

Strategies and Activities for a Print-Rich Classroom

- **Create wall stories** --This activity involves creating a type of portfolio display for the chapters in a literature selection. The teacher assigns a chapter per group. Once that chapter has been read, it is up to the assigned group to display the main idea of that chapter on their section of a classroom wall. By the time the book is completely read, the class has a display of the whole selection, chapter by chapter.
- **Class books** – the same concept of the wall stories, but for this – each student is responsible for keeping a picture portfolio of the literature selection.
- **Dramatize stories** – students write and act out a summarized version of the selection being read
- **Create a movie** – students are video taped (with parental permission) while performing their dramatized stories – this may be presented to parents during “Open House” or “Parent’s Night”
- **Create and use study guides** – students create a study guide which they will use to study for quizzes, assignments and tests. If they are selected to be the “teacher” to a group, they will use their study guide to guide the group activity/review.
- **Involve parents** -- invite parents to be part of a cultural activity. Send take-home activities home with the students so they can share what they have learned.
- **Expand and connect theme across content areas** – discuss/share your lessons with other content area teachers and welcome ideas for connecting your theme with other content areas

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