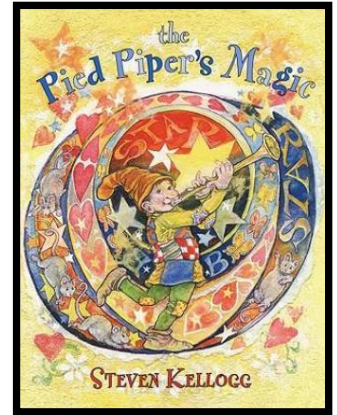


The Pied Piper of Hamelin

Objectives:

- Read with purpose and understanding.
- Analyze story to determine theme and lesson.
- Compare formal and informal uses of English.
- Discuss literature in a meaningful manner.
- Retell a story in a new way.



Procedure:

- Introduce the poem by telling students that it is a narrative based on a legend from Hamelin, Germany.
- Read aloud the first 3 stanzas of the original poem by Robert Browning (this entire poem is included within “Additional Resources” on the curriculum website).
- Discuss the language of the poet. Why is it difficult to understand? Compare the formal use of language to other versions of this story.
- Read “The Pied Piper of Hamelin” by Steven Kellogg, reinforce that Kellogg is retelling the same legend, in a different way.
- Discuss which elements of the story are probably true and which have been exaggerated over time. Do you think this story really happened? Why? What can we learn from the story?
- Encourage students to practice retelling the story using the S-W-B-S-T summarizer.
- Students will retell the legend of The Pied Piper in comic-book format.

CCSS

RL.1.1, RL.1.2, RL.2.7, RL.2.10, SL.2.1, SL.2.2, SL.2.4, SL.2.6, L.2.1, L.2.2, L.2.3, L.2.3a & L.2.6

THE PIED PIPER OF HAMELIN

By: Robert Browning

I.

1 Hamelin Town's in Brunswick,
2 By famous Hanover city;
3 The river Weser, deep and wide,
4 Washes its wall on the southern side;
5 A pleasanter spot you never spied;
6 But, when begins my ditty,
7 Almost five hundred years ago,
8 To see the townsfolk suffer so
9 From vermin, was a pity.



II.

10 Rats!
11 They fought the dogs and killed the cats,
12 And bit the babies in the cradles,
13 And ate the cheeses out of the vats,
14 And licked the soup from the cooks' own ladles,
15 Split open the kegs of salted sprats,
16 Made nests inside men's Sunday hats,
17 And even spoiled the women's chats,
18 By drowning their speaking
19 With shrieking and squeaking
20 In fifty different sharps and flats.

III.

21 At last the people in a body
22 To the Town Hall came flocking:
23 "Tis clear," cried they, "our Mayor's a noddy;
24 "And as for our Corporation -- shocking
25 "To think we buy gowns lined with ermine
26 "For dolts that can't or won't determine
27 "What's best to rid us of our vermin!
28 "You hope, because you're old and obese,
29 "To find in the furry civic robe ease?
30 "Rouse up, sirs! Give your brains a racking
31 "To find the remedy we're lacking,
32 "Or, sure as fate, we'll send you packing!"
33 At this the Mayor and Corporation
34 Quaked with a mighty consternation.



S-W-B-S-T

Title	
Somebody	
Wanted	
But	
So	
Then	