

ANGRY QUEEN

A Sensory Drama by Lisa Webb Gill Brigg

Based on a story by an author which I cannot trace. Many thanks to them for their inspiration.

Pupils and adult supporters work in pairs.

There is a wheeled chair for the teacher.

The room is made dark slowly.

Screens are turned off and a note is placed on the door: 'Please Do Not Disturb'

Teacher says: ***We will all be working in a story together.***

Check-in with everyone that they are ready to start.

The teacher places an ornate piece of fabric on the chair. This is the Queen's cloak.

Once upon a time there was a beautiful land covered with green trees and fields, lots of wild animals and birds, and a wonderful river full of fish. The Queen of this land was kind and gentle. She loved her people and she was never angry. She had a beautiful castle.

Beautiful music plays

Geranium and rose oils are offered to the students.

But the people who lived in this place, didn't look after it, and they left lots of horrible rubbish next to the castle. They spoiled the Queen's land.

Teacher puts rubbish around the classroom such as crisp packets, yoghurt pots, big boxes etc. Pupils help. There are lots of noises to hear and make: scrunching, tearing, banging etc.

The Queen was very angry.

Teacher uses loud percussion and staccato, angry vocal noises as they step into role.

'I have had enough of this mess. Look at my messy castle. I am leaving. Nobody cares about my beautiful castle', said the Queen. So... she got up and walked away.

The Queen leaves the room angrily, wrapped in her ornate cloak.

Another adult says:

The people were very upset and missed their Queen. They decided to tidy up all around the castle.

Pupils pick up the rubbish and put it in the bin. The bits of rubbish are highlighted

with a torch as the clean-up takes place in silence.

One pupil is encouraged to go and collect the Queen who is sobbing outside the room.

As she sees how hard her people have worked to clean up the land, she is transformed and is filled with joy and gratitude.

'Thank you so much for clearing away the rubbish from my castle. I will return and be your Queen once more'.

The Queen settles back on her 'throne', as the beautiful music plays and floral oils are offered again.

This story can be repeated many times with the pupils leading the story and taking on the role of the Queen.

The session ends with lots of praise, a procession and a feast.
The room is calmly returned to its usual state.

You will need:

'Do Not Disturb' sign
Wheeled chair
Ornate cloak
Selection of clean rubbish
Torches
Rubbish bin