



## Social Emotion Learning and Drama

*A creative approach to building school and life skills*

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HTY is pleased to present you with this brief, creative activity to help your students exercise Social-Emotional Learning competencies.

### AALIA OF THE RAINFOREST

**DESCRIPTION:** Teaching artist Ms. Lily introduces a young girl named Aalia whose rainforest home is facing destruction. How can Aalia best communicate to people the importance of her home? (Inspired by the book 'Aana and the Treehuggers.')

**GRADE LEVEL FOCUS:** 3-4

**SEL FOCUS:** Solving Problems/Communication  
(Responsible Decision-Making)

NHES.4.5.3 Demonstrate nonviolent strategies to manage or resolve conflict

NHES.5.5.4 Predict the potential outcomes of each option when making a health-related decision.

**ACTIVITY:** Writing

**TO PREPARE:**

- Preview the video before sharing it with your students to best help you introduce the activity.
- After viewing, the students will be asked to write advice to the character in the video. They will need paper and writing implements or a computer.
- Obtain the book 'Aana and the Treehuggers' to share with your students after the activity.



3 ½ minute activity