This Scene Needs A…
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Appropriate Grades: 2-5+

Objectives:
• Students will express ideas through still body images.
• Students will maintain focus.
• Students will use non-verbal communication (eye contact, gestures)
• Students will collaborate with others.

Materials:
• Open space large enough for the whole group to work.

Procedure:
• Students sit on the edge of a performance space, in the audience space. **NOTE: Performance space should be large enough to accommodate all students in a tableau of the scene being created.**

And so on until all students are part of the scene. You may be surprised by some of the things they will come up with. **NOTE: You know your students and you may feel you need to remind them of what is appropriate for this exercise—that’s okay!**

• Once all students are part of the tableau, you “read” what you see—“I see someone walking their dog. I see a beautiful water fountain”, etc.

Vocabulary: Still image, tableau, cooperation, ensemble, levels, variety.

Extensions/Modifications:
• Create settings from text you may be reading. Use “This setting needs a _______” as a way to check understanding of setting.
• Use historical events—the scene is Rosa Parks on the bus.
• Students can enter with a partner.
• Recreate artistic masterpieces (this is actually done in Laguna Beach, CA!)
• Play “This equation needs a __________” for reinforcement of mathematical operations.

Evaluation: Debriefing, teacher observation.