

A Picture is Worth A Thousand Words

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Grade Level: 2

Curriculum/Subject Area: Library Media Center

Ohio Academic Content Standards:

Grade 2:

Information Literacy Benchmark

- D3 participate in literacy-enrichment activities
- D5 Read Caldecott Award books and understand that the book award is given for the best book illustrations
- E2 Distinguish between fact and fiction
- E4 Find information about a question using library resources

Technology Literacy

- B3 Search for information in an online encyclopedia using a topical search
- B4 Read information from a web site assigned by teacher and identify the name and topic of the web site

Specific Topic: Leo Lionni and Children's Illustrators

Museum Web Sites for Students

The National Gallery of Canada

http://cybermuseum.gallery.ca/cybermuseum/kids/stories/index_e.jsp

- Use this interactive site to see how illustrators tell stories through art. Students can use the tools to make additions to the illustrations and then compare them to the original.

The Tate Museum

<http://kids.tate.org.uk/games/>

- Kids' site that allows students to create stories based on pieces of artwork in the museum. Short films with illustrations and animations are also available.

Museum Web Sites for Teachers

Castellani Art Museum

<http://www.castellaniartmuseum.org/teacher-resources/>

- Past exhibits of Leo Lionni's work have been linked on this site. A teacher's guide is also available (pdf format.)

DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum

<http://www.decordova.org/Decordova/exhibit/1997/stories/Default.htm>

- Link to a past exhibit of Lionni

Providence Children's Museum

<http://providencechildrensmuseum.blogspot.com/2009/02/illustration-inspiration-part-i.html>

- Exhibits of Illustrator Quilts showcasing many different illustrators

The University of Findlay Mazza Museum

<http://www.findlay.edu/offices/resources/mazza/default.htm>

- A museum that is dedicated to the art of children's picture books. They specialize in teacher training and have an extensive collection of work.

The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

<http://www.picturebookart.org/Home>

- Online tours of this museum show many galleries of work including a current exhibit of Lionni's work. The virtual tour video is engaging for the students.

Reference and Professional Resources

American Institute of Graphic Arts

<http://www.aiga.org/content.cfm/medalist-leolionni>

- A biography of Lionni—his early life, art career and accomplishments

Teaching With Favorite Leo Lionni Books. Scholastic. 1999.

Read Write Think Web Site

<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/building-matrix-lionni-books-263.html>

- This ready made matrix allows for a comparison of several Lionni books and illustration styles.

Mermaid Theater

http://www.mermaidtheatre.ns.ca/onTour/leoLionni/Leo_Lionni_SG/index.htm

- Extension ideas for Lionni's artwork

Webquest

<http://www.dedham.k12.ma.us/webquest/fall2003/cm/webquest.htm>

- A webquest prepared for 1st graders focusing on Lionni's work

Web Sites with Samples of Book Publishing Materials

Samples of book binding created using the website -

<http://www.makingbooks.com/kids.html>

Blank Book Cover from Lintor Publishing

www.lintorpublishing.com

Harper Publishing

<http://www.harperchildrens.com/hch/picture/features/aliki/howabook/book1.asp>

- Alike 'the cat' explains the steps in publishing a book.

Books from around the world.
<http://www.makingbooks.com/kids.html>

Media Resources

Quicktime movie “At the Bindery” a Reading Rainbow Video
<http://pbskids.org/readingrainbow/bookem/sequence.html>

Slide Show on Book Illustrators and their Jobs
http://www.penguin.com.au/puffin/kids/book/f_book.htm

Leo Lionni's Caldecotts. Random House Video. 1985.

Books Non-Fiction

Aliki. *How a Book is Made*. Crowell, 1986.

Artist to Artist—23 Major Illustrators Talk to Children About Their Art. Philomel Books. 2007.

Christelow, Eileen. *What Do Illustrators Do?* Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 2007.

Christelow, Eileen. *What Do Authors Do?* Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 1997.

Kovacs, Deborah. *Meet the Authors and Illustrators—60 Creators of Favourite Children's Book Talk About Their Work*. Scholastic. 1991.

McElmeel, Sharron L. *Children's Authors and Illustrators Too Good to Miss*. Libraries Unlimited. 2004.

Marcus Leonard. *Side By Side—Five Favorite Picture-Book Teams Go To Work*. Walker and Company. 2001.

Nixon, Joan Lowery. *If You Were a Writer*. Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing. 1995.

Preller, James. *The Big Book of Picture-Book Authors and Illustrators*. Scholastic. 2001.

Raatma, Lucia. “*How Books are Made*” -*A True Book*. Children’s Press, 1998.

Stevens, Janet. *From Pictures to Words: a Book About Making a Book*. Holiday House. 1996.

Books Fiction

Kanninen, Barbara. *A Story With Pictures*. Holiday House. 2007.