

Muggle Studies Year 1 & 2

Homework Instructions: Read the information below about one way that Muggles had fun before technology. Complete the project at the end of the reading.



Did you know that muggles do not have games like Quidditch, Gobstones, Wizard Chess or Exploding Snap? But somehow, they have always found ways to entertain themselves. Even before video and televisions were invented by Muggles, they had lots of different ways to have fun.

Before movies and TV shows, Muggle children used to act out their own stories right in their homes. Consequently, shadow puppets became a fun way to pass the time. The name comes from the way that people perform with shadow puppets. They put a flat cutout of a character in the story behind a screen. Then they placed a light source (candle or oil lamp before electricity) behind the puppet. When the puppet is placed on the screen, it looks like a shadow and that's how this game got its name.

Many times, children would act out their favorite stories or fairy tales. In your kit you have a frog puppet to put together. Perhaps you can put on a show like *Frog and Toad are Friends*, *Jeremy Frog* (Beatrix Potter) or perhaps act out a scene from *Harry Potter* where your frog is Trevor who keeps getting lost.

There are lots of ways to make shadow puppet theaters if you are up for the challenge. Here are some pictures to give you ideas. It looks like all you need is some paper or white fabric, some cardboard and tape.



Directions to make a frog shadow puppet:

Find these materials in your kit.

- Cardboard frog pieces (punch them out of the cardboard)
- Bag of brass paper fasteners
- Popsicle sticks, dowels or just plain sticks (*optional and not in kit*)

Instructions

1. Decorate the individual cardboard pieces provided in your kit.
2. Once decorated, begin by attaching the tops of the arms to the body of the frog using the brass paper fasteners.
3. Attach the hands to the arms using the fasteners.
4. Attach the tops of the legs to the body using the fasteners.



5. Last, attach the feet to the legs using the fasteners.
6. You can color your puppet if you want, but remember, if you are performing a shadow puppet show, you will only be able to see the shadow and not detailed decoration.
7. You can also attach popsicle sticks or dowels to the puppets legs. When you move them up and down, it will look like the frog is moving.