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Activities for an Unforgettable Water Study Extravaganza!



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Stage Your Own Incredible Water Show . . .

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In Debra Frasier's book *The Incredible Water Show*, the students from *Miss Alaineus: A Vocabulary Disaster* return to perform their Science Fair project on the neighborhood stage. Create your own Water Extravaganza based on this book, or expand the script by adding your own amazing facts about water. **Stage it QUICK! Or EASY! Or GRAND!** Turn the page to see how.

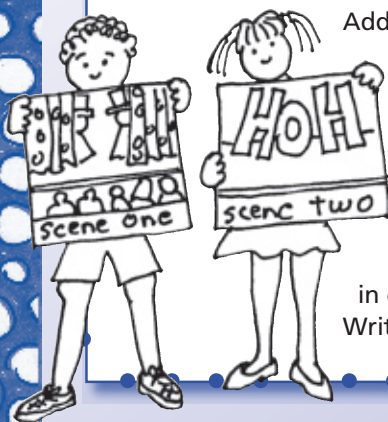
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EASY.

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really
FAST!

... OR Make a Water show EXHIBITION!

Draw the entire performance, scene by scene. Add comic book "text bubbles" so the drawn actors deliver the facts as lines in the play. For an example, see the enclosed reproducible copy of the hydrocycle page from *The Incredible Water Show*.

Research other water facts and add new scenes to the exhibition. Post the scene pictures in the hallway or frame each one in cardboard box "theaters" for the library. Write biographies of the actors. Make posters.



The Incredible Water Show Performance Notes

Visit debrafrasier.com for more performance plans.

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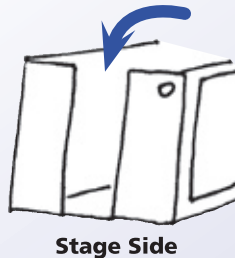
Copy the enclosed reproducible character puppet. (Add desired extras: Dinosaurs? A pirate ship?) Cut out. Color with markers. Mount on bamboo skewers. Have the paper characters perform on desktops, using books covered with plain paper to hide the puppeteers.



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Make a cardboard box stage. (Cut one for all performers, or one for each scene.) Attach sticks to top of each puppet. Enter and exit through slits cut into the sides of the box "theater."



Stage Side

OR! Make NO puppets! Make NO stage! Use "found objects" for each character. A wooden kitchen spoon could be Forest! (Add a paper top hat?) A scrub brush could be the dog. (Add paper ears?) Do you have a watering can? See if it can become a dinosaur like the one pictured on the back of *The Incredible Water Show*!

Note: Advise puppeteers to keep their attention on their puppets because an audience will always follow the eyes of a visible puppeteer.

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Follow the seven scenes as they appear in the book *The Incredible Water Show*. Visit debrafrasier.com for a scene-by-scene guide. On a stage, use plastic baby pools to catch water, like a three-ring circus. Introduce anything that can hold or carry water—pitchers, teakettles, plant misters, hydropacks.

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Dinosaurs? Cut out cardboard animals or carry watering cans made to look like apatosaurus. Cast your dog and cat as costumed players. Need more characters for a larger cast? Consider doubling the Purple, Orange, and Green chorus members. Add water songs! Use the old vaudeville trick of secretly switching a water-filled bucket with confetti to throw on the audience in the finale!