

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears



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Know Before you Go:

- Arrive at the theater 15 to 20 minutes before show time. Allow extra time for Broward County traffic. We are unable to start a show late.
- Please stay on the bus until greeted by a SEAS usher. At that time, please give the usher your BUS document and the usher will escort you to the theater.
- Remember to watch our Know Before You Go Video:

<https://tinyurl.com/ElementarySeasWelcome>

Sensory Experience Ratings:

Below are some ratings to help students prepare for the experience.

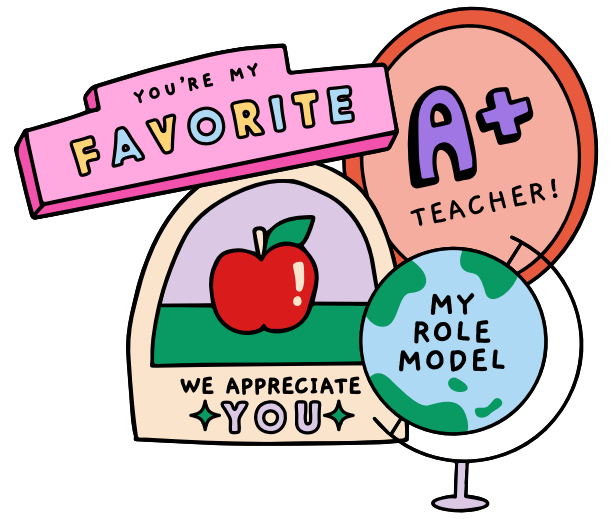
A rating of 1 represents a small amount and a rating of 5 represents a large amount.

- Potentially Anxious Moments: 2
- Scarieness: 2
- Theatrical Effects: 1



Dear Teacher,

We appreciate you!



This guide can help in your classroom, whether before or after coming to see a play or musical it can be used to highlight important concepts. The curriculum connections introduced by the Broward Center for the Performing Arts are always aligned to the Florida Standards with the idea that they introduce another tool to effectively implement engaging methods to bring the page to the stage.

Curriculum Connections improve comprehension, help students organize information, and assist students' metacognition by enabling students to check for understanding. It is designed to be used before or after coming to the theater unless otherwise stated and may contain activities for certain grade levels (this will be clearly labeled).

Curriculum Connections will always contain a reminder of theater etiquette as well as a social emotional learning activity, and a Student-Family Cooperative Activity. The activities may be re-printed for individual use, used on smart boards as class activities, or in groups. It is suggested to discuss the play or musical as a class before your field trip.

Remember to follow us on Facebook and Instagram @Broward Center Education and use the QR code (below) for our Teacher's Lounge to receive insight about discounted tickets and information for you and your students!

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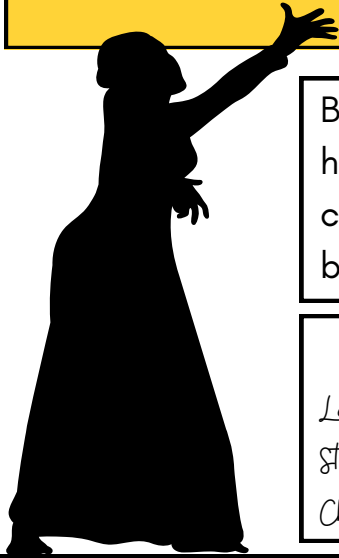
Theater etiquette

There is so much that goes into creating a show for the stage. Behind the scenes, there are people who control the lights and the sound, the sets and the props. There are directors, writers, producers, musicians, and choreographers. So many people work together to create the performance you and everyone in the audience watches.

It is helpful to remind students of appropriate audience etiquette by explaining and discussing WHY these rules of behavior are important:

- Restroom visits are best made prior to the performance.
- Listen carefully to the ushers and your teachers. This gets everyone to your seats quickly and ensures a pleasant experience.
- Turn watches and cell phones to silent.
- Walk single file, hold hand rails as you use the steps for your safety.
- Listen carefully to each performer. They are working hard to entertain and inform with lots of clues about the story.
- Refrain from TALKING. This allows everyone to enjoy the show without distraction. Sometimes we think that if we whisper it is okay. But, if everyone in the audience whispers, it becomes disruptive.
- Laugh if something is funny, but not too loudly, you don't want to miss any dialogue.
- Photography and recording are not permitted.
- Pay attention to the lighting, scenery, costumes and music. All of these elements help provide more details to tell the story in an interesting way.
- Applaud (clap) and laugh at the right moments. This shows the performers that you respect and appreciate their work.

From Page to Stage



Books make wonderful theater! When adapting a book however, changes must be made to the plot, setting and/or characters to accommodate the length of the play or to help bring the show to life on stage!

Here are some famous adaptations you may know:

Legally Blonde/Les Miserables/The Wonderful Wizard of Oz/Mary Poppins/How the Grinch Stole Christmas/The Color Purple/A Christmas Carol/The Secret Garden/Charlie and the Chocolate Factory/Cinderella/Alice in Wonderland/Beauty and the Beast/Romeo and Juliet

Vocabulary to share with students:

Adaptation: Something that has changed so that it can be presented in another form.

Playwright: A person who writes plays.

Lyricist: A person who writes the words of a song.

Composer: A person who writes music.

Author: A person who writes something such as a book or an article.

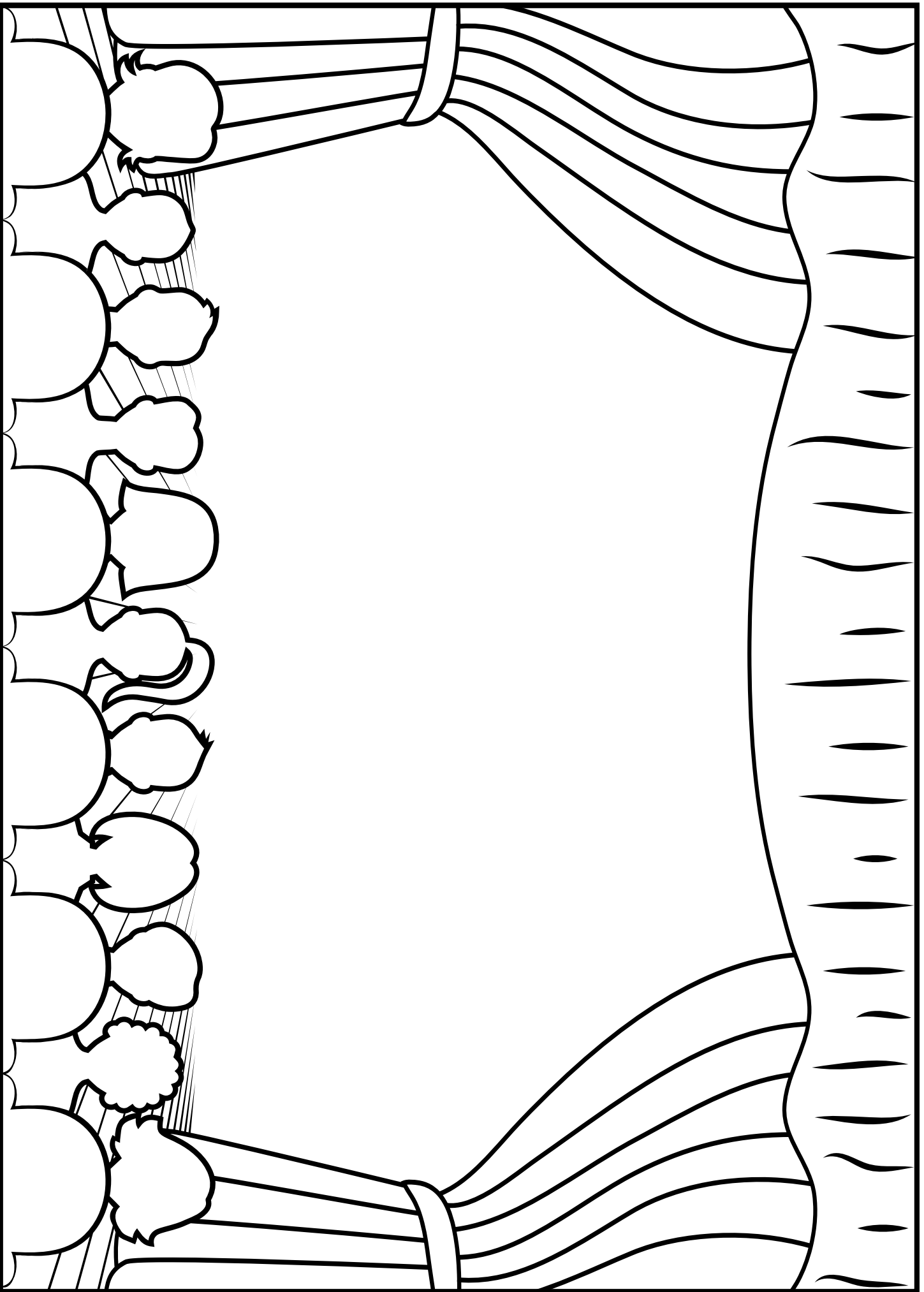
Characters: the individuals portrayed by actors in a play or musical.

Director: A key creative figure in theater responsible for overseeing the artistic aspects of a production.

Pre-Show creative questions:

Ask your students, "If you could adapt any book for the stage, which book would you choose and why?" Invite them to draw a picture of the story they would adapt on stage. Define "costumes" and "set" and ask them to draw what the set would look like on stage as well as the characters' costumes. (Use the next page to spark creativity)

Choose a book or story to adapt to a play or musical.
Draw a picture of the set and props and/or actors in costume here.

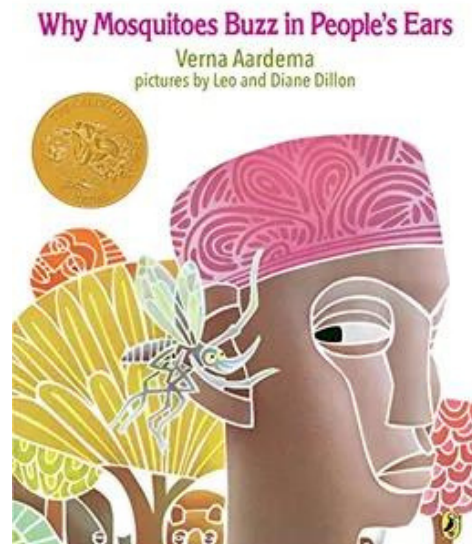


Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears

Synopsis:

In this West African folk tale, a mosquito brags to an iguana that he spied a farmer digging yams as big as mosquitoes. The iguana scoffs at such a notion and refuses to listen to any more nonsense. Grumbling, he puts sticks in his ears and scuttles off through the reeds and sets off a chain reaction among myriad animals inhabiting the same landscape.

The iguana offends a friendly python, who shoots down a rabbit hole and terrifies a rabbit. Seeing the rabbit scares a crow overhead, who spreads an alarm that danger is near. When a monkey reacts to the alarm, an owl is killed, which sets off a wave of grieving in the mother owl so profound that she is unable to wake the sun each day with her hooting. The nights grow longer, and when the King Lion calls a meeting to get to the bottom of the situation, the chain of events is traced back to the source of all the trouble, the pesky mosquito. Finding the culprit satisfies the mother owl, who calls the sun back again. But, alas, the mosquito is forever plagued with a guilty conscience, compelling him forever to be a pest.



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West African Animal Research:

Black Rhino

Mountain Gorilla

African Wild Dog

Rothschild's Giraffe

Hooded Vulture

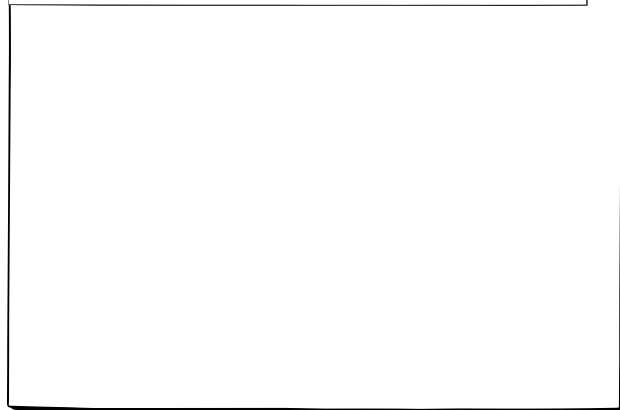
Chimpanzee

Research an animal from the list above, and answer the following questions to present to your class.

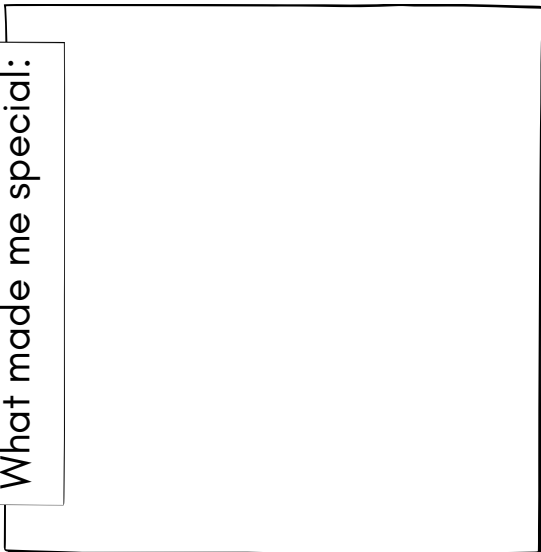
My original habitat:

Approximate date of
extinction:

Color or paste a picture of me:



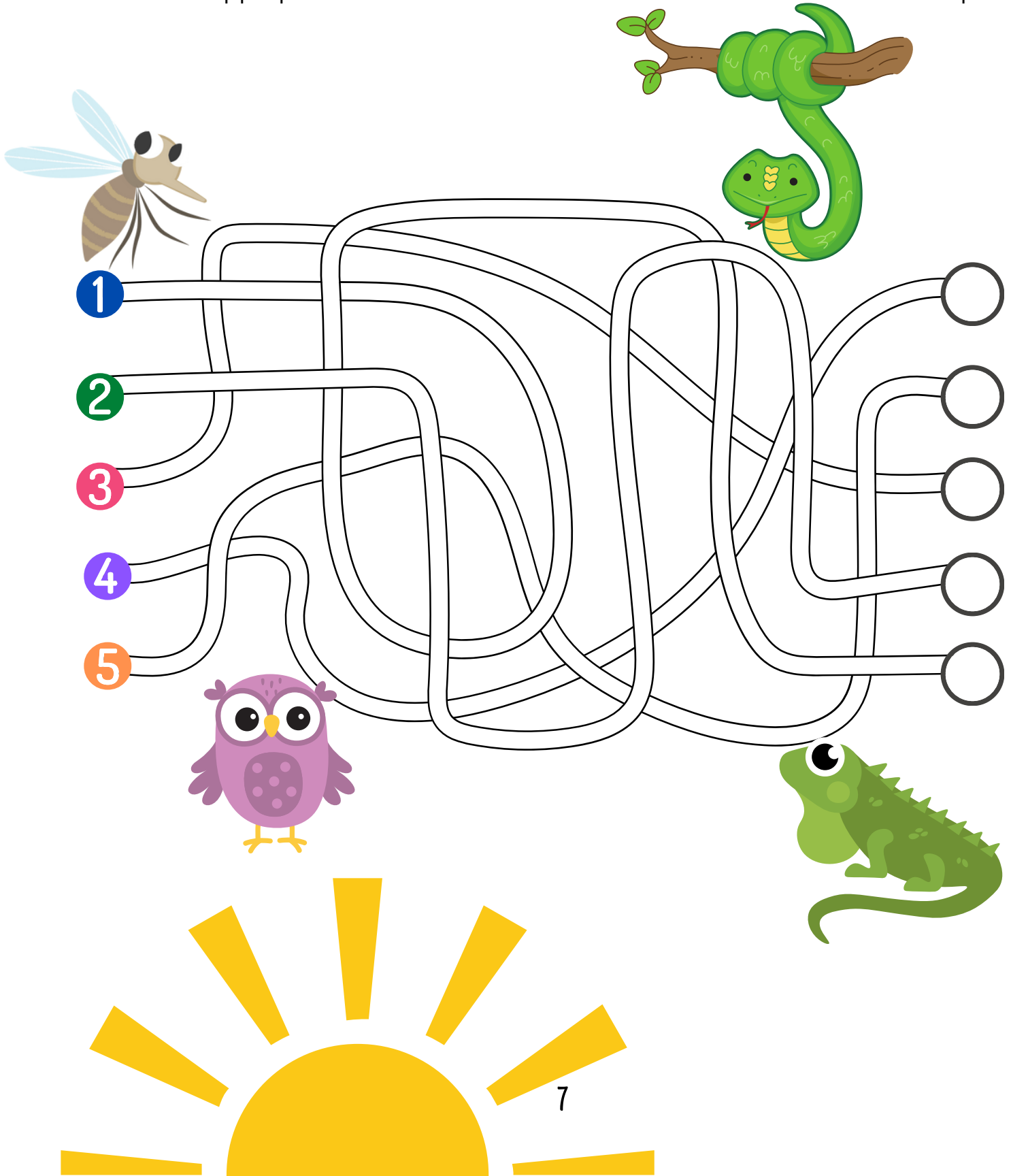
What made me special:



Factors that contributed to my
extinction:

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- Write the appropriate colored number inside the circles at the end of the paths.



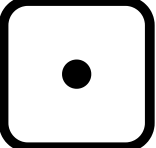























Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears 3rd-5th

Roll a die three times to pick a character, setting, and problem.

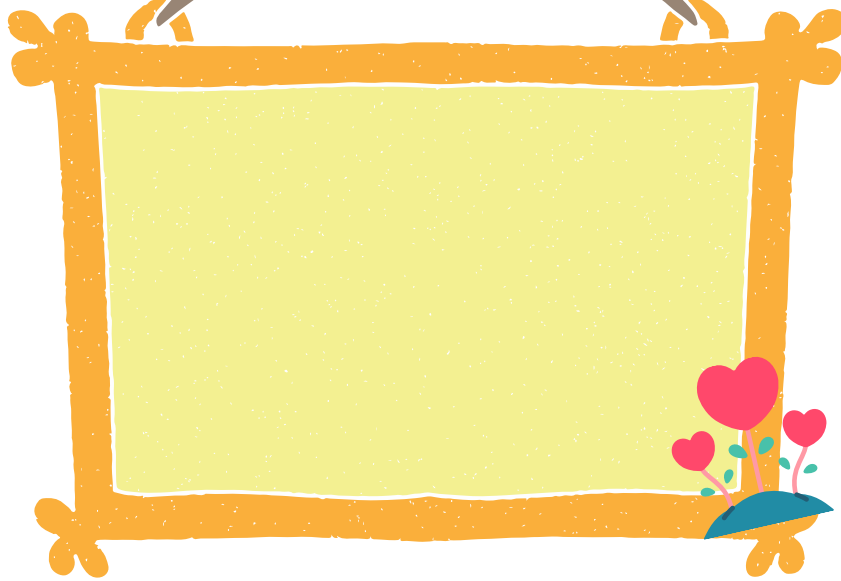
Then, use these to write a creative group story.

Group Work!

Roll a Story

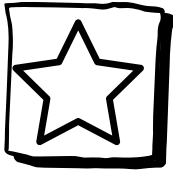
	Character	Setting	Problem
	A zoo keeper 	In a dark forest 	Finds a magic wand 
	A beautiful princess 	On a ship 	Gets stuck in a fire 
	A big bear 	In a desert 	Meets a big monster 
	An old man 	In a hidden cave 	Gets lost 
	A friendly alien 	At a farm 	Is chased by a wolf 
	A brave policeman 	On a spaceship 	Sees a ghost 

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears-3rd-5th Roll A Story

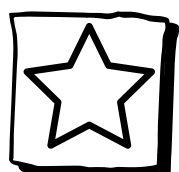


Our Story is called:

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Similes



A figure of speech comparing two different things in a descriptive way

Complete the following sentences. Use the pictures as prompts:

- I am as slow as a _____
- He is as fast as a _____
- He is as tall as a _____



Fill in the blanks. Make sure the sentence still make sense:

- Her bedroom was as dirty as a _____
- _____ was as red as a tomato.
- My grandma is as sweet as _____
- The night was as dark as _____
- The dog was as spotty as a _____
- _____ as prickly as an echidna.
- _____ was scary as a nightmare.

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METAPHORS

A metaphor is a figure of speech that describes a person or object by referring to something that is considered to have similar characteristics to whatever you're comparing it to. To create effective imagery, focus on the qualities of things you're comparing – What kind of image are you painting?

Which of the following metaphors creates a sense of great happiness?

These phrases are comparing the feelings of someone's happiness with that of the motion of water. In both metaphors, we get the image of happiness covering up any other feelings and good senses in the brain, however, one is more intense.

Check the box that is more intense.

A tidal wave of happiness flooded his brain.

A puddle of happiness trickled into his brain.



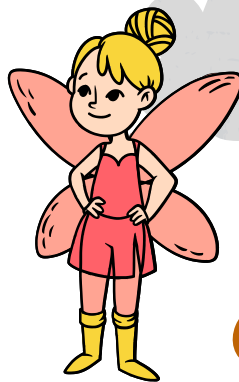
Your turn: Use metaphor to create an intense feeling of JOY!



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FRACTURED FOLK TALES

Rewrite the ending of your favorite fairy tale:

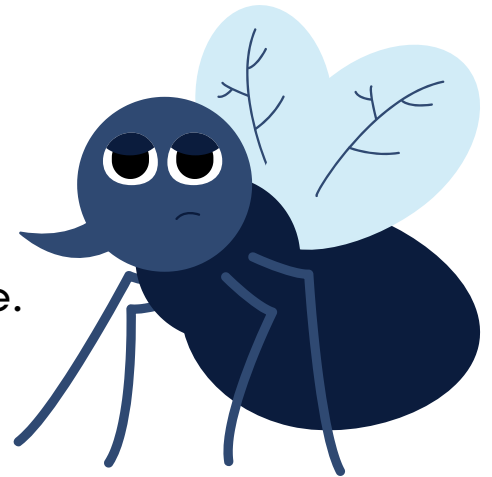


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I MADE A MISTAKE: SEL

In the play, the mosquito makes a few pretty big mistakes. Which of the following can you do when you make a mistake?

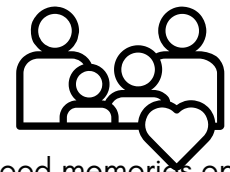
- Be honest that I've made a mistake.
- Sincerely apologize to anyone affected.
- Forgive myself for making a mistake.
- Think of ways to do it better next time.
- Remind myself that everyone makes mistakes.
- Breathe, relax, and try again.
- Reflect on the mistake.
- Learn from my mistake.
- Address the root cause of my mistake.
- Share what I've learned.
- Allow myself to feel my emotions.
- Be patient with myself.
- Ask for help.
- Avoid the urge to dwell on the mistake.
- Remember that I am not a mistake.



Student to Family Cooperative Activity Ideas:

- Create a home theater space: Dedicate a specific area in your home as a temporary theater space. It can be anywhere with a little bit of space to "put on a show". Create a cozy ambiance with lighting and comfortable seating.
- Create tickets and programs: Design and print them at home or even hand made. Deliver the tickets to family members, and the programs can include information about the performance, cast, and crew. This adds a touch of authenticity and excitement.
- Snack bar and concessions: Set up a snack bar or concessions stand with a variety of treats and refreshments. You can even create special themed snacks related to the performance you are watching.
- Interactive viewing experience: Encourage audience participation during the performance. For example, during a musical, you can sing along to the songs and clap during applause-worthy moments!
- Post-show discussions: After the performance, have a family discussion about the show. Share your thoughts, favorite moments, and discuss the themes or lessons portrayed. This can foster critical thinking and encourage creativity in your kids.
- **Remember, the goal is to create a memorable and immersive experience. Adapt these ideas based on your family's preferences and the resources available to you. The key is to have fun and enjoy the theater experience in your digs!**

Additional Activity Ideas:



- Memory jars: Create a memory jar with your children. Write down favorite childhood memories on small pieces of paper and put them in a jar. Each week or month, take turns pulling out a memory and sharing it. This can spark conversations and lead to further discussions about your childhood experiences, and theirs too!
- Bedtime stories: Instead of reading traditional bedtime stories, take turns sharing personal stories from your childhood. These could be tales of adventure, funny incidents, or heartwarming experiences. This can create a strong bond between you and your children as you share personal narratives.
- Encourage your kids to create their own journals or scrapbooks to document their childhood memories. Take the opportunity to share your childhood stories as you help them with their own projects. You can even contribute by adding some of your own stories or mementos to their journals.
- What was your favorite song, band or genre growing up? Play a few songs for your child/children and let them play a few of their favorites for you!
- Create traditions with your child/children!: Establish special rituals or traditions that you can share. It could be a weekly movie night, cooking together on weekends, going for a walk after dinner, or singing at the top of your lungs before bedtime.

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People’s Ears: Standards Alignment

Standards Alignment: The activities in this guide are aligned with the standards listed below. When teachers incorporate the arts, they increase student engagement, offer multiple points for students to access the curriculum, and provide alternate means for students to demonstrate what they know.

Florida’s Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.)	
Kindergarten through Grade 12/ English Language Arts	
ELA.K12.EE.1.1	Cite evidence to explain and justify reasoning.
ELA.K12.EE.2.1	Read and comprehend grade-level complex texts proficiently.
ELA.K12.EE.3.1	Make inferences to support comprehension.
ELA.K12.EE.4.1	Use appropriate collaborative techniques and active listening skills when engaging in discussions in a variety of situations.
ELA.K12.EE.5.1	Use the accepted rules governing a specific format to create quality work.
ELA.K12.EE.6.1	Use appropriate voice and tone when speaking or writing.



My Theater Review

I saw: _____

Reviewed by: _____

This play/musical was about...

Here's a drawing of
my favorite character:

It made me feel:

I learned:

I gave this play/musical stars.



**We'd love to hear from you! If you'd like to submit this review,
please send to jenriquez@browardcenter.org**