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***A Story of Cabot
Yerxa***

***A Choral Reading/Speaking Script
For Older Elementary Readers***

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A STORY OF CABOT YERXA

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FORMATTING:

This script was written as a choral speaking/reading piece and is formatted for ALL, ALL GIRLS, ALL BOYS and lines for 10 SOLO READERS.

ESTABLISHING THE RHYTHM:

To find the proper rhythm, first read-aloud and clap through the piece as you go. Each underlined word or word part falls directly on a beat. As you read, clap on each underlined word, keeping the rhythm steady. Be careful not to read too fast! This is a rehearsal technique and readers will not clap throughout the entire piece during performance. NOTE: A free mp3 sound file is available to help with the rhythm of this piece. Email: loiswalker@hotmail.com

(Cabot's life)

ALL GIRLS: We know a story,

ALL BOYS: A true desert tale,

ALL GIRLS: About Cabot Yerxa –

ALL BOYS: Let's follow his trail

ALL: As it winds through the sand. His story, his quest

 Is Coachella history, and surely the best!

Sample Pages

CHORUS:

ALL GIRLS: Cabot Yerxa (clap, clap)

ALL BOYS: Cabot Yerxa (clap, clap)

ALL: Desert Hot Springs father, founder,
Artist, builder, leader, bounder.
Your life's the stuff of history,
Adventure, grit, and mystery...

SOLO 1: And we're telling your story today.

ALL: Hooray!

(Cabot's inventive pueblo)

ALL GIRLS: Your inventive pueblo surprises us all,
From pillar to post, from ceiling to hall.

ALL BOYS: And you built it all from recycled scraps.

SOLO 2: It still stands today and has never collapsed!

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(Cabot's amazing pueblo)

ALL GIRLS: This amazing pueblo is wondrous to see.

ALL BOYS: Most people who visit seem to agree.

SOLO 3: There are thirty five rooms and sixty five doors,

ALL: Over one hundred windows...

SOLO 3: But who's keeping scores?

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(Cabot's art treasures)

ALL GIRLS: Sharing art treasures with all who stopped by,

ALL BOYS: You traveled the word to boost the supply.

ALL: As you went exploring, found each artifact,

SOLO 4: You brought it on home, like a desert pack-rat!

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(Cabot was a showman)

SOLO 5: You liked to perform, to put on a display,

SOLO 6: So folks came to visit you day after day.

SOLO 7: As a great storyteller you took center stage.

SOLO 8: And at your Trading Post you were truly the rage!

CHORUS:

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