Transformative Experiences – Engaging Students through Arts Integration: Bringing Fairy Tales to Life

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In this unit the students bring fairy tales to life through arts integration. It starts off with pantomime and tableau using familiar fairy tales. The students learn how to express themselves with their hands, faces, and their bodies to show their emotions and convey the true personalities of a fairy tale character. They use tableau, a freeze frame scene of a particular setting in a fairy tale. Next, they focus on mask making and creating masks to go along with a particular fairy tale character. When they are pretending to be someone or something else they are "empathizing", transforming themselves from the person they really are into a different creature or person. Last, the students will take a look at the characteristics of a fairy tale, and then create their own fractured fairytales that will be performed by their peers.