

Catalog of Materials

**Radio Drama Related Classroom Materials
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**Read-Along Kits
Writing and Producing in the Classroom
Classroom Production Kits
Read-Aloud Scripts
CDs**

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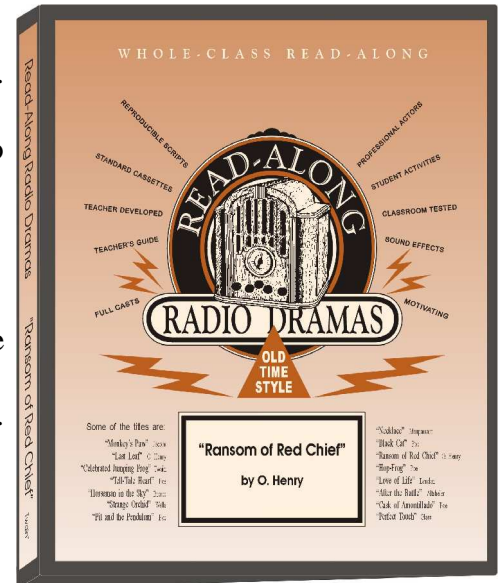
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Read-Along Radio Dramas

Two Formats: Deluxe Binder Kits, Basic Kits

Key Benefits:

- High interest promotes excitement and enthusiasm in class.
- May be used with all ability levels.
- The whole class reads the story, so all students are able to participate in related activities.
- Improves comprehension.
- Improves listening skills.
- Increases reading and listening vocabulary.
- Develops an intuitive sense for the sound patterns of the English language.
- Develops reading rate appropriate to the material being read.
- Improves visualization skills.
- Develops reading confidence.
- Appropriate for all levels (6 grade through adult).

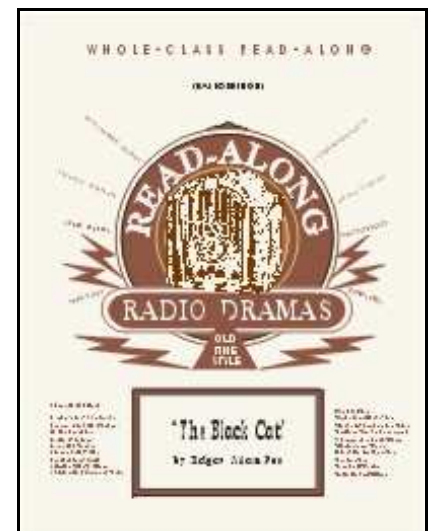


Read-Along Radio Dramas are used:

- As Models for Writing Plays — Many teachers use the tapes and scripts as models to help students write and produce their own classroom audio productions (see Theatre of the Mind).
- In Learning Stations — In addition to whole-class read-along, the kits may be used for individual or small group activities .
- As Emergency Lesson Plans — Leave them for substitute teachers and feel confident that students are engaged in appropriate activities when you can't be in class.
- In Language Arts and Reading Classes.
- In Drama Classes.
- In Reader's Theatre Productions.
- In ESL classes.
- In Special Education Classes.

When used as whole-class read-along:

- Each student has a copy of the word-for-word script.
- The teacher plays the cassette of the radio play.
- Using the script, the students read along (silently) as they listen to the voices of talented actors and image enhancing sound effects.
- The read-along session is followed by appropriate activities designed to enhance comprehension and motivate writing and discussion.
- A read-along session can easily extend the students' learning activities to: other stories, other authors, research projects, play writing projects, radio play production projects, reader's theatre projects, etc. The sky is the limit.



Theatre of the Mind

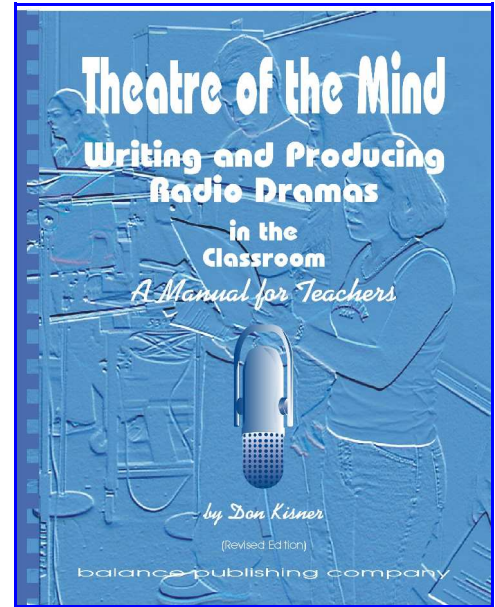
Writing and Producing Radio Drama in the Classroom by Don Kisner
(revised in August 2004)

Key Benefits.

- Provides a venue for students to develop and practice ALL their language skills.
- Bridges the gap between the media of the eye (television/film) and the media of the mind (reading/writing).
- Encourages and develops internal visualization skills.
- Motivates students to become involved in the subject matter.
- Helps students rediscover the need to create.

Contents.

- Recorded sound effects (on CD) for “The Last Leaf” scripts.
- Unit plans for a variety projects.
- Five production scripts:
 - “The Last Leaf” (Level I, Level II and Level III from the classroom production kit of the same title. These three scripts are keyed to the included sound effects CD.)
 - “Planet RT-1” an original script.
 - “Pandora’s Box” adapted from the Greek myth.
- Reproduction rights for scripts, information sheets, and student worksheets.
- Detailed instructions for producing radio dramas using:
 - Uncomplicated equipment available in most schools, OR.
 - Full (professional) equipment and procedures.
- Includes a section on digital recording and editing of sound files! Record and edit on your computer.
- A data CD containing .pdf files of:
 - All Scripts
 - Student Information Sheets
 - Student Worksheets
 - Unit Plans
 - Adobe Acrobat Reader for viewing and printing .pdf files.
 - Audacity (A free software program for recording and editing sound files on a computer.)



- As classroom exercises to teach acting, voice and performance skills.

(Production Kits continued)

- To record a production and broadcast it over the school public address system.
- To Promote collaborative skills.
- To develop technical skills.

Production Kits are used in Reading/Language Arts Classes to:

- Motivate and develop oral reading skills.
- Develop vocabulary and comprehension.
- Teach listening, speaking, and thinking skills.
- Develop group process skills.
- Motivate reluctant learners.

Classroom Production Titles Available

- “Toltec’s Tomb” by Roger Rittner
 - Cast: (Narrator, 5 m, 1 f). Length: 21 minutes
 - Brief Summary: A group of archeologists are excavating an ancient Toltec ruin deep in the jungles of Mexico. There is a myth that states: “He who seeks the treasure of the Toltecs, has death at his shoulder.”
- “The Necklace” by Guy de Maupassant
 - Cast: (Narrator, 1 m, 2 f, 1 m or f). Length: 17 minutes.
 - Brief Summary: A young woman borrows a diamond necklace for an important party. She loses the necklace and sets in motion events that alter the rest of her life.
- “The Monkey's Paw” by W. W. Jacobs
 - Cast: (Narrator, 4 m, 1 f). Length: 18 minutes.
 - Brief Summary: The story of a mummified, monkey's paw that can bring three people three wishes each. The paw carries a curse, causing the wishes to always be answered with disastrous results.
- “The Perfect Touch” by Eli Glass
 - Cast: (Narrator, 2 m, 1 f). Length: 16 minutes.
 - Brief Summary: David and Rob are out driving in the hills when they discover a “haunted” house and explore it. On the way home, Rob reveals a plan to take his girlfriend up to the house. The ending has an unexpected twist.
- “The Last Leaf” by O. Henry
 - Cast: (Narrator, 2 m, 2 f). Length: 15 minutes.
 - Brief Summary: O. Henry's famous story of love and self-sacrifice. Johnsy, a young woman living in New York's Greenwich Village during the late 1800's becomes ill with pneumonia and convinces herself that she will die when the last leaf falls off an ancient ivy vine outside her window.
- “High Moon” by Jerry Stearns
 - Cast: (Announcer, 4 m, 1 f, 1 either) Length: 15 minutes.
 - Brief Summary: Brief Summary: Marvin the Magician is challenged to a duel. He agrees to meet his challenger at high moon on a hill outside town. A satirical science fiction fantasy. “High Moon” is an imaginative view of the classic film High Noon set in a fantasy future. Great fun for students!
- “Cyber Bob and the Silicon Kid” by Brian Price and Jerry Stearns
 - Cast: 11 characters: 7 male, 1 female, 3 either (by changing names, 3 males may be cast as female) Length: 18 minutes.

- Brief Summary: A 12 year old boy suspects he may be an android. He hires a computer hacker to find out.

Read-Aloud Scripts

Read-Aloud Scripts are used to:

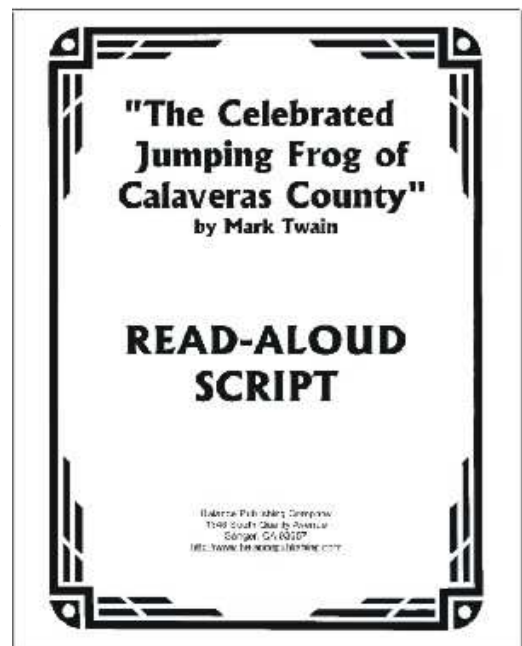
- Improve oral language skills.
- Develop vocabulary and pronunciation skills.
- Develop a love of reading.
- Motivate ESL and reluctant readers.
- Improve public speaking skills.
- Develop an appreciation for good literature.

Read-Aloud Scripts are Printed on 8 1/2 by 11 inch sheets. Scripts are three-hole punched ready to be inserted into your three-ring binder.

Read-Aloud Scripts are in play script format.

Read-Aloud Scripts include a set of Discussion/Writing Questions for story analysis, with possible answers (except where indicated on the order blank).

Please Note: Most of our Read-Aloud Scripts are altered versions of our *Read-Along Radio Drama* scripts. In most cases they ARE NOT word-for-word with our radio drama recordings and are not intended to be used for read-along. If you plan to use the scripts for read-along activities we suggest you consider our *Deluxe Binder Read-Along Radio Drama* kits, *Basic Read-Along Radio Drama* kits OR *Deluxe CD Read-Along Radio Drama* kits.



CDs for Listening



The recordings are with full cast and sound effects except when identified as a reading. Premium disks are used to make duplicates. The CD is enclosed in a white paper envelope. These are the same recordings as those used in *Read-Along Radio Drama* kits. Recordings are intended for: listening for pleasure, whole class listening activities, developing listening skills, developing a love for literature, motivating students to write and produce their own plays, and as a basis for writing/discussing.

Story Descriptions

of Available Titles

The following titles are available in the following formats: *Read-Along Radio Dramas (Deluxe Binder Kits, Basic Kits)*, *Read-Aloud Script only*, *CDs for Listening*. Not all titles are available as Classroom Production kits (see pages 6 and 7 for available Production Kit titles).

“**THE OUTCASTS OF POKER FLAT**” by Bret Harte, adapted to radio by Carol Adorjan and Yuri Rasovsky — Forrest Tucker stars in Bret Harte’s tragic tale. The story relates the fate of a group of people banished by a vigilante committee from the “Gold Rush” town of Poker Flat, California. The “Outcasts” have horses but no food. The group of “undesirables” are befriended by an innocent young couple who offer to share their food with the “Outcasts.” This unlikely combination of characters must survive a winter storm in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

“**ANTIETAM: THE LOST COMMAND**” by Lee Davis — A Civil War adventure story set in the days leading up to the bloodiest battle of the American Civil War. Written from the Confederate perspective.

“**CELEBRATED JUMPING FROG OF CALAVERAS COUNTY**” by Mark Twain, adapted by Cathleen Chamberlain — Mark Twain’s wonderful story that made the gold mining camp of Angel’s Camp, California, famous for its frog jumping contest.

“**THE CASK OF AMONTILLADO**” by Edgar Allan Poe, adapted by Brenta Blevins — Poe’s famous story of revenge. Because of an insult, a man uses brick and mortar to seal his live enemy into a tomb in the catacombs beneath his ancestral villa. The story is set in Italy during the early 18th century.

“**THE MONKEY’S PAW**” by W. W. Jacobs, adapted by Don Kisner and Dennis Rhodus — The story of a mummified, monkey’s paw that can bring three people three wishes each. The paw carries a curse, causing the wishes to always be answered with disastrous results.

- “THE BLACK CAT”** by Edgar Allan Poe, adapted by Dennis Rhodus — The account, in diary form, details a man’s crimes of passion. It is the story of a man gone mad. He accidentally walls his pet cat up inside his murdered wife’s makeshift tomb.
- “HOP-FROG”** by Edgar Allan Poe, adapted by Dottie Havlik — The story depicts a king and his court as self-indulgent buffoons. Hop-Frog, a grotesquely deformed dwarf, and his friend were captured and forced to serve the king. The king’s cruelty drives Hop-Frog to revenge.
- “THE NECKLACE”** by Guy de Maupassant, adapted by Dennis Rhodus — A young woman borrows a diamond necklace for an important party. She loses the necklace and sets in motion events that alter the rest of her life.
- “LOVE OF LIFE”** by Jack London (a reading with sound effects) [read by Peter Nazaretian] — Inside the arctic circle, an injured man is deserted by his partner. This is London’s classic tale of man’s will to survive even when all the odds are against him.
- “RIP VAN WINKLE”** by Washington Irving (reading with sound effects), rewritten by Don Kisner [read by Tara Sitsler] — This is Washington Irving’s famous tale of a good-natured but hen-pecked man who ventures deep into the Kaatskill Mountains and goes to sleep before the Revolutionary War and wakes up twenty years later.
- “A HORSEMAN IN THE SKY”** by Ambrose Bierce (mostly one voice with sound effects) — Bierce’s tragic story of a father and son who end up on opposite sides during the Civil War.
- “CHICKAMAUGA”** by Ambrose Bierce (a reading) [Peter Nazaretian reads this story of the Civil War.] The story presents the horrors of war as seen through the eyes of a deaf-mute child.
- “THE TELL-TALE HEART”** by Edgar Allan Poe — Poe’s famous story of a man obsessed with the “Evil Eye” of the old man for whom he works.
- “THE RANSOM OF RED CHIEF”** by O. Henry, adapted by Don Kisner and Rick McVey — Two down-on-their-luck con men, kidnap the son of a prosperous banker in a small town. The boy loves the adventure and gives his kidnappers so much trouble that they end up paying the boy’s father to take him back.
- “THE PIT AND THE PENDULUM”** by Edgar Allan Poe (a reading) [read by Peter Nazaretian] — This is Poe’s classic story of the horrors of the inquisition. A man struggles to survive a razor sharp pendulum and hordes of rats.
- “AFTER THE BATTLE”** by Joseph Altsheler, adapted by Dennis Rhodus and Don Kisner — During the Civil War, two enemy soldiers meet on a battlefield. The Confederate soldier decides to help the wounded Union soldier.
- “HEAT LIGHTNING”** by Robert F. Carroll, adapted by Don Kisner — Deep into a raging summer storm, a young woman runs out of gas and starts out, on foot, in search of help. She blunders into a situation full of terror and suspense.
- “THE LAST LEAF”** by O. Henry, adapted by Don Kisner — O. Henry’s famous story of love and self-sacrifice. Johnsy, a young woman living in New York’s Greenwich Village during the late 1800’s becomes ill with pneumonia and convinces herself that she will die “When the last leaf falls off an ancient ivy vine outside her window.”
- “THE PERFECT TOUCH”** by Eli Glass — David and Rob are out driving in the hills when they discover a “haunted” house and explore it. On the way home, Rob reveals a plan to take his girlfriend up to the house. The ending has an unexpected twist.
- “HEADFIRST”** by Dennis Rhodus — A young man pits his brain against a gang of boys (from a rival high school football team) determined to “get” him, his girlfriend, and a member of the home team.
- “TRAFFIC INCIDENT”** an original radio play by Roger Rittner — A newspaper reporter and her fiancé are almost forced off the road by a drunk driver. They watch the drunk driver’s car run off the road into a deep canyon. When the police come and search the canyon, no car is found. The reporter investigates the accident, uncovering conflicting information. A ghost story with a twist.
- “THE MATEMAKER”** by Dennis Rhodus — A matchmaking computer makes a match. He is white and she is black. A positive view of interracial relations.

“THE LADY OR THE TIGER” by Frank Stockton (a reading) [read by Peter Nazaretian] — This is Stockton’s classic story of trial by choice. A young man must decide between two doors. Behind one is a beautiful lady and behind the other is a ferocious tiger.

“THE LONG NIGHT” by Lowell D. Blanton, adapted by Don Kisner — An air traffic controller finds himself trying to bring an inexperienced pilot and his young son down through a thick cloud layer.

“THE STRANGE ORCHID” by H. G. Wells, adapted by Don Kisner — An orchid collector purchases some new bulbs for his collection. The bulbs are from a remote area of an unexplored jungle. After they are planted, one of the bulbs develops into a blood-sucking monster.

The following Titles are Available as Read-Aloud Scripts Only.

“OF MAGIC AND MEPHISTOPHELES” by Roger Rittner — An untalented magician sells his soul for amazing powers.

“PERILS AT SEA” by Susan Manning — Murder on the high seas.

“THE NEW YEARS EVE MURDERS” by Susan Manning — Murder mars a New Years Eve party.

“TOLTEC’S TOMB” by Roger Rittner — A group of archeologists are excavating an ancient Toltec ruin deep in the jungles of Mexico. There is a myth that states: "He who seeks the treasure of the Toltecs, has death at his shoulder."
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