



Program Overview, age 8

Objective:

To boost reading comprehension and writing test skills by exploring authentic folk literature.

Whootie Owl's Unique Child-Savvy Format:

(1) Folk Tale

- Engages the interest of the listener
- Introduces a model from which to teach the meaning and structure of a story

(2) Skill Builders

- Deepens understanding of word strategies (*characters, setting, plot and main idea*)
- Immerses the student in the content of the text

(3) Composition

- **Develops writing skills:**
 - ◆ Students write an original composition, applying the strategies they learned in studying story elements.
 - ◆ Clear step-by-step guides and graphic organizers help students write an original story that is evocative as well as coherent.

(4) Reader's Theatre

- Reinforces text comprehension
- Promotes oral literacy
- Closes Whootie Owl's program on a fun, upbeat note!

Estimated time to complete: 1-2 weeks