



# *Hats Off to You!*

## *Create and Comprehend!*

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CREATE and COMPREHEND!!! Come and share with your colleagues and take some time to enjoy books! We will introduce lessons based on children's literature and child-centered projects to increase student's knowledge and enjoyment of literature while actively learning and increasing comprehension. Come create Story Hats to enjoy and wear!

## **Reading Comprehension**

### Expanding the Definition of Reading Comprehension

- Multiple perspectives and exposures
- Multidimensional not linear
- Active engagement in instruction
- Problem-solving and critical thinking processes

## **Comprehension Strategies using Books to Inspire**

- Reading
  - Creating a book file or annotated bibliography
- Writing
  - Pyramid Poems
- Speaking & Listening
  - Grand Conversations
- Viewing, Thinking & Responding
  - Creating Story Hats

# Story Hats

## 1. Objective

The learner will create a 3-dimensional depiction of a book to present their understanding of the story components.

## 2. Introduction

The Story Hat project includes students reading books of their choice and presenting these books visually to their peers after creating a visual representation of the book.

## 3. Teacher Input

The teacher will model and explain creating the story hat

- Choose a book to depict for your hat
- Brainstorm ideas to depict elements of the book
- Make your hat like picture or character of the story
- Develop the elements of the book to depict the hat out of chosen materials and attach these to the hat
- Create a card with the title, author and student name

## 4. Guided Practice

Brainstorming and Grouping

## 5. Independent Practice

Time to Create!

## 6. Closure

Learners model their creations and share about the story.

Participants try to guess the title and author.

## 7. Evaluation / Assessment

Rubric

## 8. Materials

Assorted Appropriate books (or student choice)

Hats from the Dollar Store (or hats created from paper)

Assorted Art Supplies: Glue, Scissors, Markers, Crayons, a variety of Paper, Tongue Depressors or Popsicle Sticks, Pipe Cleaners

## Hat Themed Picture Books

*Christmas Hat* by Hines, Anna  
*Circus Caps for Sale* by Slobodkina, Esphyr  
*Coco the Carrot* by Salerno, Steve  
*Do You Have a Hat?* By Spinelli, Eileen  
*Grandma, It's for You* by Ziefert, Harriet  
*Jennie's Hat* by Keats, Ezra Jack  
*Milo's Hat Trick* by Agee, Jon  
*Quangle Wangle's Hat* by Lear, Edward  
*Queen of Easter* by Engelbreit, Mary  
*Rembrandt's Hat* by DePalma, Mary  
*Scarecrow's Hat* by Brown, Ken  
*The Magic Hat* by Fox, Mem  
*500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins* by Dr. Seuss  
*A Hat for Minerva Louise* by Stoeke, Janet  
*Aunt Flossie's Hats* by Howard, Elizabeth  
*Bamboo Hats and Rice Cake* by Tompert, Ann  
*Boss of the Plains* by Carlson, Laurie  
*Caps for Sale* by Slobodkina, Esphyr  
*The Hat* by Brett, Jan  
*Mattie's Hats won't wear that!* by Greenstein, Elaine  
*Miss Fannie's Hats* by Karon, Jan  
*Old Hat, New Hat* by Berenstain, Jan and Stan  
*She's wearing a Dead Bird on her Head* by Lasky, Kathryn  
*The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss  
*Three Hat Day* by Geringer, Laura

