



Storytelling, Storyplay
Artist: Joyce Greiner



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Grade Level:
K-12, After School

About the Artist:

Joyce is a retired university counselor, professor and administrator. After spending her adult life in higher education, she turned to her other love in life, literature. Storytelling had always been part of Joyce's work as she taught cultural appreciation through stories at various elementary and high schools. Now she devotes all her time to stories, telling at schools, libraries, universities and festivals. Joyce currently teaches a workshop for LBCC and leads *Wonderkeepers: a Storytellers' Guild*, a group she founded over five years ago. Working with women's groups, students at risk and ethnic communities has always been a focus of her work. In a nonthreatening, interactive way, Joyce brings stories to life with her audiences.

Objectives:

- To introduce storytelling basics: Story structures, speaking before groups, voice, projection, body language, choosing "the right" story and making stories come alive are all part of this introductory process
- To learn to be assertive with oral techniques

- To be encouraged in creative expressions for making a tale their own
- To portray characters, use appropriate dialogue and describe settings through language skills
- To expand their repertoire of stories
- To be encouraged to become more aware of stories as a valid art form
- To learn listening skills

Activities:

- Group activities such as story circles, call and response stories, and interactive storytelling
- Exercises to make students more comfortable with speaking and role-playing
- Activities such as songs, percussion instruments, drawing and other artwork
- Individual storytelling as students are ready
- Use of costumes and props related to the stories

Workshop Size Limits:

- Six to 25 students max (six to 15 is ideal)

Special Equipment:

- NA

Space Needed:

- Large classroom, gymnasium or cafeteria

Connections to the Curriculum

- Language arts, drama, public speaking and vocabulary