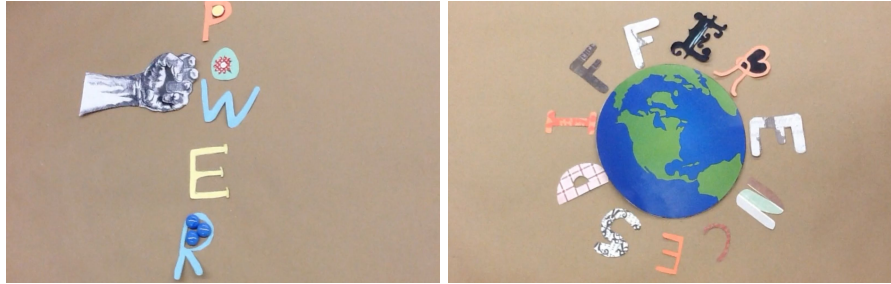


Opera in Motion

Stop-Motion Animation with Opera Vocabulary



MATERIALS

- iPad or iPhone (with Stop Motion Studio)
- cut letters + shapes
- construction paper
- scissors
- sharpies
- doodads--buttons, straws, string etc.

INTRODUCTION

In this activity you'll utilize some basic opera vocabulary words and concepts as inspiration to create an animated word collage like [this](#).

OPERA VOCABULARY WORDS:

OPERA: a drama set to music and made up of vocal pieces with orchestral accompaniment and orchestral overtures

LIBRETTO: The text or words of an opera

ARIA: A solo piece written for a main character, which focuses on the character's emotion

SET: The background and furnishings on the stage

CHORUS: A group of singers, singing together, who sometimes portray servants, party guests or other unnamed characters



DIRECTOR: One who prepares an opera or play for production by arranging the details of the stage settings and stage effects, and by instructing the performers in the interpretation of their roles

THE PROCESS

1. Watch the first scene from The Metropolitan Opera's version of [La Fille du Régiment](#) and see if you can find examples of these new concepts.
2. Use construction paper and markers to design and cut out the letters for the list of words that you want to use in your stop motion video. How can you express the personality of each of the words in different ways (shape, size, color)?
3. Now that you have created all of the letters to use for your animation you are going to start using Stop Motion Studio App on an iPhone or iPad.
4. Open Stop Motion Studio
5. Follow these [basic steps](#) to start capturing images for your movie.
6. Use the surface of a table for your canvas
7. Pretend that you are the director and you are creating movement for the letters as if they are on a stage. Experiment with different ways for them to move that expresses meaning and emotion. Are there ways to move the letters that convey emotions (sad, happy, confident, shy, etc)?
 - How might the word "CHORUS" move differently than the word "ARIA"?
 - Are the letters jumbled at first and then form the word?
 - Do certain words come together and mingle with each other?

Include other objects and artwork with the letters if you like (drawings, buttons, straws, string etc) Be playful and have fun!

8. Set the animation to opera music
9. Export project to iMovie



Media. Arts. Education.