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## **ADDRESSING BULLYING THROUGH DRAMA**

**Workshop Leader: Stacey Coates**

**For Teachers of Grades K-12 (workshop tailored to grade levels)**

**3 or 6 hours of instruction time**

**Maximum number of workshop participants: 30**

A deep shift in school culture is required to prevent the championing of the bully--outside as well as inside the classroom. Taunting and belittling has long been the stuff of playground games. What is needed to make the team player the standard? What will make the protective leader the hero? This lively workshop addresses these questions through drama by offering strategies for classroom management and violence prevention based on research and experience. Teachers learn a dramatic metaphor, which is easily adopted due to its powerful simplicity and its playful introduction, and participate in drama activities that set the stage for successful classroom teambuilding. Teambuilding quickly builds problem-solving skills and allows for risk taking in all learning environments.

## **STORY THEATRE: A CREATIVE WAY TO COMPREHEND AND TRANSFORM TEXT**

**Workshop Leader: Stacey Coates**

**For English and Social Studies Teachers of Grades 6-12**

**Two-session workshop**

**Maximum number of workshop participants: 30**

How can teachers make a challenging piece of literature or a complex episode from history exciting and memorable for students? Put it in Story Theatre format! In this simplified but energetic style of theater, students retell the story from a contemporary perspective and act out various roles in it. In this two-session workshop, teachers learn the conventions of this playwriting style, see how classical texts have been adapted into the Story Theatre format, and practice writing and performing adaptations to use in the classroom. Participants will take home Story Theatre versions of *Oedipus*, *Antigone*, *The Odyssey*, and *Oedipus at Colonus*, as well as many ideas for exciting ways to develop students' comprehension of and love for literature.

**STACEY COATES is an educational and diversity specialist as well as a dramatist. She presents workshops for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Washington Performing Arts Society, and Interact Theatre in Washington, DC. As part of a commemoration of 9/11, Ms. Coates was sent to India by the State Department in October 2002, where she presented Teaching Tolerance workshops and residencies to teachers and students from many different school systems. She is the author of articles and pamphlets on violence prevention, cooperative learning, and teambuilding. As a consultant, she travels around the United States using drama to achieve curricular objectives as well as to address intolerance. As a theatre director, she has worked on elementary, middle, high school, college, and community productions. Her production work has often involved adapting literature and historical texts for performance.**



## Stacey Coates also offers the following services\* for:

### **Students**

- Exhibits/Lecture-Demonstrations
- Workshops
- Residencies

### **Teachers**

- In-Depth Courses
- Demonstration Teaching
- Workshops in Preparation for Performance/Exhibit Attendance

### **Parents**

- PTA/PTO Presentations/Speeches
- Workshops for Parents
- Workshops for Parents with their Children

### **School Administrators**

- Workshops

### **Partners in Education Teams**

- Program Planning Advice

### **Others**

- Arts-Based Conflict Resolution Facilitation

\*Not all services have been designed or presented by the Kennedy Center.