' Theater

1. Leader reads story aloud.
2. Everyone reads the story together.
3. Partners read the story together.
4. Everyone is assigned a part.
5. Students practice parts on their own. (Use the individual iPods for students to record, listen and critic their readings)
6. Students practice their parts together.
7. Use the iPod to record the entire Readers Theater while the students perform for the class.
8. Listen to the Readers Theater and then post the final project on a website for other students listen to.

Supplemental Ideas:

- A. Encourage students to use intonation, expression, and emphasis for a dramatic result.
- B. Have props for students to use to add to the dramatic effects of the reading (students love them, especially hats!)
- C. Have the students present their Readers Theater to the class or audience.

Resources:

Reading Advantage (Great Source Publishing) all levels has plays and other content you can use for Readers Theaters.

Choral Reading (Steck-Vaughn Company) has choral readings that could also be used for individual roles or group roles.