



ELEPHANT DANCE

Overview

Book: *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

Grades 4-6

This is a fine arts lesson. In the story, both Stella and Ruby were forced to walk around a circle. This was boring and tiring for them. They were also taught to sit on a pedestal (stool). In this lesson, students will create an exciting dance within a circle that includes the use of a prop.

Standards

DA:Cr1.1.5b	Construct and solve multiple movement problems to develop choreographic content.
DA:Pr6.1.5a	Demonstrate the ability to adapt dance to alternative performance venues by modifying spacing and movement to the performance space.

Objectives

Students will be able to create a dance in a specific space using a specific prop.
Students will be able to adapt their dance for a smaller space.

Materials Required

Stools, chairs, boxes
Material (tape or rope) to mark out a circle on the floor
Copy of the book

Procedure

1. Read the passages from the story where Stella or Ruby walk around the circle and sit on the pedestal (stool)
2. View the film of elephants walking and sitting.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y_pGnV49XRE
3. Show students the size of the circle and explain that their dance has to take place in that area.
4. Show students the stool, chair, or box you are using. Ask them to brainstorm ways that the dance could include this object.
5. Explain to the class that they are to come up with an interesting dance that stays within the designated circle and uses the prop.
6. Have students create and perform their dances.
7. For the next session, make the circle much smaller. Have students adapt their dance to the new area.

Extensions

1. Change the size of the space or the prop used.
2. Writing: Ask students to write a story about Ruby making up her own dance and performing it for the visitors.

Rubric

RUBRIC				
	Exceeds (3)	Meets (2)	Partially Meets (1)	Does Not Meet (0)
REQUIREMENTS	Meets all of the requirements for the project.	Meets most of the requirements for the project.	Meets some of the requirements for the project.	Does not meet the requirements for the project.
DEMONSTRATION OF ADAPTATION	Does a great job showing an understanding of movement and	Does an okay job with showing an understanding of movement and adaption	Tries but has a difficult time showing an understanding of movement and	Does not show an understanding of the movement and

	adaption needed for smaller space.	needed for smaller space.	adaption needed for smaller space.	adaption needed for smaller space.
Total n/6				

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