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I do Earnest every year and it's usually one of the favorites.  Some fun things I do with it....  
  
At the beginning of the reading (we read aloud) I pass out hats/fascinators/big fabric flower clips etc to the class that we wear while reading.  The kids love having a little prop.  
  
I teach them the Fan Flirting conventions- ordered a bunch of cheap fans online and pass them out.  It's part of my historical/cultural intro and the kids "flirt" with each other with their fans throughout the period. It's pretty hilarious.  
  
We read and do a lot of the conventional discussion of satire, the well made play, etc.  
  
At the end I do "Tea & Crumpets" Day.  The kids dress in period clothing (as much as possible) I give them a list of pieces that get them points.  They bring traditional English teatime foods and I bring tea and we sip, snack and listen to their culture research presentations.  They choose things like hairstyles, dance styles, news of the day, entertaining, etc from Wilde's time.  This year I had a couple of kids do the dance styles and actually perform the dances for us.  One did a presentation on Dance Cards too and had cards for all of us to fill in.  It was cute.  Esp since I only had two boys.  hahahaha  
  
Overall, I love Earnest for the playfulness and fun you can have with it.