

## CLASSROOM DISCUSSION: A Year with Frog and Toad (15 min. total)

### Show & Theater Company: (less than 1 min.)

- A Year with Frog and Toad by Casa Manaña

### Art Form: (1-2 min.)

- Musical Theater (a play with songs)

### Context: (3-5 min.)

- Based on the books by Arnold Lobel.  
? Who has read any of these books?

### Main concepts/characters: (3 min.)

- Main characters: Frog and Toad.  
? Which one is cheerful and which one is grumpy?
- Other characters: squirrel, the snail, birds, mouse, and lizard
- The story teaches about friendship and how each of us are special
- Also, it is important not to jump to conclusions.  
? Do animals talk in real life? They do in this story!
- This is called “personification,” making animals or objects take on person-like qualities.

### Special things to look for: (3 min.)

- ? How do Frog and Toad show they are friends with each other and the other animals?
- ? How do you show you are friends with someone?
- In the story, Toad has a reaction to something mean that Turtle does. Was this the right or the wrong thing to do?
- ? How do the actors move their bodies to be more like the animals they are playing? How do they change their voices?

### Theater Etiquette: (2-3 min.)

- Respect the theater, limit bathroom breaks, one person to a seat, do not kick the seats, no food or drink in the theater (bottled water okay), no audio, video recording or photography and remember to turn off cell phones and please no texting.  
? How is watching live theater different than watching a movie or TV?
  - Can't pause, rewind, or fast forward with live theater
  - Live theater is exciting, because each performance is unique
  - Students are in the same room as the performers. Every sound they make and moving around can affect the performers and other members of the audience.

Show info: *A Year with Frog and Toad* • Monday, April 10, 2017 • 9:30am • Grades K-4



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