Shadow Puppets and Storytelling

Consider writing a story as a stage play (script) for your puppets. Use the 7 elements of literature in your writing. Try using archetypes as a literary device to develop your story. An **archetype** is a reoccurring **symbol** or motif throughout literature that represents universal patterns of human nature. It can also refer to the original model on which all other things of the same kind are based. (Literarydevices.com)

The 7 Elements of Literature

1. **Character** (the who in your story)
   
   Ex: caregiver, creator, explorer, hero, innocent (a child or “damsel in distress”), jester (or trickster), leader (or ruler), lover, magician, regular person (everyman or everywoman), sage (mentor or genius), villain (outlaw or rebel)

2. **Plot** (what happens in your story)
   
   Ex: comedy, overcoming the monster, rags to riches, rebirth, the quest, tragedy, voyage and return

3. **Setting** (where and at what time period the action takes place)
   
   a. Create set designs that show the setting of your story

4. **Style** (from lyrical prose to modern and contemporary speech, diction (word choice), syntax, point of view, tone, theme)

5. **Point of view** (first, second, or third person, or overarching narration with multiple points of view)

6. **Theme** (universal patterns of the human experience)
   
   Ex: betrayal, family, friendship, honor, hypocrisy, justice, love, violence

7. **Literary devices** (artistic techniques for greater understanding and appreciation)
   
   Ex: allegory, alliteration, figurative language, foreshadowing, humor, hyperbole, irony, metaphor, onomatopoeia, personification, simile, symbolism

**Complete a Story Map to help develop your story.**