

Why Readers Theater? Uses and Benefits

Motivate readers!

Provide practice in reading/reading aloud

Achieve fluency

Gain confidence in reading and confidence in front of groups

Learn to read with expression

Build vocabulary

Improve listening skills

Acquire public speaking experience/no stress

Tie in with many subjects – language arts, literature, history, biography, social studies, multicultural, science, social skills, health

Reinforce learning /Add variety to instruction

Employ Gardner's theory of 'multiple intelligences' - kids learn in different and various ways. (spatial, kinesthetic, interpersonal, verbal/linguistic)

Encourage team work/Promote cooperation

Introduce dramatic arts/Acquire performance skills

Practice enunciation and voice projection

Practice writing scripts

Encourage creativity/ critical thinking/problem solving

Use RT with reluctant readers/special needs students

Incorporate fun into learning!

And finally, RT is easy and inexpensive!