

“Tried and True” activity by Linda Ayers  
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**End of School Year Fun:** When it comes time to wrap things up, you may have classes but no check-out. Readers’ Theatre can help! It takes very little preparation, but leaves lasting memories and encourages teachers to take a look at the professional collection.

### **Have a Blast!**

Learn about Robert Goddard, the inventor of the liquid-fueled rocket, with a readers’ theatre selected from *Great Moments in Science: Experiments and Readers Theatre* by Kendall Haven (ISBN 9781563083556). Follow the performance by handing out directions for students to make their own Alka-Seltzer/film canister rockets at home. If you can get by with it (I did) shoot off your own fizzy rocket! The Physics.org web site has detailed directions: [www.physics.org](http://www.physics.org).

Preface the readers’ theatre with a read-aloud from the book the scripts are taken from, *Marvels of Science: 50 Fascinating Five-Minute Reads*, by Kendall Haven (9781563081590).

Both books, as well as several other excellent readers’ theatre books, including some for beginning readers, are available from Libraries Unlimited. <http://lu.com>. Browse by series to see all of the titles.

### **Tips for Successful Readers’ Theatre:**

- Ask teachers to look over the parts ahead of time and suggest several students for each role.
- Consider pairing up a good reader with a poor reader to read a role in unison.
- Coach the audience on correct behavior when watching a live performance.