



Act it Out!

Students will act out a story by recording a video of themselves on Flipgrid. Through this activity, they will practice communication and storytelling skills while expressing themselves creatively. The teacher will provide students with creative prompts and storytelling examples. Students can collaborate with one another on Flipgrid to share their performances.

Materials

- Flipgrid platform
- Internet access
- Pre-created or teacher-made storytelling worksheet
- iPad, Laptop, or other internet-connected device

Student Objectives

- Students will learn storytelling skills
- Students will be able to explore communication and creative storytelling examples
- Students will collaborate with peers to share their responses
- Students will learn skills to interact on the Flipgrid platform

Teacher Technology Skills Needed

- Understanding of Flipgrid platform
- Understanding of how to push out content digitally to students
- Skills for creating content on Flipgrid

Standards

Common Core State Standards:

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.3.3- Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.3.6- With guidance and support from adults, use technology to produce and publish writing (using keyboarding skills) as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.3.4- Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.3.5- Create engaging audio recordings of stories or poems that demonstrate fluid reading at an understandable pace; add visual displays when appropriate to emphasize or enhance certain facts or details.



Procedure

1. Start the lesson by reviewing the goal of the activity, which is to act out a story and to use storytelling skills.
2. Teacher will provide storytelling prompts and examples. This can be done in the form of a video, read-aloud, written example, etc.
3. Next, create a new "Topic" on the Flipgrid website and detail the expectations of the assignment. Be sure to include:
 - Title
 - Prompt
 - Media
4. When creating your Topic, include prompts such as, "In this activity, you will be acting out a story. You have the choice of writing your own story to share or researching different types of stories and sharing your favorite one. Be sure to add emotion into your presentation and explain why you chose this particular story or why you chose to write this particular story." These will serve as directions for your students.
5. You also can record voice instructions and add multimedia instructions or examples. The multimedia attachment can be a photo, video, document, or link to another website. For this activity, uploading a video will be a great example for your students.
6. Once the Topic is created, each student will be able to log onto their Flipgrid accounts to complete the assignment.
7. Student can then add their responses and share with other students.
8. This lesson will conclude by reviewing and commenting on student work. This can also lead to an in-depth group discussion about storytelling.

Extension Activity

- Task students with the challenge of writing their own stories. A great idea is to have students tell a story that is already created for their first response and then have them write their own stories for the second response. This will encourage them to expand upon their writing skills.
- Challenge students by having them comment on one another's responses. This is a great way to enhance linguistic skills and get students explaining their thinking to one another.