



Cultural Activities

Activity Name	Adding the Plot
Activity Background	Multicultural Proverbs
	
Aim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaining knowledge of different cultural practices and world views • Children are connected with and contribute to their world • Children are confident and involved learners
Supporting Information	<p>Proverbs are simple yet enduring saying, which are widely known and repeated. Proverbs can often be a rule of thumb on how to act or may be metaphors. Proverbs often evoke imagery of a greater story. Many proverbs are borrowed from or shared between cultures and/or languages. Each culture also has its own set of specific and unique proverbs. This activity involves expanding upon a proverb and creating a background story.</p>
Activity	Have the storyteller choose a familiar proverb and write a story that can surround and carry that idea.
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pen/pencil • Paper • List of common proverbs
Suitability	Suitable for ages 8+

Ideas for extending the activity	Learn about story-writing techniques Learn more about world proverbs Find similarities between different the proverbs of different cultures. Turn some of these short stories into play and perform them as a group.
References and additional information materials	http://creativeproverbs.com http://www.storyarts.org/lessonplans/lessonideas/index.html#poetry Mieder, Wolfgang, The Prentice-Hall Encyclopedia of World Proverbs: A Treasury of Wit and Wisdom Through the Ages, Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 1986