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Where the Wild Things Are Novel Study Curriculum Map

Max was playing in his wolf suit. He got into trouble with his mother and was sent to bed without supper. That night, a forest grew and an ocean appeared in his room. A boat appeared and Max sailed away for over a year to a place where the wild things are. Four paper-bag puppet cut-outs included. The activities to help students comprehend, analyze and creatively interpret the stories.

The students will:

- be exposed to the pleasure and enjoyment of books.
- practice comprehension skills in ways other than just recall questions.
- expand their vocabulary.
- learn ways to respond to the novel.
- develop their creativity.
- be introduced to the works of famous authors.

Introduction includes:

- Summary of the Story
- Author Biography
- Teacher Input Suggestions
- Vocabulary List
- Student Activity Checklist
- Blank Activity Templates

Activities:

- **Comprehension Activities**
 - Story Map, Character Mobile, Responding to Questions, Story Time Line, Sequencing
- **Creative Writing Activities**
 - Letter to the Author, Story Writing, Picture Story, Writing Riddles
- **Word Study Activities**
 - Looking for Words – Senses, Looking for Plurals, Compound Words, Verbs, Alphabetical Order, Contractions
- **Phonics Activities**
 - The “Th” Digraph, Words ending in “ing”, Rhyming Fun

- **Drama Activities**

- Charades, Dramatize a scene, Shadow Puppets, Making up a song

- **Wild Stuff Activities**

- Word Search, Maze, Design a Travel Brochure, Draw a Map, Brainstorming, Tongue Twister

- **Art Activities**

- Paint a picture, Design a paper bag puppet, Draw a chalk picture, Pencil drawings, Make a diorama, Make a collage

- **Poetry Activities**

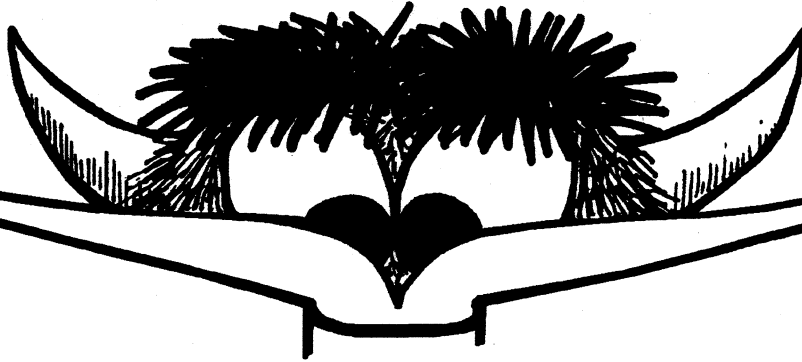
- Haiku Poem, Cinquain Poem, Acrostic Poem, Mind Map

Paper Bag Puppet Templates

- 3 Monster Templates
- Max Template

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Max's Writing 1

Write a letter to the author.

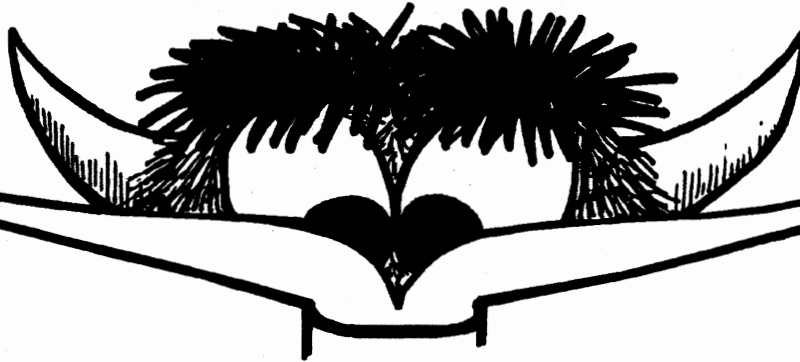
Tell the author why you liked or didn't like
the book.

Example:

Dear Mr. Sendak

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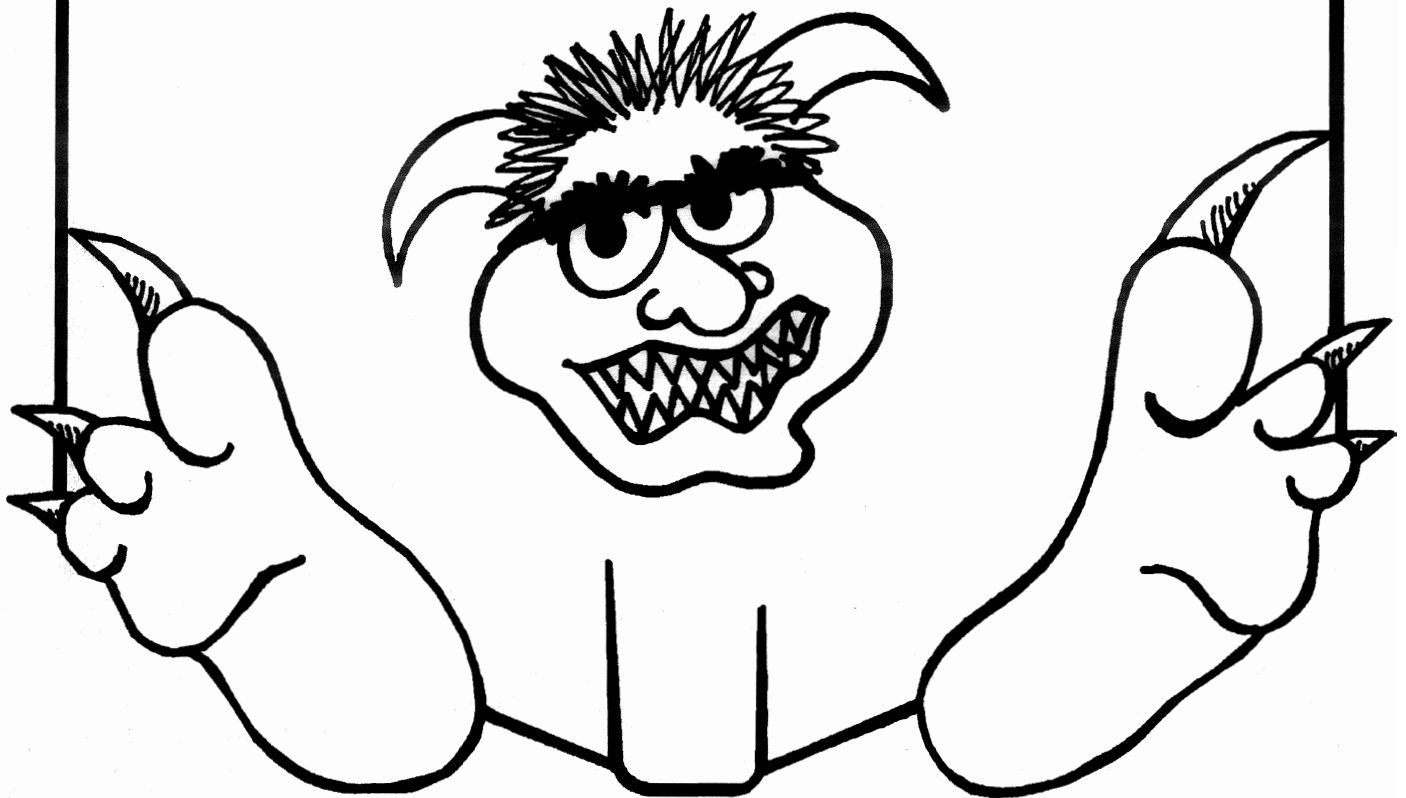
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Max's Writing 2

Make up a story about all the wild things coming to visit Max at school.

Would Max still be king of the wild things?



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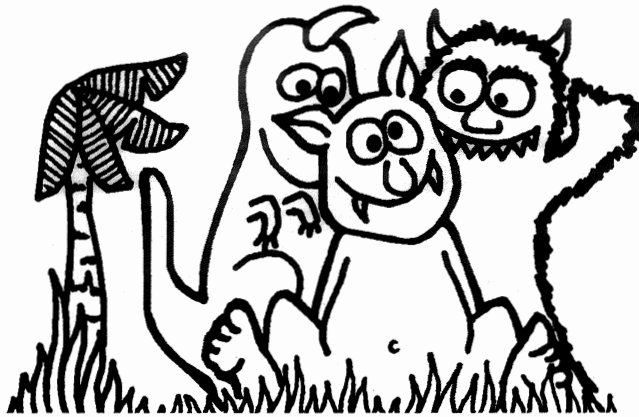
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Max's Writing 3

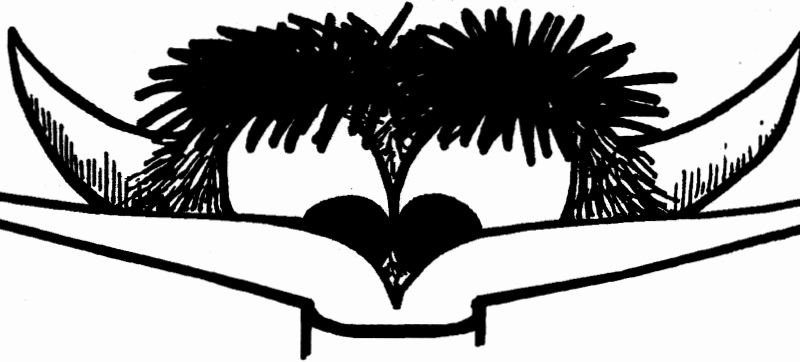
Max visited the land where the wild things lived.

- Pretend that Max couldn't get home from the land of the wild things.
- Write a story to tell what happened.



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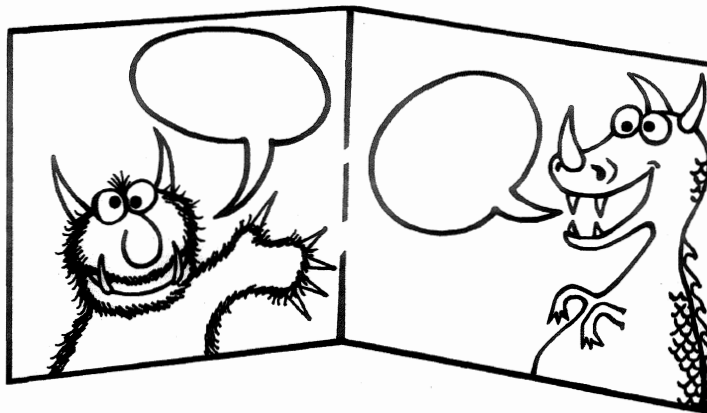
Max's Writing 4

Fold a paper into eight boxes.

Draw pictures in each box to tell a story.

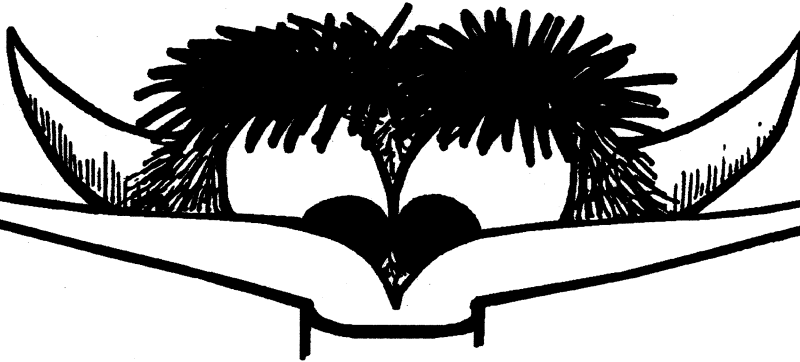
Use speech balloons in each box for the characters to use for talking.

Example:



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Max's Writing 5

Think of riddles for **five** words that you found in the book.

See if you can stump your classmates.

Write the riddles on slips of paper and put them in a box or a jar at the center.

Example:

I am a word that "means"
not tame.

(front)

wild

(back)