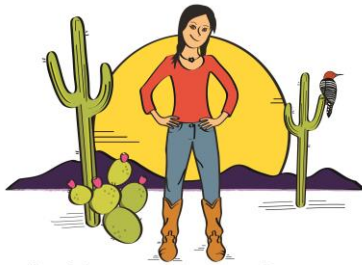


AT HOME IN THE DESERT BY PHYLLIS STRUPP A COMPANION GUIDE FOR TEACHERS



At Home in the Desert

At Home in the Desert began as a 2012 Arizona Centennial Legacy Project. Written by Carefree resident Phyllis Strupp, this original one-act play helps tweens learn to be resilient in the face of social difficulties by connecting with the natural world around them. The play, which promotes diversity and communication, is available to schools statewide as a tool to enhance tolerance and reduce bullying.

The story features the adventures of twelve-year-old Chloe, who learns valuable life lessons from the Sonoran Desert with the help of some mysterious friends (historical figures, desert plants, and animals).

The play was first performed for the public on April 30 and May 1, 2014, at the Cactus Shadows Fine Arts Center in Scottsdale, Arizona. The original production of *At Home in the Desert* was directed by Aubrey Grace Watkins and choreographed by Kenda Newbury, with original music by Kevin Glenn. Hohokam-inspired animal masks were designed by Robin Ray and created during an after-school workshop. A video of this production is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIUOihAuhls>.

This Companion Guide for Teachers allows teachers to bring this engaging story into the classroom in a variety of ways—discussion, creative writing, or a theatrical performance—within the Arizona College and Career Ready Standards. For a free copy of this guide, complete the order form below.

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