

## ARTS IMPACT LESSON PLAN

### Dance and Literacy Infused Lesson

#### Sequence: Most Important Events Dance

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#### Enduring Understanding

Identifying important events and illustrating the actions through movement can show the plot of a work of literature.



#### Lesson Description (Use for family communication and displaying student art)

In this reading and dance lesson, students choose the six most important events in a book read by the class. They select which three actions happened in each event and create movements to show each action. Students add repetition to make the dances more interesting and perform the dances in the sequence of the plot.

### Learning Targets and Assessment Criteria

**Target:** Identifies important episodes in the plot of a book.

**Criteria:** Selects and notates three actions from a key event.

**Target:** Choreographs an Important Event Dance to show what happens in a selected episode.

**Criteria:** Creates movements that show the important actions of the event, repeats the movements, and performs a beginning and an ending shape.

**Target:** Collaborates with others.

**Criteria:** Communicates ideas to others; makes compromises; incorporates input/feedback.

**Target:** Responds to the Important Event Dance.

**Criteria:** Chooses one key action from the event; in writing, describes the action and the movement that shows what happened in that action.

#### Vocabulary

Arts Infused:

Action  
Event  
Expression  
Sequence

Literacy:

Plot  
Title

Arts:

Choreographer

General Space

Movement

Repetition

Performer

Self-space

Shape

#### Materials

##### Museum Artworks or Performance

##### Seattle, WA

Pacific Northwest Ballet  
UW World Series of Dance

##### Tacoma, WA

Broadway Center for the Performing Arts

##### Materials

Lesson criteria chart; Selected book (copies for each student or for each student group, if needed); *Reading Dances* music CD; *Music for Creative Dance, Volume III*; Music player; Computer and projector (optional); Dance word sign: repetition; Student Worksheets; Choreography Refinement Task Chart; Chart paper and markers; Pencils; Important Event Chart (primary); Important Event Choreographer's Worksheet (intermediate); Important Event Choreographer's Response Worksheet (intermediate); Classroom Assessment Worksheet

#### Learning Standards

##### WA Arts Learning Standards in Dance

For the full description of each standard, see:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/Standards>

##### Creating (Concepts: Shape, Space, Repetition, Locomotor and Non-locomotor Movements, Sequence)

1. Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.
2. Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.
3. Refine and complete artistic work.

##### Performing/Presenting/Producing

4. Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation.
5. Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.
6. Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.

**Responding**

7. Perceive and analyze artistic work.
8. Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.
9. Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.

**Connecting**

10. Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.

**Early Learning Guidelines (Pre-K – Grade 3)**

*For a full description of Washington State Early Learning and Child Development Guidelines see:*

<https://www.del.wa.gov/sites/default/files/imported/publications/development/docs/guidelines.pdf>

(Age 4-5) 3. Touching, seeing, hearing and moving around: Using the large muscles (gross motor skills): move with purpose from one place to another using the whole body.

(Age 4-5) 5. Communicating: Reading: Use actions to show ideas from stories.

(Age 4-5) 6. Learning about my world: Arts: Show creativity and imagination; understand that different art forms can be used to tell a story.

**Common Core State Standards (CCSS): ELA (Reading)**

*For a full description of CCSS ELA*

*Standards by grade level see:*

<http://www.k12.wa.us/CoreStandards/ELAstandards/>

R.CCR.3. Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

RL.K.3. With prompting and support, identify characters, setting, and major events in a story.

RL.1.3. Describe characters, setting, and major events in a story, using key details.

RL.2.3. Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.

RL.3.3. Describe characters in a story and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.

**College and Career Ready Students in Reading**

Demonstrate independence.

Build strong content knowledge.

Respond to the varying demands of audience, task, purpose, and discipline.

Comprehend as well as critique.

Value evidence.

Come to understand other perspectives and cultures.

### ICON KEY:

 = Notes specific *Readers Workshop* Curriculum strategies addressed

 = Indicates note or reminder for teacher

 = Embedded assessment points in the lesson

### COLOR CODING for ARTS AND LITERACY INFUSED PROCESSES:

GENERATE IDEAS	CONSTRUCT MEANING	SELF-REFLECT
Gather Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• From WHAT you know</li><li>• From WHO you know</li><li>• Brainstorm</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create drafts</li><li>• Organize ideas</li><li>• Make a choice</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check in with self</li><li>• Check in with others</li><li>• Refine work</li></ul>

### Pre-Teach

Introduce movement safety and the dance concepts of shape, rhythm, and self and general space. Do the BrainDance of Expression. Discuss the meaning of any emotion words from the BrainDance that are unfamiliar.

Select a book with an engaging plot (e.g. for fourth or fifth graders, choices could include: *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster, *I Was a Rat* by Philip Pullman, *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan, *The White Giraffe* by Lauren St. John, *Alvin Ho* by Lenore Look, *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse, *The Tiger Rising* by Kate DiCamillo). Read and discuss the book with the class.

### Lesson Steps Outline

#### Day One (prior to dancing)

**1.** Prepare students for dancing the sequence of the important events of a book. Display criteria chart.

**2.** Chart the most important events from the plot of selected book.

**3.** Guide students as they determine the actions that occur in their assigned key event.

Criteria-based teacher checklist: Selects and notates three actions from a key event.

**4.** (For intermediate students) Direct students to review and title their Important Event.

Criteria-based teacher checklist, self-assessment: Selects and notates three actions from a key event.

## Day Two (The dance begins!)

**1.** Describe the plan for Day Two: generating ideas and constructing meaning to create our dance.

**2.** Introduce repetition—a principle of choreography. Display dance word sign: repetition.

**3.** Discuss expectations for safe dancing. Chart student response.

**4.** Lead students in *BrainDance of Expression* warm-up.

Music: "BrainDance of Expression, Fourth Grade" #5 *Reading Dances*. You could also use the "BrainDance of Expression, First Grade" #2 *Reading Dances*.

**5.** Conduct brief exploration of dance concepts of self and general space and shape.

**6.** Demonstrate and support students in drafting choreography of actions to show what happens in the important events. Guide rehearsal of three movements with repetition for each important event. Ask students to notate movement choices.

Music: "Fiesta", "Dancing Digits", "The Bayou Both-step", or "Mr. E", from *Music for Creative Dance, Volume III*, by Eric Chappelle

Criteria-based process assessment: Creates movements that show the important actions of the event, repeats the movements, and performs a beginning and an ending shape.

**7.** Describe and discuss how students can use the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skill of collaboration when they work with their groups. Guide rehearsal.

Criteria-based teacher checklist and self-assessment: Communicates ideas to others; makes compromises; incorporates input/feedback.

**8.** Direct the performances of the drafts of the dance, in the order that each important event happens in the book. Review performer and audience behavior.

Criteria-based teacher checklist: Creates movements that show the important actions of the event, repeats the movements, and performs a beginning and an ending shape.

**9. Facilitate group response.**

Criteria-based teacher checklist: Creates movements that show the important actions of the event, repeats the movements, and performs a beginning and an ending shape.

## Day Three

**1.** Describe the plan for Day Three: refining, rehearsing, performing, and reflecting.

**2.** Lead students in *BrainDance of Expression* warm-up.

Music: "BrainDance of Expression, Fourth Grade" #5 *Reading Dances*.

**3.** Guide refining and rehearsal of Important Event Dances. Display choreography refinement task chart.

Music: "Fiesta", "Dancing Digits", "The Bayou Both-step", or "Mr. E", from *Music for Creative Dance, Volume III*, by Eric Chappelle

Criteria-based teacher checklist, self and peer assessment: Creates movements that show the important actions of the event, repeats the movements, and performs a beginning and an ending shape. Communicates ideas to others; makes compromises; incorporates input/feedback.

**4.** Direct the performance of the Most Important Event Dances without stopping in between dances.

Criteria-based teacher checklist: Creates movements that show the important actions of the event, repeats the movements, and performs a beginning and an ending shape.

**5.** Facilitate verbal and written response to the dance.

Criteria-based teacher checklist, group reflection: Creates movements that show the important actions of the event, repeats the movements, and performs a beginning and an ending shape. Chooses one key action from the event; in writing, describes the action and the movement that shows what happened in that action.

## LESSON STEPS

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☐ Alternate strategies are given for primary and intermediate students. Depending on the developmental and dance experience of your students, choose which works best for you. This is a three-day lesson.

### Day One (prior to dancing)

#### 1. Prepare students for dancing the sequence of the important events of a book. Display criteria chart.

- *We'll be using the creative processes of **generating ideas**, **constructing meaning**, and **reflecting** to choreograph a dance that shows the most important events in the plot of our book—the sequence.*
  - *Today, we'll concentrate on **generating ideas**. We'll make a chart of the key events. We'll use that information to link events to actions to show what happens in the sequence of the book.*
  - *On another day, we'll create dances to show what happened in the important events.*
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#### 2. Chart the most important events from the plot of selected book.

📖 Discerning the important ideas or information

☐ For primary students, choose three important events. Intermediate students could choose five or six.

☐ You may choose to do this strategy with the whole class, or divide into small groups for brainstorming first and jigsaw the results together.

- *What are the most important things that happen in this story?*
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#### 3. Guide students as they determine the actions that occur in their assigned key event.

📖 Discerning the important ideas or information, group conferring

☐ For primary students: work as a whole group.

☐ For intermediate students: divide students into five or six small groups, one for each important event on the chart. Assign one of the important events to each group and distribute an Important Event Choreographer's Worksheet to each student.

☐ If you choose the small groups in advance, you won't lose momentum as you transition into this strategy.

- *You are going to **generate ideas** for your dances by determining the actions that happen in your key event.*
- *Talk about what happens during the important event. Choose three actions based on the words you read in the story. Build your dance from those actions. You can refer to the book for ideas.*
- *We'll notate our three actions on our chart (or worksheet). We'll only fill in the first column with our actions. Use action words (verbs)! We'll fill in the second column describing the dance movements on another day.*

▣ Intermediate students notate actions on Important Event Choreographer's Worksheets. Teacher can chart response of primary students on Important Event Chart.

Criteria-based teacher checklist: Selects and notates three actions from a key event.

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**4. (For intermediate students) Direct students to review and title their Important Event.**

- *Turn and talk with your group. Choose a title for your important event. It will show what you know about your key event. A good title will synthesize what happens in your important event. It will let your audience know what to expect in your dance.*
- *When you all agree on a title, write your title on your Important Event Choreographer's Worksheets.*
- *Check your work. Do you have the three most important actions in your event? Do you have a title? Does everyone in your group agree on the actions and the title?*

Criteria-based teacher checklist, self-assessment: Selects and notates three actions from a key event.

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## Day Two (The dance begins!)

### 1. Describe the plan for Day Two: generating ideas and constructing meaning to create our dance.

- Today, we will be using the creative process of *generating ideas* and *making choices* to choreograph or create dances that show what happens in our important events. We'll combine our dances to show the plot or sequence of the book.

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### 2. Introduce **repetition**—a principle of choreography. Display dance word sign: repetition.

📖 Mini-lesson, connecting with prior knowledge

- What is repetition? How do the dancers use repetition?
- Try a movement like a stretch. Now repeat it four times.
- What's another movement? How many times should we repeat it?
- We'll use repetition in the BrainDance and in the dances we will create.

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### 3. Discuss expectations for safe dancing. Chart student response.

- What do you do when you are dancing so that everyone feels respected and safe so that they can be creative?



Movement Safety

📖 Prepare the classroom for dance.



Moving Desks/Set-up

### 4. Lead students in **BrainDance of Expression warm-up**. (Originally developed by Anne Green Gilbert, [www.creativedance.org](http://www.creativedance.org), reference: *Brain-Compatible Dance Education*, video: *BrainDance, Variations for Infants through Seniors*).

Music: "BrainDance of Expression, Fourth Grade" #5 *Reading Dances*. You could also use the "BrainDance of Expression, First Grade" #2 *Reading Dances*.

📖 The emotion words in the Fourth Grade BrainDance were taken from the novels *Esperanza Rising*, *The White Giraffe*, and *Alvin Ho*.

- This BrainDance will warm-up your brain and your body and also give you the chance to *generate ideas* of ways to express feelings through movement. Being able to show emotions with your movements will help you to be more successful in dancing the plot of a story.

#### Breath

- Breathe gently.

#### Tactile

- Irritably tap from the top of your head all the way to your toes.

#### Core-Distal

- Confidently grow into a large shape and doubtfully shrink into a small shape.

## Head-Tail

- *Carefully curl forwards and backwards and from side to side.*

## Upper Half and Lower Half

- *The top half of your body is in motion, while the lower half is frozen. Move with excitement.*
- *The lower half of your body is in motion, while the upper half is frozen. Move nervously.*

## Body-Half Right and Left

- *Your left side is frozen and only the right side dances. Be frustrated.*
- *Now the right side is frozen and the left half dances. Move strongly.*

## Eye-Tracking

- *Keep your eyes on your right thumb. Quietly move it from one side to the other and up and down.*
- *Sadly watch your left thumb moving side to side and up and down.*

## Cross-Lateral

- *Show how terrific you feel as you reach across up high, up high, down low, down low.*

## Spin/Vestibular

- *Apprehensively turn and be fantastic when you freeze in a shape. Repeat several times.*

## Breath

- *Breathe gently.*

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## 5. Conduct brief exploration of dance concepts of self space and general space and shape.

### Mini-lesson

- *When you dance while staying in one spot, dancers call that self-space. Movements in self-space are called non-locomotor movements.*
  - *When you dance while traveling through the empty space in the room, dancers call that general space. Movements in general space are called locomotor movements.*
  - *Notice when I make a shape, I am using my whole body – my arms, legs, head, and spine. My body is frozen; nothing is moving, except that I can breathe and blink.*
  - *I'll play the drum and call out either self or general space for you to move in. When the drum stops, freeze in a shape.*
  - *You are **generating ideas** you could choose to use in your dance.*
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**6. Demonstrate and support students in drafting choreography of actions to show what happens in the important events. Guide rehearsal of three movements with repetition for each important event. Ask students to notate movement choices.**

📖 Interpreting, group conferring

Music: "Fiesta", "Dancing Digits", "The Bayou Both-step", or "Mr. E", from *Music for Creative Dance, Volume III*, by Eric Chappelle

▢ Primary students work as whole group to dance all three most important events in their story. Intermediate students work in small groups, each group dancing one of the five to six most important events.

▢ Choose one piece of music to use for all the small group dances.

- *Now that we're warmed up, we are going to **generate ideas** to transform the actions we selected into movement.*
- *As an example, I'll pick three actions from a less important event. I'll choose one movement to show each action. I'll use what I have already learned about dance to give me ideas. I'll use self-space and general space. I'll start and end in a shape. I'll use repetition, so I'll do each movement several times.*
- *Your job is to choose three movements, one for each action of the important event.*
- *Think about what you know about dance. Think about the words in the text from which you can infer movements. Your movements will show the emotions and actions of the characters. You could use both self and general space.*
- *Keep the movements simple so that everyone can do them.*
- *Decide how many times you want to repeat each movement. Start and end in a shape. Hold your shape for about three seconds at the beginning and three seconds at the end.*
- *Then, practice together.*
- *For primary students: Since we will continue to refine our dances in the next lesson, I'll write our movement choices on our chart. Describing dances in words is a good strategy for **self-reflection**. It will help us remember our choices when we dance again.*
- *For intermediate students: Since we will continue to refine our dances in the next lesson, notate your movement choices on your Important Event Choreographer's Worksheet. Describing dances in words is a good strategy for **self-reflection**. Be specific, so that someone who wasn't in the room when you created your dance would know just what to do by reading your description. It will help you remember your choices when we dance again.*



Prompting for Creativity

**Criteria-based process assessment:** Creates movements that show the important actions of the event, repeats the movements, and performs a beginning and an ending shape.

**7. Describe and discuss how students can use the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skill of collaboration when they work with their groups. Guide rehearsal.**

- *As you are working as a group, you are using a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skill — collaboration!*
- *What does an effective collaboration look like?*

☐ Elicit responses from students.

- *Let's incorporate some of the strategies you have suggested as you rehearse and refine your dances. Notice how you are communicating, compromising, and incorporating feedback when you are collaborating.*

☑ Criteria-based teacher checklist and self-assessment: Communicates ideas to others; makes compromises; incorporates input/feedback.

**8. Direct the performances of the drafts of the dance, in the order that each important event happens in the book. Review performer and audience behavior.**

☐ Sharing

☐ Half of the primary students perform, while the other half is the audience. Then switch roles. Intermediate students perform with their small groups.

☐ When assessing the dance criteria in this lesson, any students who are not meeting criteria will be very clear to you, so you may want to use a reverse checklist, putting a "0" where students have not met criteria, rather than trying to notate every single one who has met criteria. You can go back later and give those who have met criteria a "1." This information will let you know who needs more practice, to guide your future instruction. You will have a final opportunity to assess the dance criteria on day three.

- *You will be performing the drafts of your dance in the order that your important events occur in the book – the sequence. By looking at all the dances in order, you will see the big picture of the plot from our book.*
- *Be expressive. Let your movements show the emotions and actions of the characters.*
- *Remind me, what do we expect from the audience? What do we expect from the performers?*

☑ Criteria-based teacher checklist: Creates movements that show the important actions of the event, repeats the movements, and performs a beginning and an ending shape.



Audience and Performer Expectations

## 9. Facilitate group response.

### Responding

- *Let's **reflect**, by describing our dances and thinking about how they show the most important points in the plot of the book.*
- *Performers, describe how your movements showed what happened in your important event.*
- *Audience, what did you see? Be specific in describing the movements. What parts of their bodies did the dancers use? What dance concepts did they use? What movements did they repeat?*
- *What strategies did you use to collaborate with your group as you created your dance?*
- *We'll have another day to refine and rehearse our dances and put them all together in performance.*

 Several additional opportunities for students to rehearse and refine the dances before the final performance will build mastery.

Criteria-based teacher checklist, self and peer assessment: Creates movements that show the important actions of the event, repeats the movements, and performs a beginning and an ending shape.

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## Day Three

### 1. Describe the plan for Day Three: refining, rehearsing, performing, and reflecting.

- *Today, we will be using the creative process of **reflection**. We'll refine and rehearse our dances, perform them in order, and talk about how the dances show what we know about the most important events in the book.*

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### 2. Lead students in **BrainDance of Expression** warm-up.

Music: "BrainDance of Expression, Fourth Grade" #5 *Reading Dances*

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### 3. Guide refining and rehearsal of Important Event Dances. Display choreography refinement task chart.

 Interpreting, group conferring

Music: "Fiesta", "Dancing Digits", "The Bayou Both-step", or "Mr. E", from *Music for Creative Dance, Volume III*, by Eric Chappelle

- *As you refine and organize your movement choices, you are **constructing meaning**.*
- *At the same time, notice how you are using the 21st Century Skill of collaboration.*
- *Here is your task for this rehearsal. Keep referring to this chart and it will guide you through the process of refining your dance.*

#### Choreography Refinement Task Chart

- Review the movements you created.
- How do your movements show what happens in the three actions of your important event?
- How did the action words in the story inform your choices? Are there any changes you should make so the meaning is more clear?
- Do you have a beginning and an ending shape? Do you hold your shapes for three seconds?
- Will you use self and general space?
- Decide how many times you will repeat each movement.
- Practice, practice, practice.

Criteria-based teacher checklist, self and peer assessment: Creates movements that show the important actions of the event, repeats the movements, and performs a beginning and an ending shape. Communicates ideas to others; makes compromises; incorporates input/feedback.

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### 4. Direct the performance of the Most Important Event Dances without stopping in between dances.

 Sharing

- *In order for everyone to experience the plot of our book from beginning to end, we'll dance each important event from the beginning to the end, without taking a break between each one.*

Criteria-based teacher checklist: Creates movements that show the important actions of the event, repeats the movements, and performs a beginning and an ending shape.

## 5. Facilitate verbal and written response to the dance.

📖 Responding, turn and talk, assessing

▮ For primary students: Ask students to draw a picture of one of the movements from the dance and label it with the action it is showing.

▮ For intermediate students: Distribute Important Event Choreographer's Response Worksheets, and completed Important Event Choreographer's Worksheets for reference.

- *Let's **reflect** on our dance experiences. Turn and talk with a partner. How did the dances show the important events in the plot of the book?*
- *What did you discover from your conversation with your partner?*
- *Now, think about your own dance. Describe or draw a picture of your beginning shape. Describe one of the movements from your dance. Describe how that movement shows what happened in the important event. Describe or draw your ending shape. You can use your Important Event Choreographer's Worksheets to help you.*

☑ Criteria-based teacher checklist, group reflection: Creates movements that show the important actions of the event, repeats the movements, and performs a beginning and an ending shape. Chooses one key action from the event; in writing, describes the action and the movement that shows what happened in that action.

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### Extension:

#### Show videos of dancers demonstrating repetition. Lead discussion.

📖 Sharing professional work

Video examples:

- 1) Gumboot Dancers in Cape Town:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSgFAG0mtac>
- 2) La Culebra by the Ballet Folclórico de la Universidad de Guadalajara:  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQjEU\\_XcrZQ&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQjEU_XcrZQ&feature=related)

- *Dancers use repetition to make their choreography more interesting. Let's **generate ideas** by looking at these dancers. The first example is dancers from South Africa doing the Gumboot Dance. The second example is dancers from Mexico doing a dance called La Culebra. How did the dancers use repetition? Is it similar or different from how we used repetition in our dances?*

***Sequence: Most Important Events Dance***  
**Important Event Chart (primary)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of the book: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>What are the most important events in the book?</b>	<b>What movements will you do to show what happens in each important event?</b>
<b>1.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul>
<b>2.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul>
<b>3.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul>

***Sequence: Most Important Events Dance***  
**Important Event Choreographer's Worksheet (intermediate)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of your important event: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>What are the three important the things that happened (the actions) in your event?</b>	<b>What movements will you do to show the things that happened (the actions)?</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>1.</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>2.</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>3.</b>

***Sequence: Most Important Events Dance***  
**Important Event Choreographer's Response Worksheet (intermediate)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of your important event: \_\_\_\_\_

**Does my dance have a starting shape?    yes    or    no**

What is it?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Does my dance show what happened in our important event?**

**yes    or    no**

What is one thing that happened (an action) from your important event?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the movement you did to show that action.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Does my dance use repetition?                      yes    or    no**

Give one example of repetition:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Does my dance have an ending shape?    yes    or    no**

What is it?

\_\_\_\_\_

***Sequence: Most Important Events Dance***  
**Choreography Refinement Task**

- Review the movements you created.
- How do your movements show what happens in the three actions of your important event?
- How did the action words in the story inform your choices? Are there any changes you should make so the meaning is more clear?
- Do you have a beginning and an ending shape? Do you hold your shapes for three seconds?
- Will you use self and/or general space?
- Decide how many times you will repeat each movement.
- Practice, practice, practice.

**ARTS IMPACT LESSON PLAN Arts Infusion**

*Sequence: Most Important Events Dance*

Teachers may choose to use or adapt the following self-assessment tool.

**STUDENT SELF-ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET**

Disciplines	LITERACY	DANCE			DANCE	DANCE/LITERACY		Total 7
Concept	Compre- hension	Sequence			Collabo- ration	Response		
Criteria	Selects and notates three actions from a key event.	Creates movements that show the important actions of the event.	Repeats the movements.	Performs a beginning and an ending shape.	Communicates ideas to others; makes compromises; incorporates input/feedback.	Describes one action.	Describes the movement that shows what happened in that action.	
Student Name								

**ARTS IMPACT LESSON PLAN Arts Infusion**

*Sequence: Most Important Events Dance*

**CLASS ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET**

Disciplines	LITERACY	DANCE			DANCE	DANCE/LITERACY		Total 7
Concept	Compre- hension	Sequence			Collabo- ration	Response		
Criteria	Selects and notates three actions from a key event.	Creates movements that show the important actions of the event.	Repeats the movements.	Performs a beginning and an ending shape.	Communicates ideas to others; makes compromises; incorporates input/feedback.	Describes one action.	Describes the movement that shows what happened in that action.	
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*What was effective in the lesson? Why?*

*What do I want to consider for the next time I teach this lesson?*

*What were the strongest connections between dance and literacy?*

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DANCE AND LITERACY LESSON: *Sequence: Most Important Events Dance*

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Dear Family:

Today your child participated in an **Arts and Literacy** lesson. We talked about determining the most important events in the plot or sequence of a book.

- We generated ideas by choosing the six most important events in our book.
- We selected which actions occurred in an important event from the book.
- We did the BrainDance of Expression to warm-up our brains and our bodies.
- We created movements that showed the actions in our important event.
- We used the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skill of collaboration as we worked with our groups.
- We used repetition to make our dance sequences more interesting.
- We put all of our dances together in order to show the plot of our book.
- We reflected upon our process by analyzing the choices we made for our dances.

At home, you could read a book together and decide which events are the most important. Ask your child to show you how to use repetition to dance an action from the book.

**Enduring Understanding**

Identifying important events and illustrating the actions through movement can show the plot of a work of literature.

■ The following pages are examples of an intermediate chart and worksheets.

## The Phantom Tollbooth Six Important Events

1. Milo finds a package.
  - He discovers the package.
  - He opens the package.
  - He takes out a miniature tollbooth, a map of the Lands Beyond, and a note, "for Milo, who has plenty of time".
  
2. Lost in the doldrums, he meets Tock.
  - He drives through the Doldrums where thinking and laughing are not allowed.
  - He gets lost.
  - Tock (a dog with an alarm clock body) helps him out of the Doldrums and joins him on his journey.
  
3. They visit Dictionopolis.
  - They visit the word marketplace, where all the world's words and letters are bought and sold.
  - They learn about the Princesses Rhyme and Reason who have been banished to the Castle in the Air.
  - At a banquet where they eat their words, the King gives them his permission to rescue the princesses.
  
4. They visit Digitopolis.
  - They go to a mine where numbers are saved and jewels are thrown away.
  - They eat subtraction stew, which makes you hungrier.
  - They convince the Mathemagician to let them rescue the princesses.
  
5. They rescue the Princesses (Rhyme and Reason).
  - Tock flies them away from the Castle (time flies).
  - Demons chase them, but the armies of wisdom save them.
  - They take the princesses home and all celebrate the return of Rhyme and Reason.
  
6. Milo goes back home.
  - He drives through the tollbooth and arrives in his own bedroom.
  - He is sad and wants the tollbooth to return.
    - He looks around and finds his world is now beautiful and interesting.

1. Milo finds a package.

**Sequence: Most Important Events Dance Student Worksheet**  
**Important Event Choreographer's Worksheet (intermediate)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of your important event: Finding the Package

<b>What are the three important actions or actions in your event?</b>	<b>What movements will you do to show the actions?</b>
1. He discovers the package.	1.
2. He opens the package.	2.
3. He takes out a miniature tollbooth, a map of the Lands Beyond, and a note, "for Milo, who has plenty of time".	3.

2. Lost in the doldrums, he meets Tock.

**Sequence: Most Important Events Dance Student Worksheet**  
**Important Event Choreographer's Worksheet (intermediate)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of your important event: Meeting Tock

<b>What are the three important actions or actions in your event?</b>	<b>What movements will you do to show the actions?</b>
1. He drives through the Doldrums where thinking and laughing are not allowed.	1.
2. He gets lost.	2.
3. Tock (a dog with an alarm clock body) helps him out of the Doldrums and joins him on his journey.	3.

### 3. They visit Dictionopolis.

## ***Sequence: Most Important Events Dance Student Worksheet*** **Important Event Choreographer's Worksheet (intermediate)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of your important event: \_\_\_\_\_ Dictionopolis \_\_\_\_\_

<b>What are the three important actions or actions in your event?</b>	<b>What movements will you do to show the actions?</b>
1. They visit the word marketplace, where all the world's words and letters are bought and sold.	1.
2. They learn about the Princesses Rhyme and Reason who have been banished to the Castle in the Air.	2.
3. At a banquet where they eat their words, the King gives them his permission to rescue the princesses.	3.

4. They visit Digitopolis.

**Sequence: Most Important Events Dance Student Worksheet**  
**Important Event Choreographer's Worksheet (intermediate)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of your important event: \_\_\_\_\_ Digitopolis \_\_\_\_\_

<b>What are the three important actions or actions in your event?</b>	<b>What movements will you do to show the actions?</b>
1. They go to a mine where numbers are saved and jewels are thrown away.	1.
2. They eat subtraction stew, which makes you hungrier.	2.
3. They convince the Mathemagician to let them rescue the princesses.	3.

5. They rescue the Princesses (Rhyme and Reason).

**Sequence: Most Important Events Dance Student Worksheet  
Important Event Choreographer's Worksheet (intermediate)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of your important event: \_\_\_\_\_ The Rescue of the Princesses \_\_\_\_\_

<b>What are the three important actions or actions in your event?</b>	<b>What movements will you do to show the actions?</b>
1. Tock flies them away from the Castle (time flies).	1.
2. Demons chase them, but the armies of wisdom save them.	2.
3. They take the princesses home and all celebrate the return of Rhyme and Reason.	3.

6. Milo goes back home.

**Sequence: Most Important Events Dance Student Worksheet**  
**Important Event Choreographer's Worksheet (intermediate)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of your important event: Returning Home

<b>What are the three important actions or actions in your event?</b>	<b>What movements will you do to show the actions?</b>
1. He drives through the tollbooth and arrives in his own bedroom.	1.
2. He is sad and wants the tollbooth to return.	2.
3. He looks around and finds his world is now beautiful and interesting.	3.