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L'ELISIR D'AMORE

THEME: WHAT IS THE POWER OF A POTION?

In *L'elisir d'amore*, Nemorino drinks a love potion to try to make Adina fall in love with him. Watch Nemorino sing 'Caro elisir' on YouTube. Think of other stories that feature potions. Fill in the table below and compare the attributes of the potions based on the examples you can think of:




TASTE:

SMELL:

COST:

EFFECT:



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Now it is time to design your own potion! Think about the attributes above and design your own potion. Can you make the potion from things you find in your home? Ask a parent or guardian to help you mix your potion, being careful not to mix anything that might react too violently! The potion should look good enough to drink but is not for human consumption.

Find an interesting bottle to hold your potion and design a label, giving the name of your potion and listing the effects it will have on the drinker. Take a picture of your potion or even film yourself mixing it up to use as evidence in your portfolio.