

## **Bag of Randomness**

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Subject Area: Language Arts/Vocabulary/Community Building

Space Required: Open Area for group work

Items needed-

Brown Paper bags filled with 6-8 random items( Ex. A book, flashlight, paper clip)

Have enough items for each person in the group. Also include index cards with a few vocabulary words.

Objective – The students will create a story using a bag of props and a few vocabulary words from current lessons.

Lesson Progression & Procedures:

- 1) Divide the class into groups (6-8 students per group)
- 2) Distribute a “Bag of Randomness” to each group. Make sure to enclose the story starter sheet as well.
- 3) Instruct students to use the items and create a story to share with the whole group.
- 4) As students develop the story – they fill out the story starter sheet.
- 5) As a group they then perform their story without the story starter sheet.
- 6) After they perform their story they are asked to reflect on how is changed.

Follow-up

The students could write a whole Reader’s theater script of their story.

Variation

They could have to re-tell the story switching the main character and practicing different points of view.

**Bag of Randomness Story Starter**  
**Group Members**

1)	2)
3)	4)
5)	6)
7)	8)
9)	10)

**Items in Bag**

1)	2)
3)	4)
5)	6)
7)	8)
9)	10)

**Setting**—In a few words describe the setting:

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**Characters**—Develop two characters (they do not have to be people)

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**Conflict/Plot**

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**Conclusion**

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