The Paper Bag Princess

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Characters	Student's Name
Narrator 1 (can also play N2)	
Dragon	
Princess L'Tasha (L'Tasha)	
Prince Jayson (Jayson)	
Narrator 2 (optional)	

Characters silently act out parts while narrator reads. Narrator 1	 This is the story of The Paper Bag Princess. L'Tasha was a beautiful princess. She lived in a castle and had expensive princess clothes. She was going to marry a prince named Jayson. Unfortunately, a dragon smashed her castle, burned all her clothes with his fiery breath, and carried off Prince Jayson. 			
Narrator 2	 L'Tasha decided to chase the dragon and get Prince Jayson back. She looked everywhere for something to wear, but the only thing she could find that was wasn't burnt up was a paper bag. So, she put on the paper bag and followed the dragon. 			
Narrator 1	 The dragon was easy to follow because he left a trail of burnt forest and horses' bones. Finally, L'Tasha came to a cave with a large door that had a huge knocker on it. She took hold of the knocker and banged on the door. The dragon stuck his nose out of the door and said, 			
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Narrator 2	 The dragon slammed the door so fast that he almost caught L'Tasha's nose in the door! L'Tasha looked like she might say something ugly, but she IS a princess you know, so she calmed herself, smiled a huge fake smile, and banged on the door again. The dragon stuck his nose out of the door a second time and said, 				
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L'Tasha	Wait! Is it true that you are the smartest and fiercest dragon in the whole world?				
Dragon	Yes!				
Narrator 2	said the dragon.				
L'Tasha	Is it true that you can burn up ten trees with your fiery breath?				
Dragon	Oh, yes!				
Narrator 1	said the dragon, and he took a huge, deep breath and breathed out so much fire that he burnt up <u>fifty</u> trees.				
L'Tasha	Wow! Did I just imagine that?				
Narrator 2	asked L'Tasha. The dragon shook his head no, took another huge breath, and breathed out so much fire that he burnt up one hundred trees!				
L'Tasha	That's just crazy!				
Narrator 1	said L'Tasha. The dragon took another huge breath and blew, but this time nothing came out. The dragon didn't even have enough fire left to cook a marshmellow.				
Narrator 2	Then L'Tasha smiled slyly and said,				
L'Tasha	Dragon, is it true that you can fly around the world in just ten seconds?				
Dragon	Why, yes.				
Narrator 1	said the dragon, and he jumped up and flew all the				

tired when he got back, but L'Tasha shouted, L'Tasha Bet you couldn't do it again! So, the dragon jumped up and flew around the whole world again, but when he got back, he was too tired to talk, and he lay down and went straight to sleep. Narrator 1 L'Tasha Hey, dragon? Narrator 2 • The dragon didn't move at all. • She lifted up the dragon's ear and put her head right inside. • She shouted as loud as she could, L'Tasha Hey, dragon! Narrator 1 • The dragon was so fired he didn't even move. • L'Tasha walked right across the dragon and opened the door to the cave. • There was Prince Jayson. • He looked at her and said, L'Tasha, you are a mess! You smell like ashes, your hair is all tangled, and you are wearing a dirty old paper bag. Come back when you are dressed like a real princess! L'Tasha Jayson, your clothes are pretty and your hair is neat, but your manners stink worse than that dragon. I won't be back! Narrator 2 • You can bet those two did NOT get married. • But things turned out fine for L'Tasha. Her paper bag dress started trending in the kingdom, so, she set up a shop and began personalizing paper bags and creating not just dresses but other clothing items and accessories from other types of paper. • Eventually, L'Tasha made so much money from her paper bag line that she bought her own castle, • and she lived happily ever after.		T				
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