

Article Review

Complete APA bibliographic reference:

Bennett, R. (2002). Teaching reading with puppets. *Proceedings of the Annual Conference on Stabilizing Indigenous Languages, Canada.*

Four or five descriptor names that best describe the topic:

Main: Reading process, puppets, oral tradition, reading instruction, story telling, American Indian Education

Type of Article:

Other: Classroom Practices

Levels: High School (9-12)

Briefly stated major purpose(s) of the article:

The purpose is to use traditional stories in American Indian Language programs to connect students' reading to their lives and familiarize them with the rhythms of the oral language. Puppet performances are one strategy this teacher uses to connect the reading program to the Native oral tradition. The objective is for students to develop Hupa Language proficiency by "developing oral reading skills, increasing vocabulary knowledge, improving grammar functions, and expanding story performance competencies" (152).

"Other" article – summarize the major points in 2-4 sentences:

The high school students are taught to use many different reading strategies within the six stage process of creating a puppet performance. The teacher describes the step-by-step sequence of learning to ensure that students have mastered certain skills before moving to more difficult ones. Note cards, flashcards, audiotapes, Hupa elders and other aids are used to capture the students' attention and help with the process. The author explains that sharing the plan with the students allows them to discuss their plans and actions while also developing reading skills.

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