

The Puppet Co.

Magic Mirror



Learning Guide

2024

The Magic Mirror's main characters

Toad



Queen Brycelyn & King Helios



Agoth, the dragon



Lochlyn



Johlyn



Pizor, the dragon



Nanya



Mudrick



Bumber, the dragon





Hand Puppets

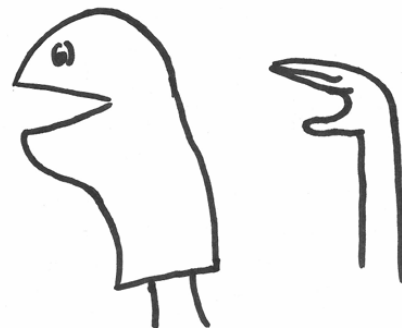


To use a hand puppet, you'd put your hand in it like a glove. It is controlled using the thumb & your pinkie for an arm, your other fingers in the head.



Mouth Puppets

To use a mouth puppet, you place your hand in the puppet, controlling the lower jaw by moving your thumb down and keeping the head still with your other fingers.





Marionettes

Marionettes are controlled by strings, attached to different parts of the puppet such as the hand, leg, and top of the head. The strings are pulled to move the puppet.

Rod Puppets

Rod Puppets are worked from below, having a thick pole hold the puppet up and smaller rods control the arms by attaching at the wrist.



What type of puppet are these?

Is the green dragon puppet a hand puppet or a mouth puppet? Could it be both?



What kind of puppet is the knight?

In the Magic Mirror:

What type of Puppet is used?

What is the setting?

Who is the protagonist, or hero?

Who is the antagonist, or villain?

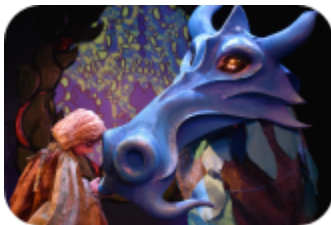
The Magic Mirror's Story

The King & Queen welcome a baby!
Fairy folk come to give gifts.



Johlyn gifts them a magic mirror,
putting the King & Queen to sleep.

Johlyn names the child
Toad & puts her to work.



Johlyn tells Agoth to kill Toad,
but Agoth lets Toad escape.

Toad cries, creating flowers
which frees Lochlyn from
being trapped in ice!



the story continues →

The Magic Mirror's Story, cont.



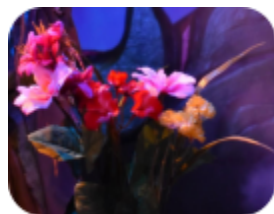
Lochlyn drinks from a magic pool, and is turned into a frog!

Toad gets help turning Lochlyn back into a man.



Nanya gives Toad a dress, and tells her to destroy the magic mirror to return warmth to the kingdom.

When Toad returns, Agoth doesn't remember her!



Toad cries, creating flowers which helps Agoth remember!

Toad finds the mirror, which breaks at her touch.



Magic Mirror Discussion Questions

When Lochlyn sees Toad in a dress, he is confused about if Toad is a boy or a girl. Toad says, “I didn’t know I was a girl. I just thought I was a person.” How does Toad’s identity shift throughout the story?

Magic Mirror was made using elements from many different fairy tales. What elements do you see that might be from other fairy tales?

Johlyn and Queen Brycelyn are sisters who do not get along. What could they have done to make amends?

Why did Johlyn want control?

What did Toad learn?

What did Lochlyn learn?

The Magic Mirror Word Search

T	S	R	T	R	J	O	U	R	N	E	Y	D	R
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Dragon

Journey

Mirror

Flower

Brave

Friend

Spell

Magic

Toad

Queen

Identity

Bucket

Preparing for the Theatre

We often have children come see our shows who have never been to the theatre before! Here are some of our helpful hints:

Can you make noise during the show?

Yes! Clapping after the show is called applause, and shows our performers you liked the show. You also might gasp at a surprise or laugh at something funny. However, you shouldn't talk or yell during the show.

Can you move around during the show?

We ask that you sit during the shows, or leave the theatre if you need to move around. Especially for field trips, we ask that you sit on your bottom (criss-cross applesauce works well) and keep your hands to yourself. You are welcome to go into the lobby at any time to use the restroom or get your wiggles out!

What about accessible performances?

We have ASL-interpreted, mask-required, and sensory-friendly performances. Find out more on our website at www.thepuppetco.org/accessibility