



# 4-H DRAMA PROJECT



## Step It Up!

Pass it on! Now that you know how, share it with others. Here are ideas to get you started.

## Are you Into It?

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Learn how you can express yourself through the arts!

- Practice and develop communication skills
- Develop characters
- Develop a play
- Produce a play

### Communication

- Perform a monologue for your school
- Write a one act play

### Citizenship

- Perform a play at a local nursing home
- Perform a puppet show at a local day care facility

## Here's what you can do all year!

### Starting Out Basic/Level 1

- Express an idea through pantomime
- Communicate using body language, tone and inflection
- Participate in group storytelling
- Create and deliver a character sketch
- Synchronizing movements
- Create a monologue
- Discover different styles of delivery
- Plan and design a theatre set

### Learning More Intermediate/Level 2

- Create a story through pantomime
- Use tone of voice to impact listener perception
- Reverse roles
- Contrast character's inner voices
- Understand body language
- Write a scripted scene
- Create costumes
- Learn about stage positions

### Expanding Horizons Advanced/Level 3

- Pantomime a story being told
- Improvise a scene that involves resolving conflict
- Dramatize a memory
- Enact a character from history
- Bring a stage picture to life
- Revise a scene
- Direct scenes in different genres
- Plan and draw costumes
- Direct a one act play

### Leadership

- Organize a drama day camp for younger 4-H members
- Present a session at Teen Conference

4-H is a community of young people who are learning leadership citizenship and life skills.

Learn more at [www.kentucky4h.org](http://www.kentucky4h.org) or contact your county extension office.





# Take Drama Further!

Here are some other opportunities to explore drama:

- Participate in a county speech and demonstration contest.
- Participate in the Kentucky 4-H Written Communications Contest.
- Assist younger 4-Hers in creating a play.
- Attend a local play in your community.
- Start a drama club in your county.
- Perform at the Kentucky State Fair 4-H Expressive Arts Day.
- Job shadow or interview an actor/actress, playwright, director, costume designer, sound and lighting technician, or set designer.

## Exhibit Ideas

- Enter in the performing arts demonstration category at your local speech and demonstration contest.
- Enter an original monologue in the Kentucky 4-H Written Communications Contest.
- Perform a monologue at the Kentucky State Fair 4-H Expressive Arts Day.
- Perform a play at the Kentucky State Fair 4-H Expressive Arts Day.
- Enter a Public Service Announcement in the Kentucky 4-H Written Communications Contest.

## Resources

4-H Resources	Other Resources	Record Keeping
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National 4-H Play the Role</li> <li>• National 4-H Set the Stage</li> <li>• National 4-H Become a Puppeteer</li> <li>• National 4-H Theatre Arts Book 1</li> <li>• National 4-H Theatre Arts Book 2</li> <li>• National 4-H Theatre Arts Book 3</li> <li>• National 4-H Theatre Arts Group Activity Guide</li> <li>• KET Toolkit Drama</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://4-h.org/parents/curriculum/theatre-arts/#!beginner">http://4-h.org/parents/curriculum/theatre-arts/#!beginner</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://4-h.org/parents/curriculum/theatre-arts/#!intermediate">http://4-h.org/parents/curriculum/theatre-arts/#!intermediate</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://4-h.org/parents/curriculum/theatre-arts/#!advanced">http://4-h.org/parents/curriculum/theatre-arts/#!advanced</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record your activities on your Kentucky 4-H Achievement Program application</li> <li>• Contact your county 4-H agent for a project record book.</li> </ul>

