



CREATE 1

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

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ACTIVITY SUMMARY: Create miniature book worlds

Create a three-dimensional world of a book in a storybox that does not feature the book title in words. Display the boxes in the school foyer or other central location and encourage students and visitors to guess the books' titles with a prize draw of correct answers.

INGREDIENTS:

Shoe boxes or other small lidded, non-transparent boxes.

Decorative, recycled and found materials

Old photographs

Drawing materials

Small figures made from mixed media or recycled toys/dolls/ornaments

Favourite novel

TIME:

2 x 50-minute lessons, after-school club or book group sessions.

METHOD:

SESSION 1: PLANNING

1. Ask students to choose a scene from a favourite novel
2. To help them choose, brainstorm on books with at least one strong setting or an artefact that resonates through the book. It might help to choose titles that are already familiar and popular, for example books that have featured in library displays or been popular class readers. If your school has a reading group, this is a way to introduce their favourite books to a wider audience. Or see the suggested titles.
3. Students pair up to plan their storybox world and gather materials before the next session when they create their storybox. Or create a pool of materials to which students can add donations between sessions.

SESSION 2: MAKING

4. Some questions to ask during the creative process: How will the box look on the outside? Will it provide a clue to the scene inside? Will the contents of the box directly illustrate the story or be a jumping-off point? Will you include text (but not the book title)?
5. Display the finished boxes, inviting viewers to identify the featured books.

CURRICULUM AREAS:

English, Design & Technology

SUGGESTED RESOURCES:

- *Holes* by Louis Sachar (BLOOMSBURY)
- *Maggot Moon* by Sally Gardner (HOT KEY)
- *Long Lankin* by Lindsey Barraclough (CORGI)
- *Northern Lights* by Philip Pullman (SCHOLASTIC)

FOR INSPIRATION:

- www.josephcornellbox.com
- <http://wp.robertsabuda.com/make-your-own-pop-ups>

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