


Drama in the teen classroom

Webinar handout

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Here are four of my favourite drama activities for teens, and some resources I recommend.

	What is it?	When to use?
I wonder?	A drama game where students ask questions that start with 'I wonder' + varied question words (what, who, why...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to introduce a theme/ topic in a story or a book. - as a pre-listening/ reading activity for students to guess/ predict. - to revise language points (conditionals, adjectives...).
Hot seating	<p>A drama game where students embody the persona of characters in videos/ stories/ history books, etc.</p> <p>Students ask different questions to the character being represented.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to teach students lessons about sympathy/ empathy/ understanding, and how to relate to their lives. - to teach points/ characters/ famous figures in history. - to practice asking and answering questions with the right intonation.
Role on the wall	<p>A drama game where students use a gingerbread man template to describe characters.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to revise personality adjectives. - to help students when writing a story as they establish the relationship between the different characters. - it can be adapted online using Padlet or Jamboard.

Freeze frames and thought tracking	<p>A drama game where students pose and freeze reflecting a position of a person/ thing on a photo/portrait/ video...</p> <p>Once tapped on the shoulder they speak their mind as if the character is speaking.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to retell stories. - to practice language (tenses, vocabulary). - to teach historical figures and dates. - it can be used online with Flipgrid or any other platform safe for students to share their work.
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Books

David, F. (2007). 101 Drama Games & Activities. Lulu Press.

Suzan, H. (2016). English Through Drama. Helbling.

David, F. (2014). Playful Plays. Lulu Press.

Websites dramaresource.com

- Drama activities, plays and games
- www.youtube.com/c/dramaresource
 - Video tutorials for drama games
- www.youtube.com/@DramaMenu
 - Demonstrations of theatre drama games.
- www.eltsuehillyard.com/post/drama-is-the-spice-of-elt
 - Read more about how Drama can be the SPICE of ELT.

A recording of Siham's webinar can be accessed here:

<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/news-and-events/webinars/webinars-teachers/creativity-and-21st-century-skills-english-language>