



**Eckerd Theater Company**  
presents  
**Stone Soup & Dragon Dumplings**  
By Julia Flood

Young  
Audience  
Activity Guide

**Stone  
Soup &  
Dragon  
Dumplings**  
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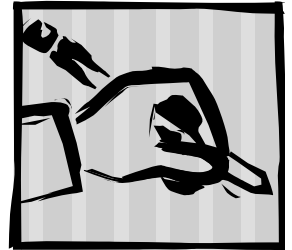


**Critiquing a Show**

**What is a critique?**

A **critique** is an article or an essay that gives a critical evaluation of a piece of work (such as a play or book).

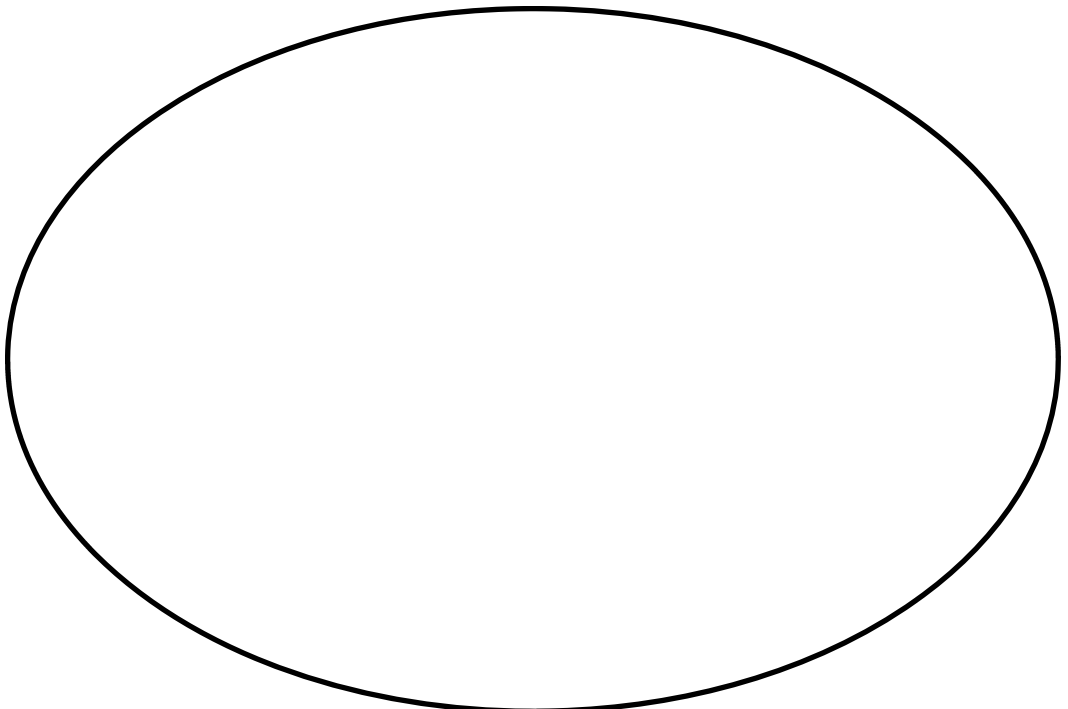
A **critic** is a person who examines a piece of work and offers his or her opinion (personal thoughts) as to its value.



What was your opinion of **Stone Soup & Dragon Dumplings**? What did you like or dislike about this production? Would you recommend this production to anyone else? Why or why not?

**What I Thought**

Draw a picture of your favorite scene from **Stone Soup & Dragon Dumplings**,  
OR write your own critique of **Stone Soup & Dragon Dumplings**.



## Learning Can Be Fun!

### “Adopt” a Dragon

At home, in your classroom, or in your media center, go to [www.printactivities.com/ColoringPages/Dragons/Dragon-Coloring-Pages.html](http://www.printactivities.com/ColoringPages/Dragons/Dragon-Coloring-Pages.html) to pick a dragon to color. Print it out. If you wish, you may color the dragon below instead of, or in addition to, the one you pick from the website listed above. Give your dragon a name. Explain to your classmates why you have chosen that particular name and tell them a little about your dragon. What does it like to do? Where does it live? What does it eat? Is it friendly or mean? Patient or impatient? Helpful or harmful? Funny? Scary? Is it male or female? What will you need to do to take care of it? What does it need from you? Use your imagination!

Draw a picture of your dragon’s home and the food it eats. Does it live on land or in the water, in the mountains or lowlands? Does it make its home in a cave, under trees, on a prairie? Is its home cold or hot? Does it eat meat, vegetables or fruits? Perhaps it eats all three!



For even more dragon fun, go to <http://www.printactivities.com/ConnectTheDots/Dragon-Dot2Dot.html>. Print out the activity (Printables for Kids from [www.PrintActivities.com](http://www.PrintActivities.com)) and see what takes shape as you create your own dragon by connecting the dots in number order. Color your dragon to bring it to life!

# Expanding Your Mind!

## Sifting through Stone



Go outside to your yard or school playground and pick out a stone. Sit in a circle with your friends or classmates (who have also chosen stones) and compare the different sizes, colors, textures and markings of the stones. The content of the stone affects these things. In rivers, pebbles can become smooth and polished by moving water. Pebbles can also break apart and become sand after thousands of years. Have you ever had a “lucky” stone or saved one from someplace special as a souvenir? For more interesting information about different kinds of rocks, go to your library and check out books on geology or go to a geology website!

## Sharing Makes Your World More Beautiful!

### What You Will Need:

2 pieces of white drawing paper for each student  
Colored crayons or markers in many colors

### What to do:

1. With your friends or classmates, gather around a table. Each student should have two pieces of drawing paper.
2. Place the crayons/markers in the center of the table.
3. First, think of something you would like to draw.
4. Next, each child should pick **just one** crayon or marker and draw his or her entire picture with the chosen color.
5. Then draw the same picture again, but this time, share all of the colors with your friends.
6. Finally, compare your two pictures. Which picture do you like best? Doesn't sharing each other's markers make the pictures more colorful and interesting?
7. Think about and discuss how much better other things can be if one shares, for example, if one makes soup with broth and just one vegetable, it might be boring, but if each friend or classmate contributes a different vegetable, together, you can create a delicious meal.
8. Can you suggest some other examples of how sharing can make life more fun or more interesting? Think about sharing toys, clothes, games, music, books, food for a meal, and all sorts of things. Sharing can be fun!



## Make Your Own “Veggie Man”



### What You Will Need:

1. A plate, board or other convenient work and display surface
2. Assorted vegetables: beans, peas, olives, carrots, greens, broccoli, cauliflower, onions, peppers, radishes, tomatoes, lettuce or whatever you choose and have available. Try to use an assortment of colors.

### What to do:

Use the vegetables to create the face of a man (or woman) similar to the one in the picture on the right. Use whatever vegetables you like to create eyes, eyebrows, a nose, a mouth, cheeks, ears, hair, a beard or mustache if you like, etc. Hair can be long or short, curly (parsley?) or straight. Give your Veggie Man or Veggie Woman his/her own distinct personality. Make an animal too, if you like. Have FUN with this activity!





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**WORD SCRAMBLE**

Can you unscramble these words?  
 If you need help, look at the word bank below.

ROPP	_____	DROHA	_____
OFLLEKOR	_____	NOTES POUS	_____
SENGLED	_____	SAGRDNO	_____
HATETER	_____	BOOMAB	_____
SLAMED	_____	SMYHT	_____

**WORD BANK**

DRAGONS	STONE SOUP	MYTHS	THEATER	PROP
HOARD	DAMSEL	FOLKLORE	BAMBOO	LEGENDS

**We want to hear from YOU! Write to us at The Marcia P. Hoffman Performing Arts Institute at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater, FL 33759**

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**Additional Resources**  
 Ask your school or local librarian for help in locating these books for you!

**Stone Soup**  
 by Marcia Brown  
**Dragons Don't Cook Pizza**  
 by Debbie Dadey and Marcia T. Jones

**The Book of Dragons**  
 by E. Nesbit, H. R. Millar and H. Granville Fell

**The Tale of Custard the Dragon**  
 by Ogden Nash and Lynn Munsinger

**The Reluctant Dragon**  
 by Robert D. San Souci

**Lao Lao of Dragon Mountain**  
 by Margaret Bateson-Hill

**The Knight and the Dragon**  
 by Tomie dePaola

**A Dragon's Birth**  
 by Allen Reschke

**I'm Going on a Dragon Hunt**  
 by Maurice Jones

**Check out these Internet sites for additional information!**

<http://stonesoup.esd.ornl.gov/stonesoup.html>

[http://kidshealth.org/kid/stay\\_healthy/food/pyramid.html](http://kidshealth.org/kid/stay_healthy/food/pyramid.html)

[www.aaronshelp.com/stories/folk.html](http://www.aaronshelp.com/stories/folk.html)

