

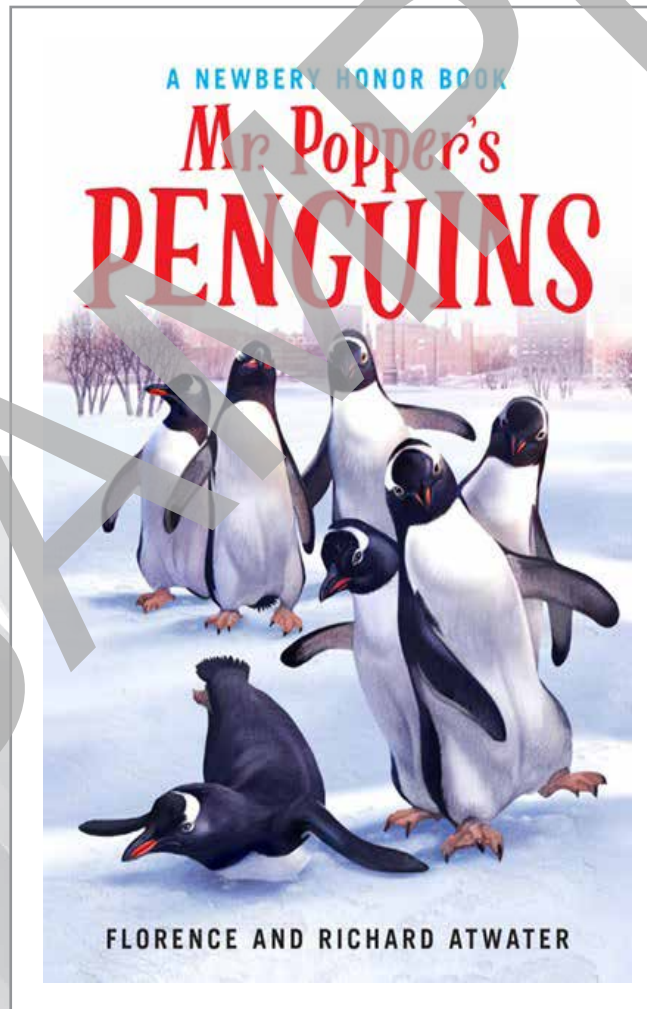


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GRADES 3-5

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Activity: To create a design for wallpaper

Winning Wallpaper

Create a new, unusual wallpaper design. Think of and/or try combinations of media and paper that are unusual. Spread newspaper over the work area before starting, and clean up after you have finished. The following materials list and techniques to consider are suggestions only. Use your imagination and have fun as you experiment with media and ideas.

tempera paint
watercolor paint
chalk
crayons

scissors
glue
shelf paper
clean sponge

newspaper
colored construction paper
craft or mailing paper
pan of clean water

1. Chalk and shelf paper: Spread newspaper over the work area. Put materials to be used on the newspaper. Use a clean wet sponge to wet the shelf paper. Draw chalk design on the wet paper. The chalk lines will appear thicker than usual because of the wet paper. Let dry on newspaper. Clean up area when finished.
2. Crayon, chalk and craft or mailing paper: Spread newspaper over the work area. Put materials to be used on the newspaper. Use crayons to draw a design on the paper. Use a clean wet sponge to wet the paper. Draw a chalk design on the wet paper that will compliment the crayon design. The chalk lines will give a look of dimension to the design of the paper. Let dry on newspaper. Clean up area when finished.
3. Watercolor paint, construction paper, and crayons: Spread newspaper over the work area. Put materials to be used on the newspaper. Use crayons to draw a very small, sparse design on the construction paper. Use watercolor paint to paint a picture over the crayon design. (The paint will not cover the crayon.) Let dry on newspaper. Clean up area when finished.
4. Tempera paint, crayons, construction paper: Spread newspaper over the work area. Put materials to be used on the newspaper. Put a small amount of each of the colors of paint that you want to use in the lid of a jar, or something similar. Put the tip of a finger into one color of paint, and make prints on the construction paper. Do this with the other colors, making a design of the prints. Let dry. Use crayons to add on to the prints, such as stems for flowers, facial features, etc. Clean up area when finished.

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Activity: To use mathematics skills

Marching Penguin

"The delighted penguin was indeed marching...he was parading up and down the inside of the bathtub. Sometimes he seemed to be counting the steps it took—six steps for the length, two steps for the width..." (pages 20–21)

What if there was a larger space for the penguin and he could increase the number of steps that he took? Establish and follow a pattern to determine the number of steps taken if either the number of steps along the length or the number of steps along the width is known.

For example:

	1 regular tub	2 twice the size	3 x the size	4 x the size	5 x the size
Length Steps:	6	12	_____	_____	_____
Width Steps:	2	4	_____	_____	_____
<u>Change the pattern:</u>					
Length Steps:	10	20	_____	_____	_____
Width Steps:	4	_____	_____	_____	_____
<u>Change the pattern</u> (your choice):					
Length Steps:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Width Steps:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

If one step = 1 cm, draw a figure to represent two of the length/width patterns from each of the pairs used in this activity.

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Activity: To learn more about everyday life in 1938; to make comparisons

The Runaround

"Even so, he found it was not so easy to learn whether or not he must get a license for his strange pet. Every time he would explain what he wanted, he would be told to wait a minute, and much later a new voice would ask him what he wanted. This went on for considerable time." page 41)

Is the procedure of getting a pet license different at the present time?

What was going on in the daily lives of people in 1938? The following chart gives a few examples. Compare 1938 to the present time. Are these events of 1938 the same or similar to events of today? If so, why do you think they have existed for so many years? Add other 1938 events of your choice from your research.

1938 Event	Present day event? (Give Information)
20,000 TV sets are in service in New York City.	
Don Budge, U.S. tennis player, accomplishes Grand Slam, winning all four major championships.	
U.S. Lawn Tennis Association Women's Singles Champ is Alice Marble.	
U.S. tennis team defeats Australia to retain Davis Cup.	
California wins Rose Bowl football game, 13 - 0, against Alabama.	
New York (AL) wins World Series against Chicago (NL), 4-0	