

HERE IS A BOOK - PICTURE BOOK LESSON

GLUE AND SPINE

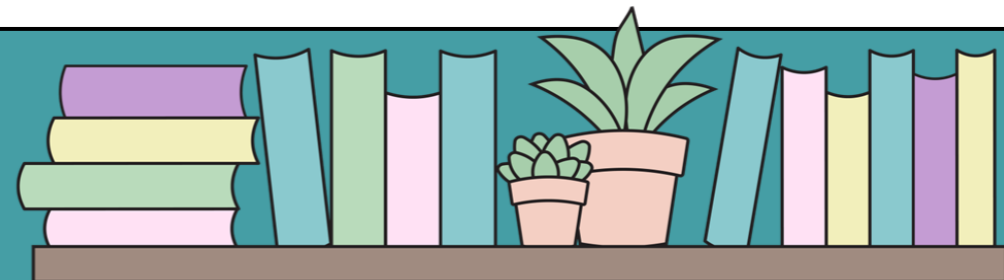
The glue goes on the book's spine.

The spine holds the book's pages together.

In addition to glue, many books also have thread to sew them together.

This makes the spines stronger, so the books last longer.

These are
book spines
on a shelf.



RECOMMENDED READS

"Books Celebrating Books, Writing, Reading, and Libraries"

PICTURE BOOKS

Teacher

Name

SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find all the pictures in...



SCAVENGER HUNT

How many of these pictures and facts can you find in the presentation?

What does the © symbol represent?

True or False:

How are cave paintings and petroglyphs...



LET'S TALK ABOUT...MAKING BOOKS!

Today in the library, we learned about how to make a book! Here are some things I learned...



BOOKS ABOUT THE WRITING PROCESS

- How This Book Was Made (Barnett)
- Balderdash! John Newbery and the Boisterous Birth of Children's Books (Markel)
- How to Make a Book (About My Dog) (Barton)
- I Am a Story (Yaccarino)
- A Story No One Has Ever Heard Before (Steinberg)

SIGN LANGUAGE "BOOK"

1. Put your hands flat together, like you are closing a book.

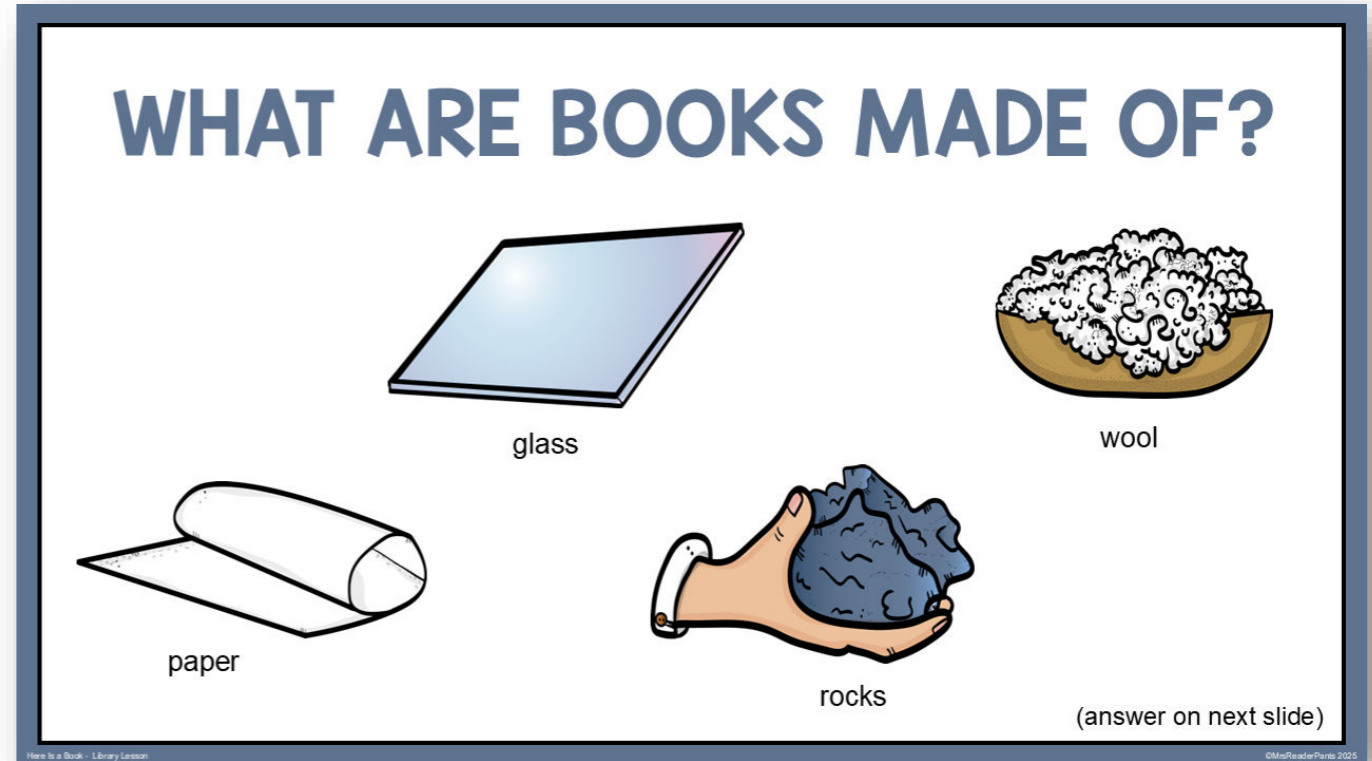


GRADES
2-5

ABOUT THIS PICTURE BOOK LESSON

This Picture Book Lesson takes about 25-30 minutes to teach.

It is a mini version of my longer Library Lessons, which are designed for 50-minute library class times.



It includes all the same printables as my other Library Lessons:
Recommended Reads, two differentiated Scavenger Hunts, and answer key.

USE THIS LESSON WITH

CALDECOTT AWARD

Here Is a Book was written and illustrated by Elisha Cooper.

He wrote and illustrated another book called *Big Cat, Little Cat*.

That book got a special prize for its pictures.

The prize is called the **Caldecott**. It goes to books with great pictures.
Big Cat, Little Cat won a Caldecott Honor, which gets a silver seal.



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This lesson is designed to accompany Elisha Cooper's picture book, *Here Is a Book* (2025).

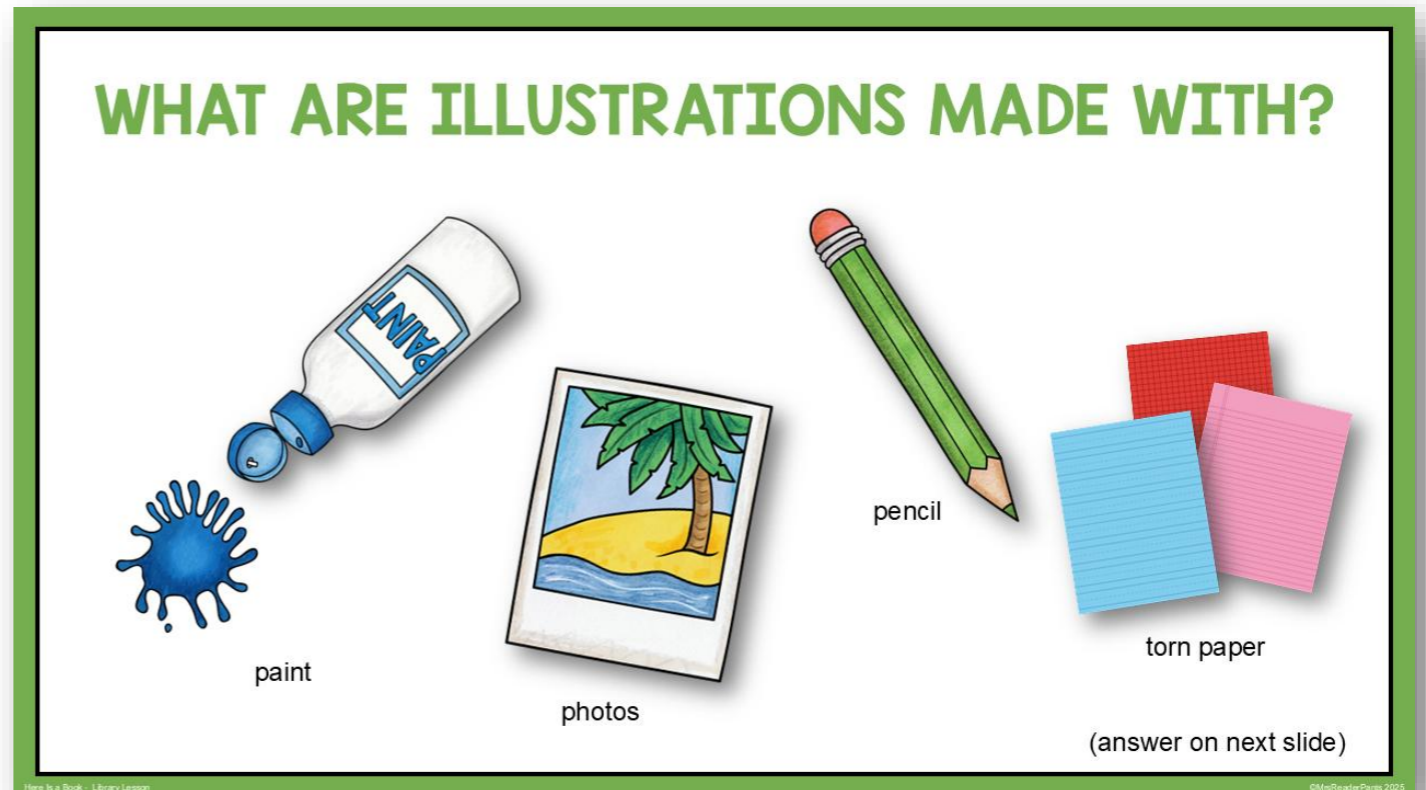
You can still use this lesson, even if you do not have *Here Is a Book*. You will just need to edit the text of four slides in the presentation.
(the slide shown here is one of them)

The printable activities do not require the use of *Here Is a Book*. Most of the presentation slides and all printables can be used with or without *Here Is a Book*.

EDITABLE IN THREE FORMATS

Presentation is editable in PowerPoint and Google Slides.

Printables are editable in PowerPoint, Google Slides, and PDF formats.



PART I - WHOLE-GROUP LESSON

Since this is a Library Lesson Mini, the whole-group lesson is only three slides.

These slides introduce a read-aloud (*Here Is a Book* by Elisha Cooper) with a short whole-group discussion.



MEET ELISHA COOPER

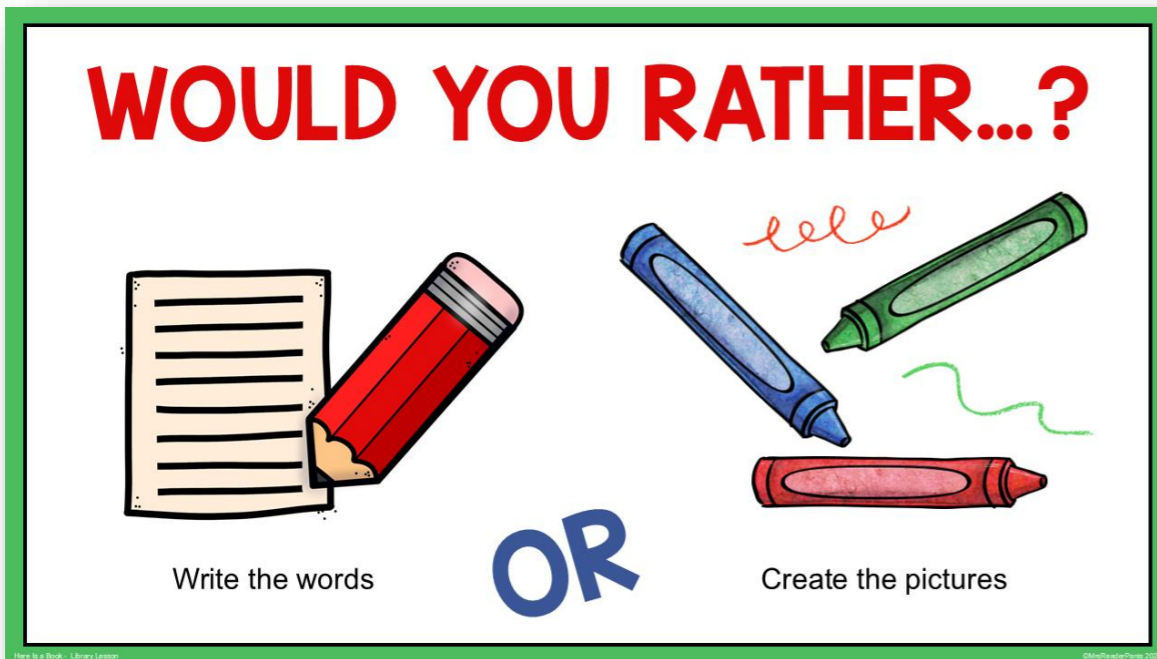
Today's author, Elisha Cooper, wrote the words of *Here Is A Book*.

He also painted the pictures!

How long do you think it takes to write the words AND paint the pictures?

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PART II - SCROLLING SLIDES



The slides in Part II need to be set on a timer (instructions with visuals included).

The scrolling slides include fun facts about book publishing, library vocabulary, Would-You-Rathers, and trivia questions.

Students watch the slideshow to find the images and information included in the differentiated Scavenger Hunt activities.

IS THERE ANY AI?

IMAGES

This presentation has
ZERO AI-generated images!

To support human artists, all clipart was purchased from human artists, some of whom are also classroom teachers, on TPT.

All photos are public domain photos.

TEXT: All text is original (**not AI-generated**), thoroughly-researched, and written by a certified Texas teacher-librarian with an MLS Degree.

A NEW BOOK IS BORN!


The **copyright date** is like the book's birthday.

This symbol is a C inside a circle.

The year after the symbol is the first year the book was made.

©2025

The copyright date for *Here is a Book* is 2025.



RECOMMENDED READS

This is an editable list of 33 recommended picture books, fiction, and nonfiction titles about books, libraries, reading, and the writing process.

I am a Texas-certified, experienced school librarian and ELA teacher. I hand-selected every book on this list. Every title on this list is well-reviewed for Grades 1-3+ (some fiction titles work better for Grades 4-5) and includes positive professional reviews in Titlewave.

Use it for your own reference, add it to book displays, or send it to teachers or home to parents!

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“Books Celebrating Books, Writing, Reading, and Libraries”

PICTURE BOOKS

- My Book and Me* (Park)
- Go Forth and Tell: The Life of Augusta Baker, Librarian and Master Storyteller* (McDaniel)
- A Story No One Has Ever Heard Before* (Steinberg)
- This Is a Story* (Schu)
- Once Upon a Book* (Lin)
- A Library* (Giovanni)
- Everything in Its Place: A Story of Books and Belonging* (David-Sax)
- Yours in Books* (Falatko)
- Saving Eli's Library* (Horowitz)
- Digging for Words: Jose Alberto Gutierrez and the Library He Built* (Kunkel)
- Read a Book with Me* (Schimel)
- Castle of Books* (Sanna)
- The Perfect Seat* (Lê)
- Dear Librarian* (Sigwarth)
- Abuela's Library* (Norman)
- Overdue: The Misadventure of Bob the Book* (Koster)
- I Am a Story* (Yaccarino)

FICTION AND LONGER NONFICTION

- The Secret Library* (Magoon)
- The Lost Library* (Stead and Mass)
- The Book That No One Wanted to Read* (Ayoade)
- Attack of the Black Rectangles* (King)
- The Bookshop of Dust and Dreams* (Thompson)

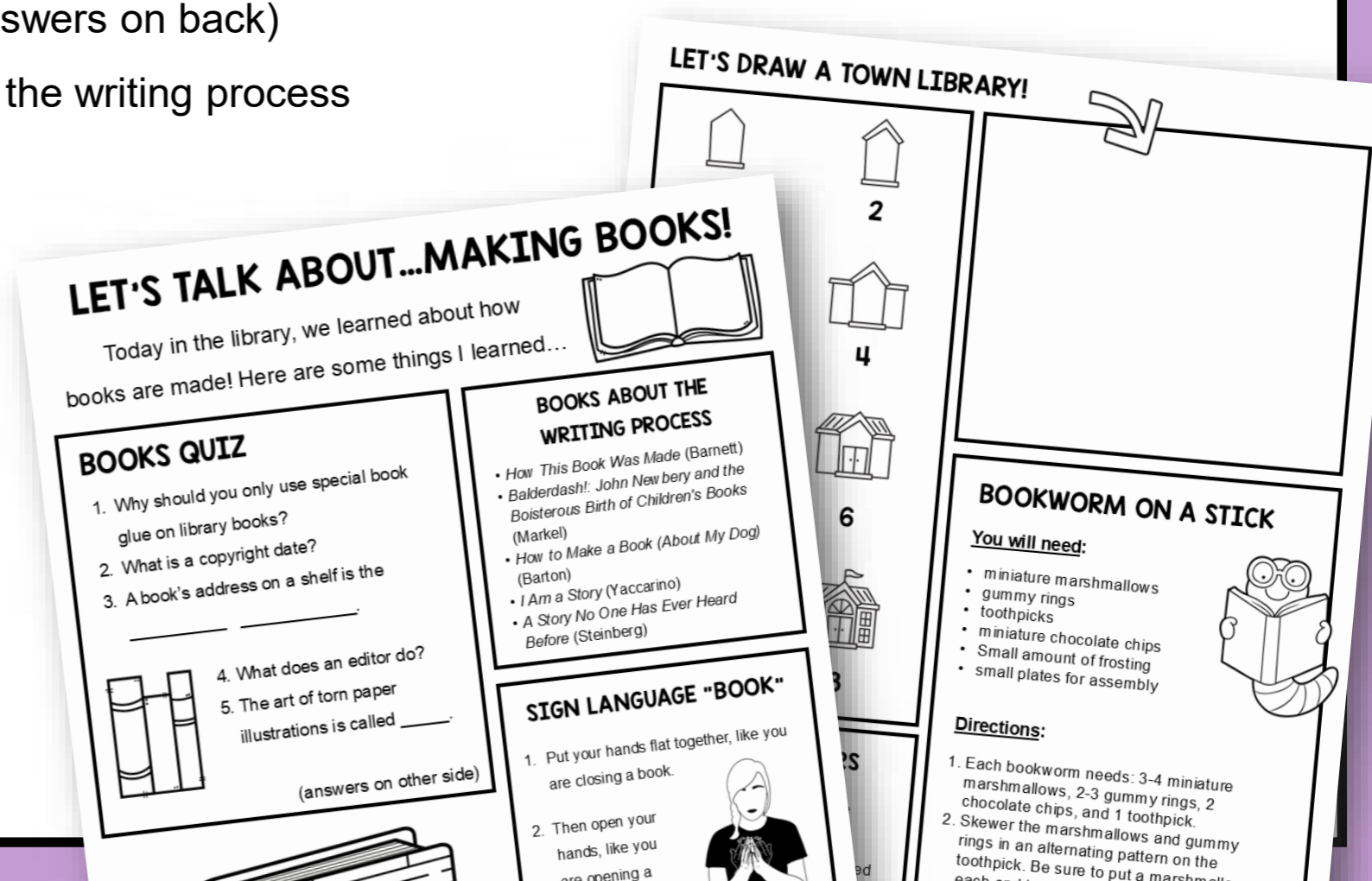
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- Finding Langston* (Cline-Ransome)
- The Tiny Hero of Ferny Creek Library* (Bailey)
- The Book Wanderers* (James)
- Leeva at Last* (Pennypacker)
- Book Scavenger* (Bertman)
- Share Your Smile: Raina's Guide to Telling Your Own Story* (Telgemeier)
- Your Story Matters: A Surprisingly Practical Writing* (Scrimger)

TAKE-HOME EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Students love to show off what they've learned! This take-home extension activity includes:

- Short quiz over facts in the presentation (answers on back)
- List of 5 recommended picture books about the writing process
- “Book” sign language
- Book maze
- Library and book publishing vocabulary
- How to draw a town library
- Easy-to-make bookworm snack



EDITABLE LESSON PLAN

Includes pre-filled lesson plan with AASL, CCSS, and TEKS standards for Grades 1-3.

The Notes page is a place where you can make notes to yourself for next year, or whenever you teach this lesson again.

100% editable to make it as easy and useful as possible!



Green arrow indicates grade level.

Each grade level (Grades 1-3)

has its own page of standards.


MORE PICTURE BOOK LESSONS

Love this Picture Book Lesson? I have a lot more! All follow the same format as this one.

INCLUDES GOOGLE™ SLIDES

CAVES

PICTURE BOOK LESSON




OTHER BLIND CAVE ANIMALS

The Mexican tetra fish isn't the only cave animal that cannot see! Here are some other cave animals that have adapted to life in the darkness.

Texas blind salamander (Edwards Aquifer, near San Marcos, Texas) Dougherty Plain cave crayfish (Florida and Georgia, USA) blind cave beetle (Slovenia)

designed for use with...
Caves by Nell Cross Beckerman


GRADES 2-5



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FIREWORKS

PICTURE BOOK LESSON




TRIVIA QUESTION

The **setting** of a story is the time and place where it happens. What is the setting of *Fireworks*?

Winter in the mountains Spring in a park Summer in a city (answer on next slide)

designed for use with...
Fireworks by Matthew Burgess


GRADES 2-4



INCLUDES GOOGLE™ SLIDES

HOW SWEET THE SOUND

PICTURE BOOK LESSON



TRIVIA QUESTION

Which artist is known as the "Queen of Soul"?

Donna Summer OR Aretha Franklin OR Whitney Houston (answer on next slide)

designed for use with *How Sweet the Sound* picture book by Kwame Alexander

GRADES 2-5

