ESCAPE ROOM

How to Create an Escape Room
for Tweens and Teens at Your Library

ESCAPE ROOM 101

- Live-action game where players must find and solve a series of puzzles within a set amount of time to achieve a particular goal

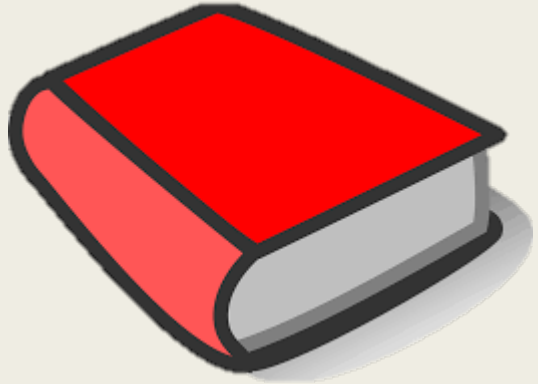
Breakout EDU

- $150
- 12-months of access to online platform ($50 to renew)

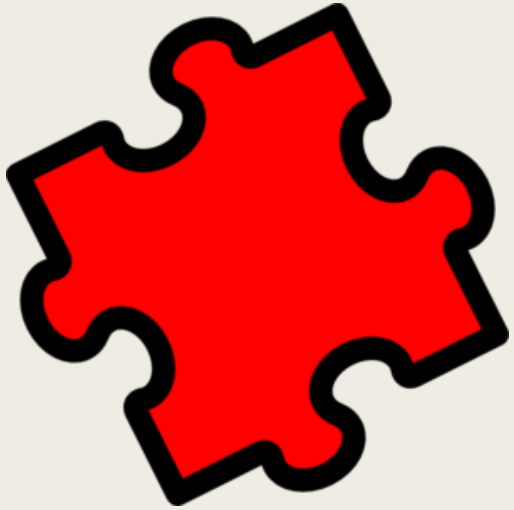
HOW TO CREATE AN ESCAPE ROOM

Space

Story



Puzzles

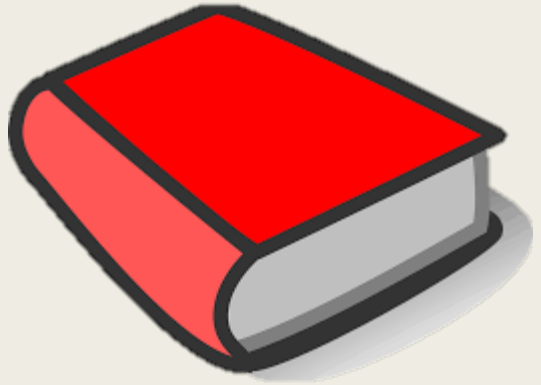


Props

SPACE

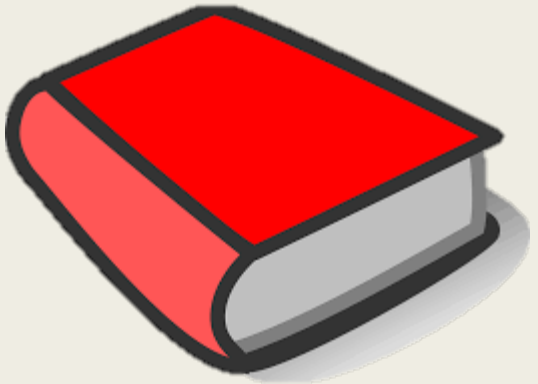
- Is it large enough to fit multiple players?
  - *6-12 players*
- Can it be booked for an extended period of time?
  - *At least 1-2 full days*
- Is it clear of stuff or is the stuff usable?

STORY



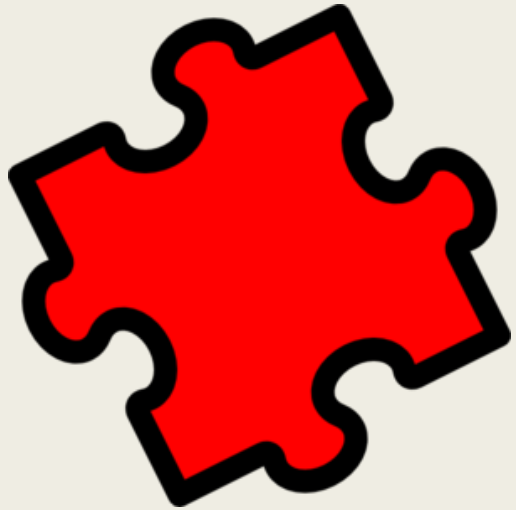
- Who are the players?
- Where are the players?
- What do the players need to do and why?
  - *Escape*
  - *Find a lost/hidden object*
- Why is there a time limit?
  - *45-60 minutes*
- What are the stakes?

SAMPLE STORY



- Fix the Malfunctioning Spaceship
  - Who are the players? Where are the players?
    Astronauts on spaceship
  - What do the players need to do and why?
    Unlock the repair manual to repair the spaceship
  - Why is there a time limit? What are the stakes?
    Oxygen will run out in 45 minutes

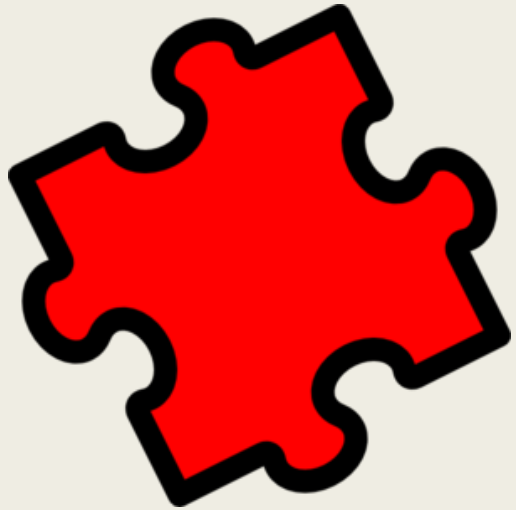
PUZZLES



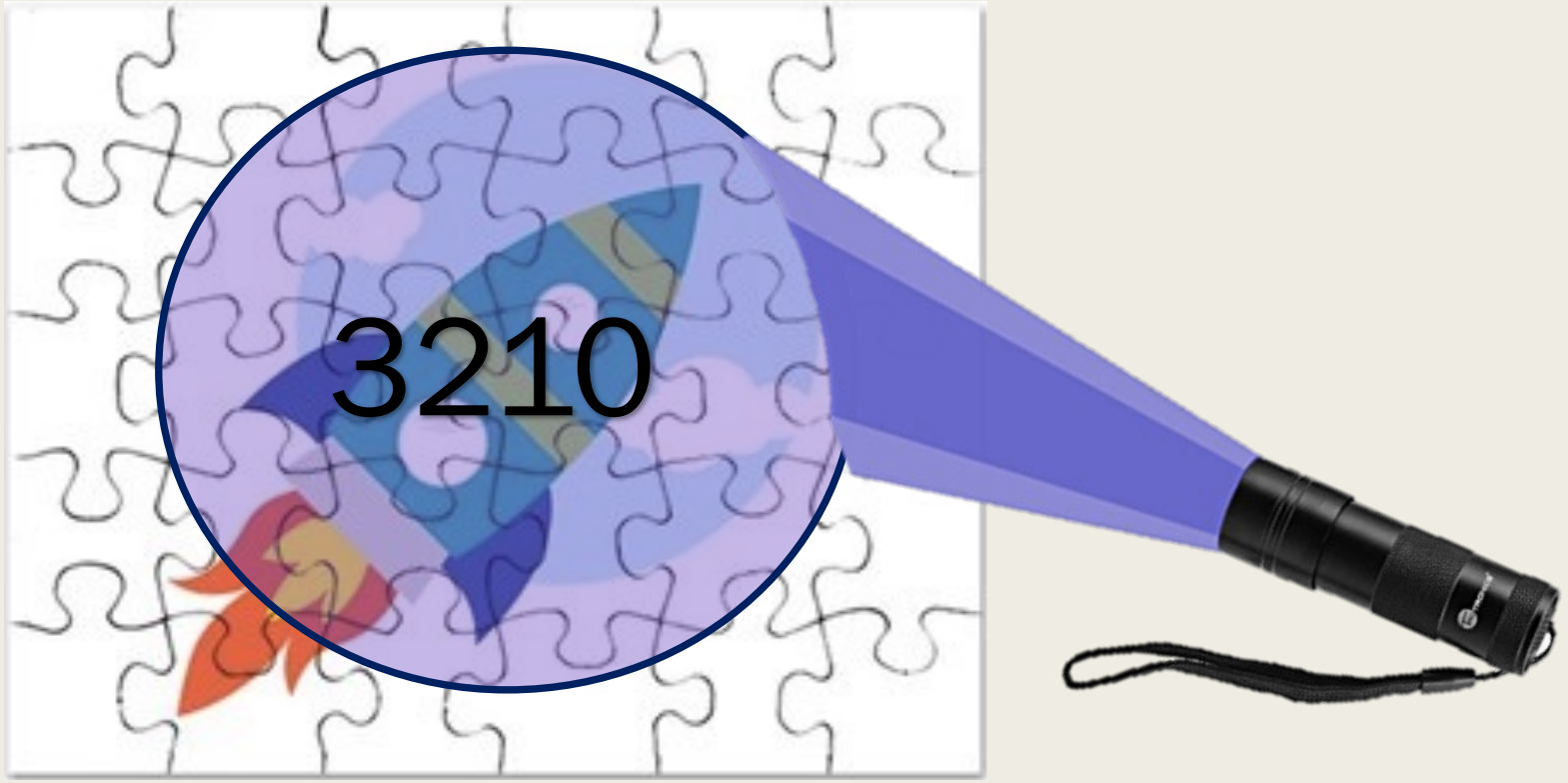
- How many puzzles will you need?
- How can puzzles fit into the story?
- Can you divide the puzzles into multiple pieces?
- How do I know if the puzzles will work?

- Create an answer key so you know all the solutions
- Create a map so you know where everything is hidden

SAMPLE PUZZLE



- Spaceship Puzzle
  Invisible ink revealed by blacklight

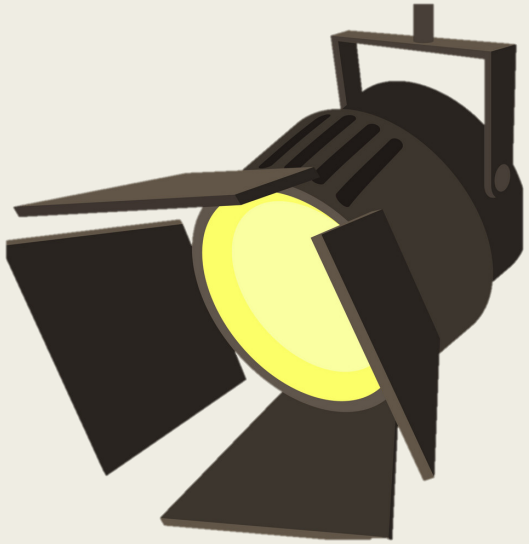


PROPS

- What props will help to set the stage?
- Can clues be hidden in any of the props?
- Where will players work?
  - *Worktable with pencils, paper, etc.*
- What will you do with stuff that's not part of the game?
  - *Do Not Touch signs*

PROPS

SHOWTIME!



- Orientation (10 min)
  - *Rules*
  - *Introduce story and goal*
- Escape Room (45 min)
  - *Searching for clues and solving puzzles*
- Exit (5 min)
  - *Photo op*

SHOWTIME!

Like a Boss
Better Luck Next Time
Epic Fail
We'll Be Back
So Clos

UNIVERSE
of Stories

SPACE

- Escape from the Space Pirates
- Stop the Alien Invasion
- Save the Astronauts
- Stop the Asteroid

SCI-FI

- Alien Artifact Heist
  - Who are the players? Where are the players?
    Thieves in a secret government facility
  - What do the players need to do and why?
    Steal an alien artifact for an alien client
  - Why is there a time limit? What are the stakes?
    Security will sweep building in 45 minutes
    Security will catch you and you'll go to jail

SCI-FI

- Time Travel
- Mad Scientist
- Post-Apocalyptic Survival
- Robots

POP CULTURE

- Harry Potter
  - Who are the players? Where are the players?
    Students at Hogwarts recently bitten by a werewolf
  - What do the players need to do and why?
    Find Wolfsbane potion
  - Why is there a time limit? What are the stakes?
    Sun will set in 45 minutes
    Students will be turned into werewolves

POP CULTURE

- Star Wars
- Doctor Who
- Superheroes (MARVEL/Guardians of the Galaxy)
- Toy Story Alien Claw Machine

QUESTIONS?

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