

# What is Reader's Theater and How Does it Work?

## What is Reader's Theater?

- Reader's Theater is a way to practice your oral reading skills as well as your presentation skills.
- Reader's Theater is a fun way to learn facts about different subjects.
- Reader's Theater is made up of a script. The script has different parts (or lines) for each person.
- When all of the parts (or lines) are put together, Reader's Theater becomes a kind of story or play.

## How does Reader's Theater work?

- You will be given a script on Monday.
- You will be assigned to a group. Each person in the group will be assigned one of the parts of the script.
- You will highlight your lines of the script.
- Each night you will practice your script by reading it aloud. On Friday your group will present to the class.
  - On Monday nights you'll practice: WORD PRONUNCIATION (make sure you know how to say all the words in your part).
  - On Tuesday nights you'll practice: FLUENCY (make sure what you're reading flows).
  - On Wednesday nights you'll practice: VOLUME (when you present on Friday you need to make sure all of your classmates can hear you).
  - On Thursday nights you'll practice: INFLECTION (you want to use expression when you're reading aloud).
  - During class on Fridays you will have 5 - 10 minutes to practice your Reader's Theater with your group. Then you will present.

## Will Reader's Theater be graded?

- When you present on Friday, I will listen for your word pronunciation, fluency, volume, and inflection. You will be given a score of 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 for each of the 4 categories (5 being GREAT, 1 being NEEDS IMPROVEMENT).
- You will also get 1 point if you have your script with you on Friday. If you lost your script throughout the week you get 0 points in stead of 1.