



This activity returns you to your childhood when imagination ran wild with added elements of mystery. Take different storylines and mystery items to answer an essential question. Do you have what it takes to use all the Mystery Box items to create an effective answer and story?

Focus Skills: Imagination, Storytelling, Speaking

Grades: 6+

MATERIALS: Big box, various objects or toys that fit in the box, at least 3 different objects or toys to be placed in the box

GET READY: Develop and identify a question that you would like students to respond to by acting it out through a story. This provides students an opportunity to visualize a response that is more memorable to them. Once you design and choose a question, prepare a Mystery Box of secret items that students can use to act out a story that answers the question.

GET SET: Before students arrive to class, place the Mystery Box of secret items in front of the class. Inform the students that they must create a story to answer the Question of the Day. Students must use at least 3 items in the Mystery Box in a way that makes sense to the audience. They can also use anything else in the classroom to incorporate into your story.

AND GO: Open the Mystery Box and review the ingredients. Provide time for students to plan their story and rehearse. Remind students to let their imagination to be part of the story!

