

The Adventures of Nate the Great

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Based on the Nate the Great book series
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Synopsis

Who is Nate the Great? Why, he is none other than the sharpest kid detective ever to solve his neighborhood's mysteries! With his faithful dog, Sludge, and his loyal friends at his side, he solves important cases while always remembering to leave a note for his mother and wear his galoshes! Inspired by classic spy movies, this marvelous show for young audiences offers a unique look at the mysteries of everyday life through the magnifying glass of a child's eye.

Lost Objects

Discussion: During the course of the play, many characters lose objects that are important to them, and they ask Nate to find them. Ask students: How would you feel if you lost something really important or valuable to you? What might you do to find it? Ask students to think about an important object that means a lot to them. It can be a keepsake, a family heirloom, or perhaps a favorite toy, article of clothing, or favorite video game or movie.

Solve A Mystery

Objective: Students will be able to use clues and reasoning to find objects.

Discussion: How does a detective solve a mystery? What tools do detectives need to do their jobs? How do they use these tools?

Preparation: Hide an object that is meaningful to the class somewhere in the school. Create clues and obstacles that will lead the students to the hiding place.

Activity: Tell the class that the object has gone missing. Ask students to look around the classroom to find clues. Working together as a class, go on a scavenger hunt around the classroom or school that will eventually lead to the final hiding place of the object. This can be especially fun if the faculty, staff know about the hunt. They can help give clues to your students.

Best Pets

In the play, Nate and his friends hold a contest to see who has the smartest pet.

Discussion: Which pet did you think was the smartest in the play? Why? What type of pet do you think would be a winner in a smartest pet contest.

Activity: Hold a “Best Pet” contest. Have students bring in photographs of their pets. Hang them on the wall or bulletin board and have each student stand and describe why their pet should win. Encourage students to tell what smart things their pet can do.

Theatre Etiquette

Discussion: How should you act when you see a play? Is it the same way you should act when watching a movie or playing at recess? Is it okay to laugh during a play if you think it is funny? Is it okay to talk? What if the characters talk to you?

Activity and Discussion: Have the class make a list of good behaviors and a list of bad behaviors or have students act out behaviors. Discuss the behaviors and why they are good or bad. How would you react if other audience members around you did this?

Contact us!

We love to get feedback from students.

Letters may be written and artwork depicting the play may be sent to:

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(or cast of *The Adventures of Nate the Great*)

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NATE THE GREAT - Word Search

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P R M S G Y A Q E R K U K O U
M A Y L E N F H R Q O P S F V
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PRIZE
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SUPERMARKET
TUNA FISH

Make Your Own Pancakes

Nate the Great loves pancakes. Create your own special pancakes by drawing and coloring in toppings of your choice!

