

Program Name: Very Hungry Caterpillar Workshop

Artist: StoneLion Puppet Theatre

Special Requirements:

Table space for students to make their puppets and an electrical outlet.

Special Points of Interest:

For the past eight years StoneLion has produced free local Earth Day festivals in Kansas City that focus on personal and environmental responsibility through art!

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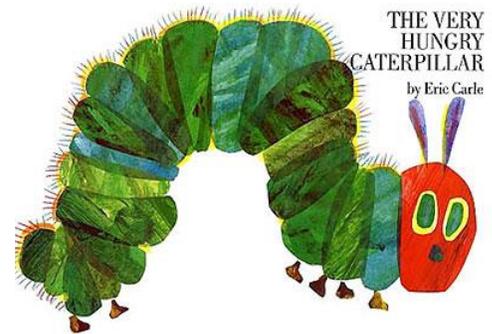
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Workshop Description

Students will create the stages of a butterfly's life. An ordinary sock is transformed from a caterpillar, into a chrysalis, and finally a butterfly. The puppet that is created is a turn-about sock puppet and the workshop is based on the book by Eric Carle.

StoneLion will give information on the life cycle and the story of the Very Hungry Caterpillar and will then give instructions on materials and construction of the puppets. Students will spend most of the workshop constructing their own puppets.

To close the workshop, participants will share the puppets they created. This workshop is a great hands-on learning experience for students Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten.



Educational Objectives & Standards

Students will:

- Learn the three stages of a caterpillar's life.
- Participate in an interactive puppet play reading the book and counting out loud,.

- Know plants and animals are alive and have characteristics that make them different from non-living matter.
- Know organisms go through life cycles.
- Interact as an invented character.



StoneLion Puppet Theatre is a professional not-for-profit theatre company dedicated to expanding the horizons of the young and young-at-heart through the art of puppetry in an interdisciplinary community of ethnic and cultural diversity. StoneLion has accomplished this with over eighteen years of productions in theatres in Kansas City, a national touring company and our artist-in-residence and intern programs that range in levels from preschool to college.

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Loewenstein is the Founder, Artistic Director, and a Company Puppeteer of StoneLion Puppet Theatre in Kansas City, Missouri. She has performed, designed, and/or directed more than 70 different productions for StoneLion. Heather has degrees in theatre from Boise State University and The University of Dublin, Trinity College, Ireland.

List of Resources:

Books:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar
by Eric Carle, Putnum,
Philomel; (June 3, 1969)
ISBN: 0399226907

Butterflies and Moths (Eyewitness Books)

by Kage Baker Dorling
Kindersly Publishers Ltd.
(August 22, 1996)
ISBN 075136097X

Online Resources:

National Geographic time lapse
video of a butterfly going
through its life stages.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/activity/the-very-hungry-caterpillar-and-the-butterfly-life-cycle/>

Vocabulary

Butterfly: A nectar feeding insect with two pairs of large, typically colorful wings.

Caterpillar: The larvae of a butterfly or moth, having a segmented worm-like body with three pairs of true legs and several pairs of leg like appendages.

Cocoon: A silky case spun by the larvae of many insects for protection as pupae.

Life Cycle: The series of changes in the life of an organism.

Metamorphosis: The process of transformation from an immature form to an adult form in two or more distinct phases.

Proboscis: An elongated sucking mouthpart that is typically tubular and flexible.

Pupa: An insect in its inactive , immature form between larvae and adult.

Puppet: A moveable model of a person or animal used an entertainment and typically moved either by strings from above or be a hand inside it.

Post-Workshop Activities

1. Create a biography for your new puppet or write a story about an event in your new puppets life! Give your puppet a name, favorite food, favorite activity and a favorite flower.
2. Partner up with a friend and act out a positive play moment with your puppet.

3. Re-tell the story of the Very Hungry Caterpillar with your puppet and plastic fruit and vegetables.



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