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CREATE YOUR OWN PUPPET SHOW

ART 2: STORYBOARD

A storyboard is a way of planning a story. It is most often used when a story is told through images like films or television dramas, and can really help you to put together your puppet show.

A storyboard is just like a comic strip – it is the basics of the story told in pictures. It is easy to get or make a storyboard framework, you can simply fold a piece of paper in half, 3 times so you have 8 boxes. Or you can do a Google search for Storyboard templates and there you will find all sorts of different ones. I have attached a simple template for you to use. If you are working in a group you can simply cut out squares, each person can draw a different part of the story and then stick them in order on a sheet of paper.

When you have made your storyboard framework you then need to think about your story, and like any story there are things you need to think about:

2. **Characters** – we talked about that in the last session, remember we need to decide who they are and what they are like.
3. **Settings** – where your story happens and what your characters are doing.
4. **Problem** - what happens, what is the situation your character needs to get out of
5. **Resolution** - How your character solves the problem or gets out of the situation.

You plan this story structure through the drawings in your storyboard. They can be as simple as stick figures or they can be beautifully drawn and coloured with all the details, it's up to you.

You might like to begin by introducing your character, show what they are like. Your next picture might show where they are and what they are doing. They could be on a beach, in school, at the park, at home, on the moon. Anywhere you like.

Your next step is to introduce the problem. Ideas might be :

- Being lost
- Trapped
- On their own with everyone missing
- A crash or disaster
- A robbery

Tell the story of this problem with each picture showing a step.

Finally tell us how your characters are going to get out of the situation, how they will rescue the others, or find the robber or get out of the trap.

It is important to talk through your ideas with somebody if you can, that way your ideas grow and get better.
