

## Explore Character Through Drama



A great way to prepare for seeing the HTY show is to read the original book. Select a chapter. Read it aloud for the class, or have them read it silently. Whatever way you choose to read one chapter, stop when finished and guide students to creatively explore particular parts.

First, guide students to create frozen statues of the characters. Choose story moments of interest to you and the students.

- 1) Students stand in personal space.
- 2) Prompt students with, 'Show me how Bandit looked as she thought up her American name.' (p. 18, first chapter)
- 3) Encourage students to exaggerate their statues, count to three and call freeze.
- 4) Share good ideas. Repeat with the other characters.

Second, guide pairs of students to create statues together to show character relationships.

- 1) Pairs stand together in personal space.
- 2) Prompt pairs with, 'Show me how Grandfather looked when Bandit picked her American name.' (p. 18, first chapter)
- 3) Give pairs 10 seconds to decide who is which character and then call freeze.
- 4) Share good ideas. Repeat with other moments of interest to you and the students.

