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Summer ARTS Adventure

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OPENING NIGHTS PERFORMING ARTS

Using this guide is easy as...

1

Read!

Every arts adventure begins with a spark of creativity, and books provide endless inspiration! Explore the books and materials available in your local library to find your inspiration!

2

Create!

Use the suggestions in this guide to create your own works of art. Each page contains projects and activities based around an arts profession. Certain activities use templates, which can be downloaded at fcrr.fsu.edu/summer. Try each one and fill in the star at the top of each page once you've completed all of the activities in one section.

3

Share!

Art is meant to be shared! Invite your friends and family to read your stories or watch your performances. Enjoy making them smile and be open to their feedback. They can offer you advice to help improve your works over time.



Author

The book that inspires me to write is:

Complete!



New Vocabulary

Antagonist

A person in a story who is the hero's opponent or the bad guy

Autobiography

A true story of a person's life written by him or herself

Conflict

The struggle between opposing forces or ideas

Fiction

A story that describes imaginary events and people

Protagonist

A person in a story who is the main character or hero

Tell your own story

Try writing your autobiography by following the classic story arc shown below. Use an experience you remember well as the basis for your tale. Share your story with friends and family.



Design a character to add to the book you read

New characters are all around you! Look for unique traits in your friends or family and apply them to your own creations. A robot that hums like you while doing chores? A cat who's clumsy like one of your friends? The possibilities are endless.





Director

The book that inspires me to direct is:

Write a screenplay

Great movies start as a screenplay or script. Adapt the book you read into a script, or write your own. Be sure to include character dialogue, costume notes, set designs, and scene direction. See an example at the Summer Arts Adventure website.

New Vocabulary

Cut

A term used by the director to stop filming on set

Dialogue

Written conversation between two or more people

Premiere

The first showing of a movie

Shot

The moment that the camera starts rolling until the moment it stops

Storyboard

A sequence of drawings with directions and dialogue, which show the shots planned for a movie.

Create a storyboard

Directors often use storyboards to organize their ideas before filming. Use the template below, available on the Summer Arts Adventure website, to sketch out your movie ideas. You don't have to be an artist to create a storyboard; stick figures can be used to illustrate your ideas. Add notes below each picture to clarify your meaning.

PROJECT NAME _____

Scene duration:



Scene duration:



Scene duration:



Scene duration:



Scene duration:



Scene duration:



Movie poster

A bold movie poster will help people understand what your movie is about. Draw one for your film!





Actor

The book that inspires me to act is:

Build a set

Bring your audience into the world of your play by crafting a set. If your set is inside, then use small items from around the house to create a special space. If your set is outside, then use sticks and leaves to create a forest or park.

New Vocabulary

Monologue

A long speech made by one actor in a play

Props

An object used on stage by actors during a performance

Rehearsal

A practice performance of the play for a later public performance

Set

The painted backdrop on a stage that represents where the story takes place

Sonnet

A poem with 14 lines

Act out your favorite part from the book you read

Pick your favorite part from the book you read and act it out with your friends or siblings. Create a script using the story's dialogue and distribute to the cast. Make sure to rehearse your lines so you don't forget any cues when you perform your play for an audience.

Make costumes for your show

Don't forget to create costumes for your show! See what items from around your house can be used, and enhance your costumes with accessories made from paper.



Musician

The book that inspires me to make music is:

New Vocabulary

Harmony

Two or more different notes played or sung at the same time

Lyrics

The words of a song

Notes

Musical symbols that represent sounds

Percussion

Any instrument that is struck, shaken or hammered

Pitch

The highness and lowness of a sound

Write a song based on the book you read

Stories are often the inspiration for popular songs. Try writing a song based on the book you read. Use the lines below to create a chorus of four rhyming verses. You can write your song about one particular character, or adapt the entire story as a song.

LYRICS

Make instruments from household items

There are several places around your home you'll be able to find a hiding instrument if you use your imagination. See what you can find!



Dancer

The book that inspires me to dance is:

New Vocabulary

Choreographer

A person who creates a number of steps and moves for a performance of dance

Movement

Action made by the body

Space

The area covered by the dance movements

Time

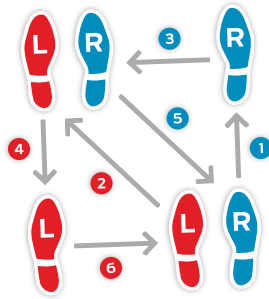
How fast or slow, even or uneven, and long or short the movement is

Warm Up

What you do before you start dancing, practicing gently or stretching

Make dance chart

A dance chart helps you remember the particular steps of a dance while rehearsing. Use images of heels, clearly labeled "Left" or "Right," and connect them with arrows. Keep your routine short and repeat it three to four times.



Create a dance based on the book you read

Create a dance that tells a story using only body movements. Exaggerate your body language and facial expressions to convey feeling and emotion in your dance. Invite your audience to guess what story you are telling through dance.

Incorporate props

Props have long been used to enhance dances in every culture. There are many traditional dance props including the baton, flags, and ribbons. Costumes may often act as props as well.



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