

# Bringing Text to Life: Readers' Theater

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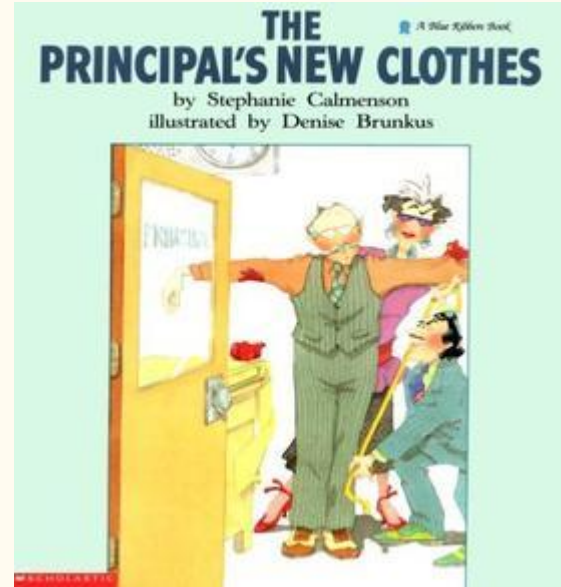
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# Introduction

- Name, school, something positive that happened today
- Reader's theater
  - Easy, fun way to bring stories to life and keep students engaged
  - Great practice for reading fluency, reading aloud, projection, annunciation, tone, etc.
  - Online resources
    - <http://www.freereaderstheater.com/free-readers-theater-stories-and-scripts>
    - <https://www.readinga-z.com/fluency/readers-theater-scripts/>
    - <http://www.timelessteacherstuff.com>

# Your Turn!

- Example story script: The Principal's New Clothes by Stephanie Calmenson
- Vocab/reading level can be adjusted
- Character assignment



# Expansions

- Have students act out the script with motions, props, costumes, etc.
- Have students make their own script based on a favorite book or a story you're covering in class
- Many scripts and stories can be adapted to your class's level

# Wrap-Up

- Handouts
  - **CEU Workshop: Jan. 30th**
    - Sign up with me today!
  - 2016 Student Invitational Art Show
    - Entry deadline Feb. 5th
- Evaluations
- Thanks for your time!!



Saturday,  
JANUARY  
**30**

*What:* CEU  
Workshop

*When:* 9:00 a.m. to  
3:15 p.m.  
(includes breaks  
and lunch)

*Where:* E. E. Bass Cultural Arts Center,  
323 S. Main Street, Greenville, MS

*Hosted by the Greenville Arts  
Council*

**CEU WORKSHOP:  
LEARNING THROUGH  
AFRICAN MUSIC &  
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