

DRAMA ACTIVITY: PUPPET THEATRE

Create a theatre right in your own classroom! If you have access to a puppet theatre, this is a great time to highlight it in your class. If not, you can build one with your students from a cardboard box frame, or other supplies that you have on hand.

Have students create their own puppets and scenery to tell the story of *The Magic Flute*. Encourage students to work together to tell the story, and encourage roles such as narrator, characters, musicians, and audience. Once the students are comfortable with the story, encourage them to find music from *The Magic Flute* on YouTube to bring the music into the performance. (Complete recording: <https://bit.ly/3ciVr0l>)

Puppet theatre provides a chance for teachers to assess students on their re-telling ability, and on their teamwork skills. The activity can also be adapted to be done with students as the characters instead of puppets.



The Magic Flute, Puppets Theatre Vienna. Photo: Roman Gerhardt.