



ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM
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Reader's Theater

Use the poem as the script for a reader's theatre activity. Reader's Theater involves small groups of participants reading and perhaps acting out the script. There is no memorization, limited rehearsal, and performance without full costume or props.

1. As a class, decide on how to divide up the poem: The individual lines may be read by specific students, by small groups, by the entire class as a choral reading, or a combination of all of these.
2. Assign the lines from the poem to the readers, based on the choices made in part 1.
3. Be sure to stress that this activity is not designed to be a role-play, simulation or mini-theater production.
4. Read the poem aloud according to the choices made in parts 1 and 2, as practice. Discuss if the class wants to describe

Post-Activity Discussion:

- Why did we do this activity?
- Does anyone want to share how they would have done another group's reading differently?