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## The Value of Read Alouds and Storytelling

LitWorld founded World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) in 2010 because we believe reading is powerful. Studies show that individuals who frequently read are better able to understand other people, empathize with them and see the world from their perspective.<sup>1</sup> Reading aloud not only helps develop literacy skills like word mastery and grammatical understanding,<sup>2</sup> but it also builds community and connects us to each other. On World Read Aloud Day, people all around the globe read aloud and share stories to advocate for literacy as a human right.

### Global Literacy Statistics

- ◆ According to the latest report (2016), 758 million adults – two thirds of them women – lack basic reading and writing skills.<sup>3</sup>
- ◆ Since 1985, the female adult literacy rate has risen 15%, which is about double the growth of the male literacy rate in the same time period.<sup>4</sup>
- ◆ Among the youth population, female literacy rates have been rising quickly. Nonetheless, three out of five youths lacking basic reading and writing skills are young women.<sup>5</sup>
- ◆ If all children in low-income countries left school literate, 171 million people could rise from poverty.<sup>6</sup>
- ◆ Poorly-literate individuals are less likely to participate in democratic processes and have fewer chances to fully exercise their civil rights.<sup>7</sup>
- ◆ A child born to a literate mother is 50% more likely to survive past the age of five than a child born to an illiterate mother.<sup>8</sup>
- ◆ A literate and educated woman will produce a smaller, healthier family, is three times less likely to acquire AIDS, and will earn at least 25% more income than an illiterate woman.<sup>9</sup>
- ◆ Illiterate people earn 30-42% less than their literate counterparts.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Paul, A. M. (2012, March 17). *The Neuroscience of Your Brain on Fiction*. Retrieved November 15, 2018, from [https://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/18/opinion/sunday/the-neuroscience-of-your-brain-on-fiction.html?adxnnl=1&pagewanted=all&adxnnlx=1354716276-vBCJNxtgluIFGnUPmkBpA&\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/18/opinion/sunday/the-neuroscience-of-your-brain-on-fiction.html?adxnnl=1&pagewanted=all&adxnnlx=1354716276-vBCJNxtgluIFGnUPmkBpA&_r=0)

<sup>2</sup> Frey, S. (2015, July 8). Study says reading aloud to children, more than talking, builds literacy. Retrieved November 15, 2018, from <https://edsource.org/2015/study-says-reading-aloud-to-children-more-than-talking-builds-literacy/82045>

<sup>3</sup> *Key Messages and Data on Girls' and Women's Education and Literacy* [PDF]. (2012, April). UNESCO [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization].

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> A Global Compact on Learning: Taking Action on Education in Developing Countries. (2011, June 8). Retrieved November 15, 2018, from <https://www.brookings.edu/research/a-global-compact-on-learning-taking-action-on-education-in-developing-countries/>

<sup>7</sup> *Key Messages* (2012)

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>10</sup> Frey (2015)

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## Celebrate World Read Aloud Day with your Community

Reading aloud is a powerful way to build community and there is no better time to do it than World Read Aloud Day! On February 1st, advocate literacy as a human right with millions of people around the world by reading aloud with your community.

### Create a Pop-Up Storytelling Cafe

Invite members of the community to share stories that are important to them, whether they be tales passed down through their families, or excerpts from special books that are important to them. Provide snacks and create an atmosphere that encourages supportive and celebratory sharing. Extend the invitation to local writers and special author guests!



### Dispatch World Read Aloud Day “readers” to local community spaces

Find a local school, community center or retirement home in need of readers for World Read Aloud Day! Organize a team of

volunteers, young and old, who can visit those spaces and read aloud.

### *How to do a powerful read aloud*

- ❖ Read the book beforehand to familiarize yourself with the story.
- ❖ Be animated! Read with expression to match the characters' emotions in the story.
- ❖ Ask questions out loud as you read to keep the audience engaged and thinking about the reading.
- ❖ Try incorporating some theater into your read aloud! Act out events in the story, or have helpers or listeners act it out.

### Organize a book drive and community read aloud practice

Collect books in the weeks leading up to World Read Aloud Day and then host an read aloud and ‘book fair’ event where families come listen to stories and take home or borrow donated books. Invite local companies, organizations and institutions to contribute books and other resources to help families build home libraries. Provide a fun read aloud training for participants so they are able to see and model reading aloud with expression, and practice at home!

For more ideas visit:

<http://www.litworld.org/wrad/>  
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/worldreadaloudday/>  
<https://education.microsoft.com/literacy>

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## Celebrate World Read Aloud Day at Home

Reading aloud to children supports language development, cultivates a love of reading, and strengthens relationship development skills. LitWorld founded World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) to encourage people to celebrate and embrace the many benefits of reading aloud. Join us by celebrating World Read Aloud Day at home!



### Host a Read Aloud Night with family and friends

Invite family and friends over and read your favorite books aloud together! Discuss the stories and share old and new favorites with one another.

### Post pictures reading your favorite books online

Join our discussion online by posting pictures of your favorite read aloud texts and the places and spaces you like to read

aloud using #WorldReadAloudDay !

### *Tips for reading aloud at home:*

- ❖ Make a list of your child's favorite stories and read them often!
- ❖ Ask questions to your child about the story. For example:
  - What happened in the beginning / middle / end of the story?
  - What was your favourite part of the story?
- ❖ Act out stories as you read or listen to books on tape! Find creative ways to enjoy stories together as a family.
- ❖ Remove distractions in the space to help your audience stay engaged.
- ❖ Choose a 'reading space' in your home where you and your child can relax and read together.

### Become a volunteer reader

Read aloud at a school, community center, or retirement home in your neighborhood. Collaborate with others to organize a reading event for your community that brings everyone together to celebrate the power of reading!

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### *What should you read aloud?*

#### **Favorite books and stories**

What books did you enjoy when you were a child? What books do your family members like to read?

#### **Writing done by family members**

Does anyone in your family write stories or poems? WRAD is a great day to share your personal work.

#### **Newspapers and Magazines**

Expose older children to different styles of writing with a newspaper or magazine article.

#### **Anything and everything!**

Words are all around us! You can celebrate the power of literacy by challenging your family member to read aloud whatever they get their hands on! Think food labels, recipe books, appliances... anything is an opportunity for expanding vocabulary!



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## Celebrate World Read Aloud Day at the Office

Reading aloud is a powerful and transformative act that isn't just for kids! Not only is reading aloud a great way for people at any age to relax their brains, but it also builds community and connects people. Join LitWorld in celebrating literacy for all by reading aloud at work on February 1st, World Read Aloud Day!



### Event Ideas

- ❖ Read:
  - Original poems or short stories written by staff
  - Favourite childhood stories
  - Interesting articles related to your field of work
- ❖ Play:
  - A story creation game! Co-workers sit in a circle and say a sentence one after another, to create a story together.

### Organize an office read aloud

Read aloud on WRAD as part of a meeting, during a lunch break, or after office hours. Plan ahead and notify staff so everyone has the chance to choose their read aloud piece.

### Host or participate in a World Read Aloud Day event happening in your community

Find a local school, community center, or retirement home in need of readers for World Read Aloud Day! Team up with your co-workers to volunteer time, resources, and whatever else you can to bring the power of the read aloud to as many people possible.

### Fundraise or donate to advocate 'literacy for all'

Organize a book drive with your co-workers. Raise money to contribute to home libraries for families at a local school. Reach out to your Corporate Social Responsibility Office and encourage them to support organizations like LitWorld that help ensure children all over the world have access to powerful literacy programs and activities.

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## Celebrate World Read Aloud Day at School

LitWorld founded World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) in 2010 because reading aloud is a powerful and transformative act. Every February, classrooms, schools, and school districts all around the world celebrate WRAD in creative and exciting ways. Join the movement with your students and make sure to read aloud on February 1st, 2019!

### Drop Everything and Read Aloud

Designate a time at which everyone in your building drops everything else they are doing to hear a read aloud! Decide upon your read aloud texts in advance and make sure that each teacher in each classroom has a text on hand.

### Host a Read-A-Thon

Designate a corner of your school or classroom as a 'read aloud space'. Make sure there are lots of books available and schedule a variety of readers to take center stage throughout the day. Allow volunteer readers to sign up in the weeks leading up to World Read Aloud Day to create excitement and anticipation!

### Host a Special WRAD Assembly

World Read Aloud Day is a great time for a fun, school-wide event! WRAD assemblies often include fun performances by both children and adults, like story readings or character costume shows!

### Who should read aloud?

#### 1. School Staff and Leadership

Invite members of your entire school community to read aloud on WRAD, from the principal to the custodial staff!

#### 2. Community Leaders and Special Guests

Invite community leaders and parents to join the WRAD celebrations at your school.

#### 3. Kids

Have older kids read to younger kids, younger kids read to older kids, and peers read to each other!

#### 4. Authors

Sites like Skype in the Classroom make it easy to invite published authors to join your WRAD celebrations! Don't forget to reach out to local authors as well!

### What should you read aloud?

#### Subject-specific Texts and Articles

Reading aloud can be both non-fiction and fiction! Reading content specific or scientific articles can be both educational and engaging.

#### Amazing Picture Books

No matter the age, picture books activate our imaginations and relax our brains. Let kids' minds escape the classroom and become immersed in a picture book!

#### Writing done by individuals within your community

WRAD is a great day to showcase the talents of the writers right in your community! Have kids read their own short stories or poems aloud for an audience!



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## Read Aloud Guide

Reading aloud improves listening skills, vocabulary acquisition, and the understanding of common story themes and structures that will factor into children's future success. Even for adults, reading aloud is a fun, easy way to connect people. Use the tips below to create a powerful, memorable read aloud experience.

- ❖ Read the book beforehand to familiarize yourself with the story. Make note of places you want to stop and ask questions.
- ❖ Be animated! Change your voice during the read aloud to match the expressions of the characters and emotions of the story; this will truly bring the text to life.
- ❖ Use different voices for different characters so that listeners come to recognize dialogue within a text and individual character traits.
- ❖ If your book has a lot of text, try a story walk instead of reading every word. A story walk is when you summarize what is happening on each page while pointing to the illustrations to help explain the action.
- ❖ Ask questions out loud as you read. Ask listeners to predict what will happen next, how they would feel if they were in the story, or the meaning of an unfamiliar word. Limit your questions to one or two per story so they do not disrupt the flow of the reading.
- ❖ After you finish a story, have a conversation that focuses on connecting the text to the listeners' lives and experiences.
- ❖ Try incorporating some theater into your Read Aloud! Invite listeners to act out portions of the story as you read or designate some actors to help bring parts of the story to life!
- ❖ Make sure to talk about the Read Aloud experience itself! Ask listeners to reflect upon how it feels to be part of a Read Aloud community. Discuss the importance of these types of experiences both locally and around the world. Brainstorm ways to bring the community feeling of the Read Aloud to other activities that they complete throughout the day.

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World Read Aloud day is a time to share stories both new and old! Use this opportunity to explore texts and authors that represent your community and search out stories that reveal experiences that are new and different from you own! Here are some of our favorite texts!

## Read Aloud Suggestions

### Belonging

#### Picture Books

*The Gift of Nothing* by Patrick McDonnell

*Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andrae

*Too Many Tamales* by Gary Soto

*Chicken Sunday* by Patricia Polacco

*Llama Llama Misses Mama* by Anna Dewdney

#### Poetry

"Night on the Neighborhood Street" by Eloise Greenfield

*The Flag of Childhood: Poems of the Middle East* by Naomi Shihab Nye

#### Chapter Books

*Wonder* by RJ Palacio

*Fresh Off The Boat* by Eddie Huang

*The Junkyard Wonders* by Patricia Polacco

### Curiosity

#### Picture

*Roxaboxen* by Alice McLerran

*Sky Color* by Peter Reynolds

*Hello Ocean* by Pam Muñoz Ryan

*Journey* by Aaron Becker

*Llama Llama Holiday Drama* by Anna Dewdney



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## Poetry

“Salsa Stories” by Lulu Delacre

A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein

## Chapter Books

*Bayou Magic* by Jewell Parker Rhodes

*Unstoppable Octobia May* by Sharon Flake

*Nightbird* by Alice Hoffman

*Fortunately, the Milk* by Neil Gaiman

## Friendship

### Picture

*The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend* by Dan Santat

*The Friendly Four* by Eloise Greenfield

*Ninja Bunny* by Jennifer Gary Olsen

*Llama Llama and the Bully Goat* by Anna Dewdney

### Poetry

“Build a Box of Friendship” by Chuck Pool

“Monsters I’ve Met” by Shel Silverstein

### Chapter

*James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl

*Finding Audrey* by Sophie Kinsella

*I Will Always Write Back* by Martin Ganda, Caitlin Alifrenka and Liz Welch

## Kindness

### Picture

*Each Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson

*Z Is for Moose* by Kelly Bingham

*I Broke My Trunk* by Mo Willems

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Llama Llama Time to Share by Anna Dewdney

## Poetry

“The Invitation” by Shel Silverstein

## Chapter

*The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo

*The Women Of Brewster Place* by Gloria Naylor

*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

## Courage

### Picture

*Rad American Women A-Z* by Kate Schatz

*Planting the Trees of Kenya* by Claire A. Nivola

*The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle

*Llama Llama Gram and Grandpa* by Anna Dewdney

### Poetry

“On the Pulse of Morning” by Maya Angelou

### Chapter

*The Red Pencil* by Andrea Davis Pinkney

*Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen

*Heat* by Mike Lupica

*Gaby, Lost and Found* by Angela Cervantes

## Confidence

### Picture

*Exclamation Mark* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

*Alvin Ailey* by Andrea Davis Pinkney

*When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop* by Laban Carrick Hill

*Llama Llama Red Pajama* by Anna Dewdney



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## Poetry

“By Myself” by Eloise Greenfield

*The Dream Keeper and Other Poems* by Langston Hughes

## Chapter

*The Green Bicycle* by Haifaa al Mansour

*Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume

*Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story in Nine Innings* by Deborah Hopkinson

## Hope

## Picture

*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst

*I, Too, Am America* by Langston Hughes

*A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina’s Dream* by Kristy Dempsey and Floyd Cooper

*The Infinite Song* by Andrea Freeman

## Poetry

“Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes” by David Roessel

*Honey, I Love and Other Poems* by Eloise Greenfield

## Chapter

*Toothpaste Millionaire* by Jean Merrill

*The Thing About Luck* by Cynthia Kadohata

*Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai

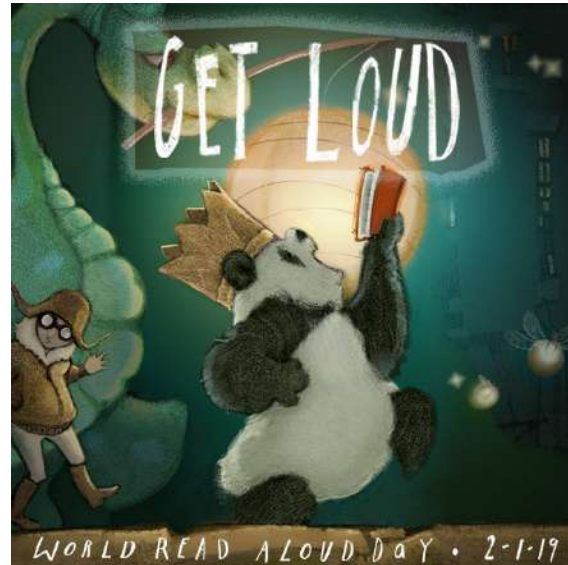
# World Read Aloud Day

## Spread the Word

Help us build the movement of World Read Aloud Day by sharing your participation, ideas, and pictures from the day with **#WorldReadAloudDay**.

### What to Do

Take pictures and video of your WRAD celebrations! Tag LitWorld on social media so we can share your content with the online community.



### Social Media Graphics

We have a [Google Drive folder](#) with free graphics for you to use!

### Sample Messages

- Put February 1st on your calendar. It's **#WorldReadAloudDay 2019!**  
[litworld.org/wrad](http://litworld.org/wrad)
- Save the date for **#WorldReadAloudDay**. February 1st will be here before you know it! [litworld.org/wrad](http://litworld.org/wrad)
- Reading aloud every day puts kids 1 year ahead--no matter their background! Celebrate reading on **#WorldReadAloudDay**.  
[litworld.org/wrad](http://litworld.org/wrad)
- Read aloud. Change the world! Get ready to celebrate on Feb 1 with free activity and event ideas: [www.litworld.org/wrad](http://www.litworld.org/wrad)



# Reading Crown Activity

This signature WRAD activity is a great way to make the read aloud a dynamic experience.

## Materials:

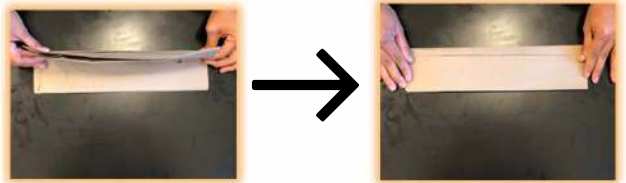
- Brown paper bags and/or the crown template provided on the next page
- Markers, colored pencils, crayons
- Scissors
- Stapler or tape (only for use with the crown template page)

## Directions (for brown paper bags):

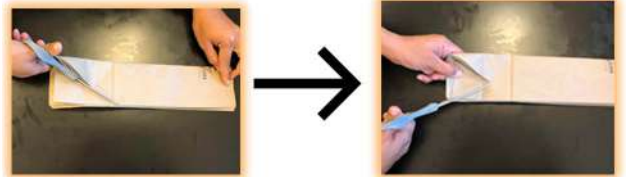
1. At the closed end of the brown paper bag, fold the loose flap down towards the bottom side of the bag.



2. Now, fold the entire bag in half (hot dog-style).



3. Use scissors to cut a sideways "V" (>) into the corners of the thick end (the flap) of the bag.



4. Open the bag. One end should now have the spikes of the crown. Carefully fold the bottom end (without the spikes) about one inch up and over itself, to create a comfortable, wearable crown.

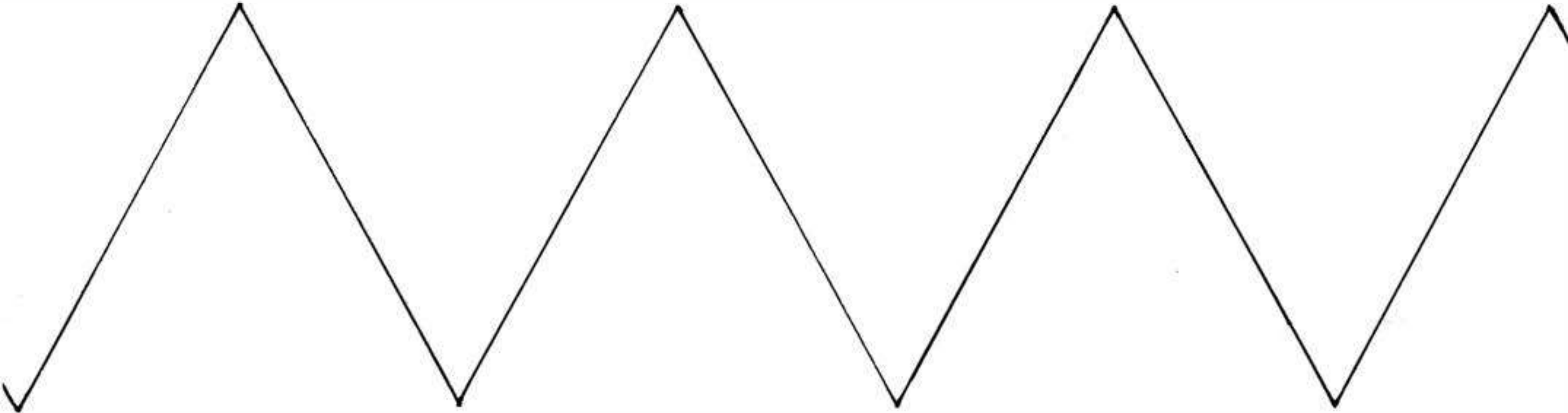


5. Ask students to use the markers, colored pencils, and/or crayons to decorate the crown. Some prompts might be: *what does the inside of your mind look like while you are reading?* *who are your favorite characters from your favorite stories?* *what are some of your own stories?*

## Directions (for crown template on next page):

1. Print the template on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper and cut along all of the solid lines.
2. Join the two pieces together on one end so that the points match up, and then connect the pieces with a stapler or tape.
3. Ask students to use the markers, colored pencils, and/or crayons to decorate the crown.
4. Join the two ends of the crown strip together and connect them with a stapler or tape.

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Reading Crown Template





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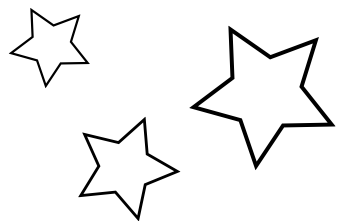
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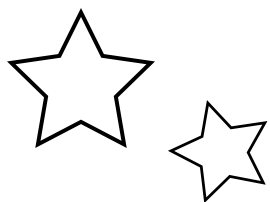
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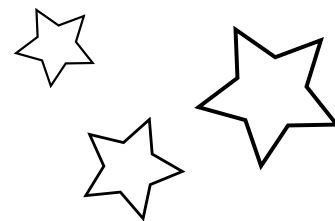


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