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Theatre Games Activities: Games for Building Confidence and Creativity

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Topper, Lynda A. *Theatre Games & Activities: Games for Building Confidence and Creativity*. Meriwether, 2008. ISBN 9781566081566. \$17.95. 143 p.

Reviewer: Tessa McMillan

Reading Level: Intermediate, Young Adult

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Informational books; Plays;

Subject: Improvisation (Acting); Books--Reviews;

Teachers searching for new activities to help students express themselves need not fret. *Theatre Games & Activities* provides hundreds of helpful games to get even the shiest students to participate. The book is arranged into theatre games that start at a basic level—introducing students to each other, and move to more challenging drama games—improvising a fantasy scene with a partner. Besides the various dramatic games, *Theatre Games* also includes different writing activities: creating a short play, writing a play review, or taking quizzes over the different jobs at a theatre. At the end of the book, Topper provides evaluations and assessments for grading a student's participation in the various activities.

Topper creates a useful tool for teachers, and possibly parents, who want to use the dramatic arts in their teaching. The activities can be easily tailored to fit any teaching situation or age group. It is a helpful book for teachers who are looking for fresh, updated activities to enliven their lesson plans and to get more of their students involved in the learning process.

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