

Integrated Activities for Picture Books

MARC BROWN

PART 1 THE READ ALOUD: *Arthur's Family Vacation* (1993)

Summary: Arthur's family takes a vacation during camp week! The hotel is terrible. Then it rains. Arthur saves the day by creating indoor field trips and the vacation is saved!

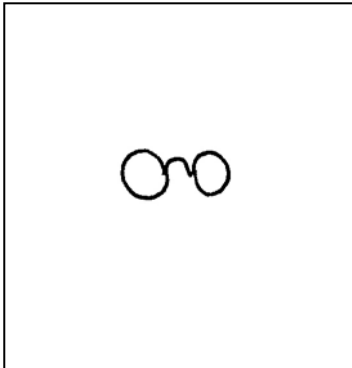
 **FOCUS: Different Sentence Patterns**

As you read the picture book to your class, focus on the different sentence patterns. As the story is narrated, the sentences are statements. As the characters talk to one another, they use questions and exclamations. Have students give you a signal when they hear a question or an exclamation.

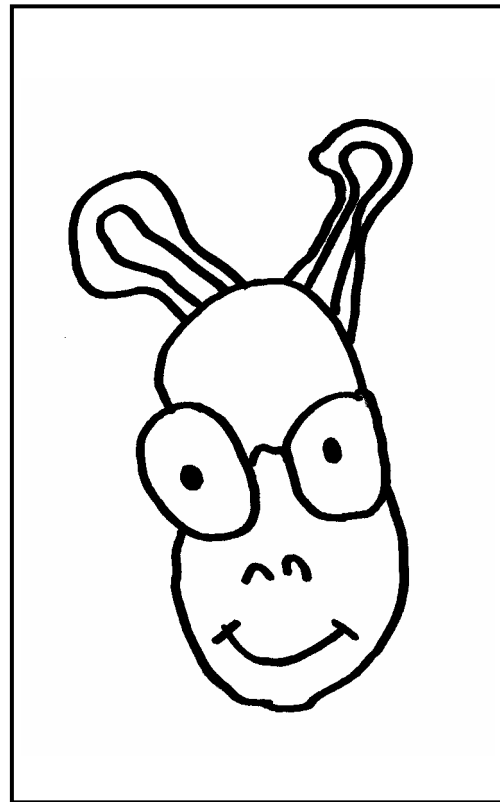
PART II: THE DRAWING

Draw Arthur.

Start with an upside down U.
Add 2 circles for his glasses.



Add a half circle below the glasses.
Draw a smile.
Add 2 beady eyes.
Make 2 upside-down U's for nostrils.
Add eyebrows.
Make his ears.



PART III: THE ART PROJECT IDEA

Summer Fun with Arthur

Make a bulletin board using the picture on the title page. Draw Arthur's head, cut it out, put the head (with or without arms) inside the inner tube. Use butcher paper and yarn to create the water. Add writing if desired.

Using teacher-made body patterns make a life-sized Arthur. Be sure to bend one arm so Arthur can hold up the writing for display. Let students design and color the clothing and the head. Bend one arm, and put the writing in it for display.

PART IV: THE WRITING CONNECTION

Write a letter to Marc Brown about the book.
Write a postcard to a friend.
Write a new story about Arthur.

Write a letter to Arthur about your vacation.

also by Marc Brown . . .

PART 1 THE READ ALOUD: *Arthur's Teacher Trouble* (1986)

Summary: Arthur gets Mr. Ratburn as his teacher. While every other class in the school is easing into their routine, Arthur has homework every night. As he studies day and night for the school-wide Spellathon, DW reminds him that she has plenty of time to play. She doesn't have homework because she won't be in kindergarten until next year - and Ms. Meeker never gives homework. After Arthur wins the Spellathon, Mr. Ratburn makes an announcement. Next year he'll be teaching kindergarten!



I like the way the story progresses with a task, hard work, and a reward when Arthur wins the Spellathon. The best part, though, is the surprise ending!

PART II: ART PROJECT IDEA

Make a notebook-sized template for a page in a Writer's Notebook. At the top, label it TOUGHEST WORDS FOR GRADE ___. Draw Arthur's face in the upper left hand corner. As a class, decide on the toughest 20 spelling words. Type them in an alphabetized list. Leave room at the bottom for each student to add their own words. Students will place the sheets in their Writer's Notebooks for quick reference.

PART III: THE WRITING CONNECTION

The Spelling Bee	How I REALLY Feel about Homework
My Teacher is the (Best or Worst)!	Hard Work Always Pays
I Really Felt Proud When. . .	DW's First Day of Kindergarten
My Teacher, Mr. Ratburn	

Other Arthur books . . .

Arthur's Birthday (1989)

Arthur's Underwear (2001)

The World of Arthur and Friends (2004)

Arthur Goes to Camp (1982)

Arthur's Computer Disaster (1997)

Arthur's Off to School (2004)

Arthur Helps Out (2005)