

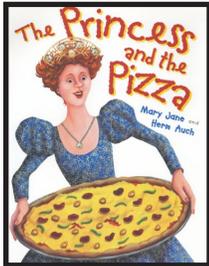


CRUCHLEY'S COLLECTION

Diana Cruchley is an award-winning educator and author, who has taught at elementary and secondary levels. Her workshops are practical, include detailed handouts, and are always enthusiastically received.

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THE PRINCESS AND THE PIZZA



Mary Jane and Herm Auch,
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The king has given up his kingdom and his daughter decides to try to marry Prince Drupert so she enters the competition for his hand. During the food portion of the competition she accidentally invents pizza and discovers that she would rather sell pizza than marry the prince.

GENRE WRITING

There are several writing topics that rise naturally from this picture book. The topics could be done as Five Square Genre as well.

- Write the essay: Why I Want to Have the Gracious and Exquisitely Beautiful Queen Zelda for my mother-in-law.
- Write a letter from Queen Zelda to the princess asking Paulina to forgive all, and getting permission to marry her dad.
- Write a story of what happened to one of the other princesses on her way home.
- Write a personal memory about a time when you were treated unfairly. (It doesn't have to turn out well.)
- Write a diary entry from Paulina about her new boyfriend who is the opposite in every way from Prince Drupert

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STORIES ABOUT INVENTING

This story is about the invention of pizza and how it got its name. Students could be asked to write inventive stories of how ice-cream, sandwiches, coca-cola, and other common foods were invented and got their names. These "how things came to be" stories have their roots in ancient Greek tales by Aesop, and extend to the 20th century tales of Paul Bunyan.

CLASSROOM DISPLAY

Students could then be asked to research on the Internet the real stories of how these things were invented and write that in their own words. If the real story is typed and mounted next to the creative story- the pair make a very effective display students will enjoy reading.

SCAVENGER HUNT

To ensure students do read the classroom display, each student could create two scavenger hunt questions for their contribution. These are posted for fellow students who would have to read to find the answers.

LITERARY ALLUSION

One way to introduce the idea of a literary allusion is to have students think about other fairy tales alluded to in the story. The *Shrek* movies have many such allusions as well.

THE AUTHORS: MARY JANE AND HERM AUCH

Mary Jane and Herm are a husband and wife team of author/illustrator. Mary Jane (called MJ) published 9 middle-grade novels before teaming with her illustrator husband to create picture books. Their last name is pronounced Owk - like the first syllable of "owl". They live on a small farm in upstate New York with their 2 dogs, Sophie and Zeke.



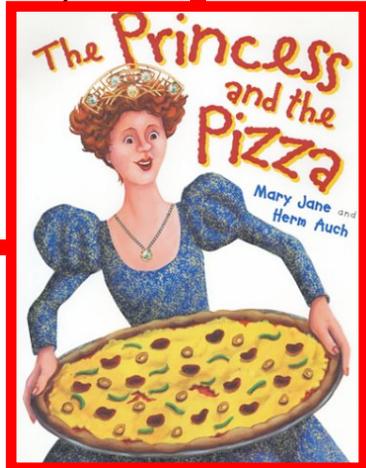
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1. WRITE THE ESSAY:

Why I Want to Have the Gracious and Exquisitely Beautiful Queen Zelda for my Mother-in-law.

2. I'M SORRY

Write a letter from Queen Zelda to the princess asking her to forgive all, and getting permission to marry her dad.



3. ON THE ROAD

Write a story of what happened to one of the other princesses on her way home.

4. THAT'S NOT FAIR

Write a personal memory about a time when you were treated unfairly. (It doesn't have to turn out well.)

5. Write a diary entry from the princess about her new boyfriend who is the opposite in every way from the prince.