Cognitive Thinking Activities Set 6

Making Critical Thinking Fun

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Perspectives

Cognitive Thinking Strategies: Prediction, Perspectives

To practice this strategy, have students draw a picture or tell a story from a perspective other than their own. This is a great way to highlight different opinions on the same issue. For example, looking at the story of Cinderella from a stepsister's viewpoint can tell a whole new story. Artistic students can choose to draw new illustrations for the story from the new perspectives.

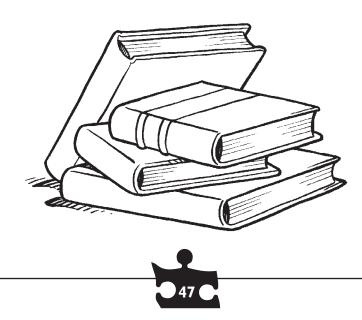
Here's an example of the stepsister's story:

A Different Cinderella Story

Who was that girl? She danced with the prince all night long. That was so unfair. Who does she think she is? The prince obviously wanted to dance with me and she wouldn't let him. I'm glad she raced out of the ball at midnight. Too bad she tripped and lost her ugly glass shoe!

Here are some other ideas for new perspectives:

- I. The story of a rock's life.
- 2. A conversation between two bugs on a windshield.
- 3. The flight of a home run ball.
- 4. The story of a turtle's journey to lay eggs.
- 5. Christmas from an elf's perspective, a reindeer's perspective, a gingerbread man's perspective or a present's perspective.
- 6. A British perspective of the Boston Tea Party.
- 7. A Canadian perspective of the American Revolutionary War.
- 8. An afternoon of fun from the perspective of a swimming pool diving board.
- 9. A rubber ball's perspective of bouncing down a flight of stairs.
- 10. A hockey puck's perspective of a game.



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Take the perspective of		and write a story.
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Artistic Perspectives

Draw a picture of ______ from the perspective of ______.

Now draw a similar picture, this time from the perspective of ______.

