

# BLACKOUT

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Objective: ... dramatize literary selections, using shadow play and puppetry

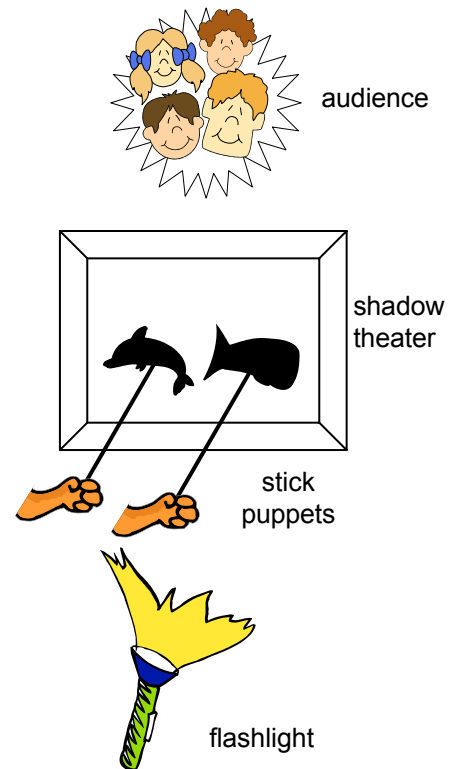
## Flashlight Fun

Blackout provides a terrific opportunity to think of things that can be done with a flashlight. Here are several possibilities:

### Shadow Puppet Theater

Materials: cereal box, black construction paper, straws or craft sticks, wax paper or thin white copy paper, scissors, and tape or glue

- Tape the top of the cereal box closed. Trace about 1 1/2 inches away from the edges of the large faces of the box on both sides.
- Next cut out the large rectangles on the lines you just drew. The teacher may want to use an utility knife.
- Finally cut and tape the wax or white paper to one side of the cereal box, leaving the opposite side open.
- Allow your students to draw and cut out characters from the black construction paper and glue them to the straws or craft sticks.
- Have one student hold the flashlight behind the cereal box while each student gets a chance to hold his characters behind the white paper but in front of the flashlight and move them around to create a shadow puppet show.



### Shadow Theater

Materials: one large white sheet hung from ceiling and one or more large flashlights  
Allow students to stand behind the white sheet and act out scenes from the story.

Have the rest of the class guess what part of the story they are acting out.

### Flashlight I Spy

Materials: one small flashlight for each student

Have students take turns spying something in the room giving one or more descriptive words to describe it. The rest of the class points their flashlight to different objects in the room until someone discovers the object.

