

## Getting into Readers Theater

You and your group will choose part of the book and make it into a script or play.

- Decide which part of the book to present.
- Determine how many speakers you will need. Be sure to include a narrator if you need one.
- Decide which lines each character will speak. You can change or remove words to make your script work. Be sure to have a reason for any changes that you're making.
- Sometimes you will be able to mark on the copy your teacher gave you. Other times, you'll need to write your own script so you can make changes yourself.
- Decide what props or scenery the story might need. These should be simple, and should give the audience an idea of what you're trying to get across.
- Determine how you and your group will perform. Will you be sitting or standing? How will you arrange yourselves?
- Practice reading your section alone and with the rest of the group.
- Make sure you are saying each word clearly and with expression. Adjust your volume to the needs of the audience.