Based on the folk tales of
One Thousand and One Arabian Nights
Adapted for the stage by
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In this "choose your own adventure", interactive adaptation of One Thousand and One Aladdin Nights, four actors tell the story of a young boy named Aladdin living in a Middle Eastern Kingdom in the early 1700's. The story is narrated by the Genie of the Ring (a genie who can help influence our decisions when faced with two choices). Aladdin has fallen in love with the beautiful, kind Princess Adara and must now find a way to marry her, even though he is poor. In this production 4 actors portray Aladdin, Genie of the Ring, Aladdin’s Mother, Princess Adara, Sultan, Vizier Hasna, Vagabond, Jeweler, Rigel, and Genie of the Lamp.

Activities

Build a Story

Read students a short story, stopping to clearly show any pictures or illustrations to the students. When finished, ask the students to illustrate the plot/action as it occurred throughout the story. Have students volunteer to share their illustrations with the rest of the class.

Discussion Questions

Asking questions that lead children up the “thinking ladder”. Open question examples: What did you notice at the play today….What did you see? What about the play was different from the book/story? What surprised you? What impressed you?

Friendly Letter Writing

After watching the play, write Orlando Shakespeare Theater a “Friendly Letter” and tell us what you think! Tell what you liked or disliked about the story, the characters, costumes, or set. Make sure to use the 5 parts of the letter listed in the lesson and to support your thoughts with examples and reasons.

See the full study guide for expanded activities.

Florida Standards

LAFS.4.W.1: Text Types and Purposes
LAFS.K.L.3: Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
LAFS.4.RI.1: Key Ideas and Details
LAFS.3.RL.1: Key Ideas and Details
LAFS.2.RL.1: Key Ideas and Details
TH.2.S.1: The arts are inherently experiential.
TH.2.F.2: Careers in and related to the arts

Content appropriate for all audiences.

Children two years of age and younger may sit on laps. Older children must have a ticket.