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MY TOWN

ACTIVE LEARNING GUIDE

MY TOWN THEATER

BRING A STORY TO LIFE

One of the best ways to get your imagination flowing is to read a book – and sometimes to act out the story or make up your own version! Reading is critical to the success of your future, and making reading fun through dramatic play is one way to get excited about reading and to activate your imagination!

Try these fun ways to bring your books to life:

Active Reading Tip #1:

Read your favorite story with a grown up and talk about it using the 5 W's – **Who, What, When, Where & Why**

Who is the story about?

What is the story about? OR What lesson did the character(s) learn in the story?

When did the story take place? OR When did something good or bad happen in the story?

Where did the story take place?

Discuss the setting in detail using the illustrations or words from the book (e.g. what were the smells or sounds in the house or in the woods)

Why did that character make that choice?

OR Why did a certain thing happen to that character? Why do you think the author wrote this story?

Active Reading Tip #2:

Act out your favorite story. Find clothing that you can use to dress up like your character, or props like stuffed or sticks, to help you act out the story or your favorite part of the story.

Active Reading Tip #3:

Create your own version of your favorite story. Take your favorite story and change the setting or change the ending or change the actions of the characters to make it your own.

