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# Introduction

*Activities for Any Literature Unit* is a book of generic worksheets, games, art activities and teaching ideas which will help you reinforce your students' understanding of the literature they read.

Designed for use with **children in year one to year three**, the lessons and projects may be used with a book you are reading with the class or adapted to stories in your reading series. They are ideal for core literature and for partner and individualised reading. Even though the children are reading different books, the same lesson can be applicable to all on a given day.

Ideas are developed to guide students in individualised as well as cooperative learning activities. There are three sections:

- **Before You Read**
- **As You Read**
- **After You Have Read**

In each section you will find generic worksheets to provide simple and immediate instruction as well as creative ideas to address specific learning styles. The lessons are designed to teach and reinforce such skills as basic vocabulary, sequencing and character and plot development.

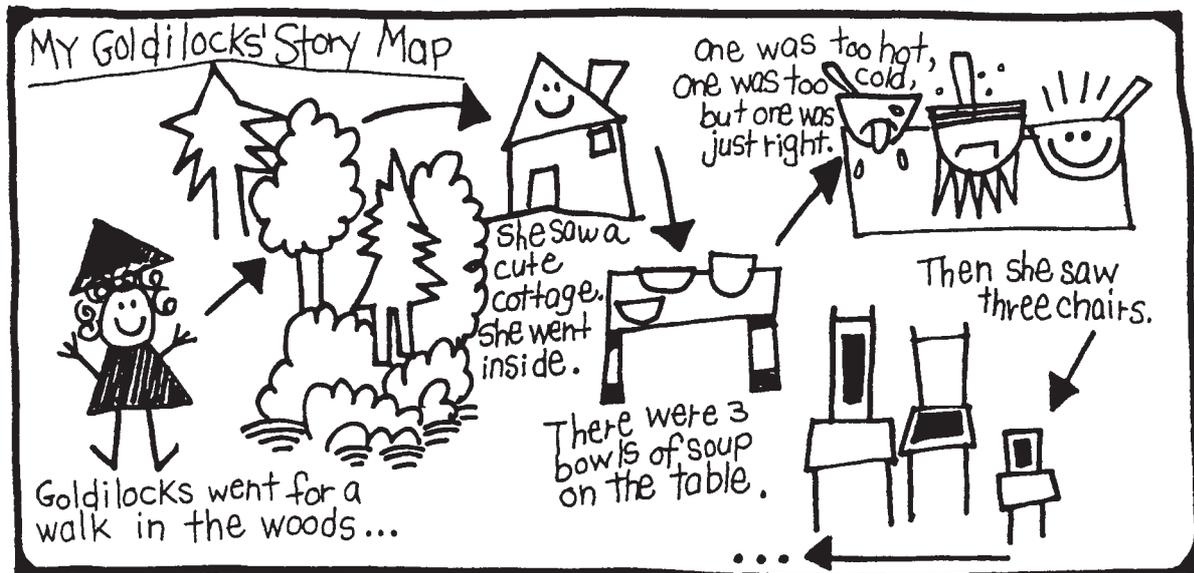
A **Teacher Resource** section provides the opportunity for you to create additional activities. Even though it is the final section of the book, it's a good idea to stop there first!

There you will find open-ended worksheets that you can quickly write on before duplicating to adapt to a specific lesson. There are additional ideas for extending the literature experience through dramatisation, book writing and art activities.

It is the hope of the authors that *Activities for Any Literature Unit* will become an invaluable tool in simplifying your entire language curriculum.

# STORY MAP

This is a story map. Can you guess the name of the fairy tale?



Try making a story map of the book you have read.

## Directions:

1. Think of some important events in your story. Draw a picture of each one.
2. Explain about each picture.
3. Colour the pictures.
4. Cut them out.
5. Glue them on a large sheet of paper.
6. Draw arrows to make a path from one picture to the next.

Share your map with a friend. Ask if he or she can guess the name of your story.

**To the teacher:** This can also be used as a cooperative learning project with a group of children working together to create a large story map. If you supply markers and a die, creative children may be encouraged to turn this project into a game.