JAN BRETT
AUTHOR STUDY

THE MITTEN · GINGERBREAD BABY · THREE SNOW BEARS



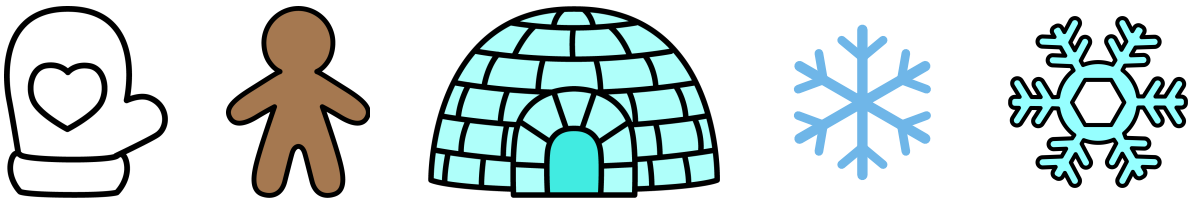


3 BOOKS

27 PAGES

PREK-2 READING

Jan Brett Author Study: Start Here



What's inside

- **Our three books** (page 3): a picture card and a short summary of each book, in our own words
- **The Mitten**: story map (page 4), match the animals (page 5), 6 events to cut (page 6) and a numbered glue mat (page 7)
- **Gingerbread Baby**: story map (page 8), 6 events to cut (page 9) and a glue mat (page 10)
- **The Three Snow Bears**: story map (page 11), 6 events to cut (page 12) and a glue mat (page 13)
- **Cause and effect**: cut 6 effects (page 14) and glue each one beside its cause (page 15)
- **Compare and contrast**: cut 6 facts (page 16) and sort them: only The Mitten, both books, only Gingerbread Baby (page 17); then a clue grid across all three books (page 18)
- **Retell and write**: first, next, last (page 19) and border-framed writing at three levels (pages 20-22)
- **Author study mini book**: 6 sheets to cut and staple (page 23) and a draw-your-own-border page (page 24)
- A class data page with every answer (page 25), a family letter (page 26) and credits (page 27)

About the books

These are companion pages for three picture books by Jan Brett: *The Mitten*, *Gingerbread Baby* and *The Three Snow Bears*. Read your own copy of each aloud, then use the pages. The summaries are in our own words and cover only the main events; your copy may have more. Nothing in this file copies the books' words or pictures. Read the book first, check each event against it, and change a piece or a word on the page if your edition differs.

How to use it

Do one book at a time (story map, then cut and glue) or read all three and finish with the compare pages. The answers are on page 25. Glue works best on card stock. You need crayons, scissors, glue sticks and a stapler for the mini book. The picture of each event is a hint, not the answer: children read the sentence on the piece.

Three levels (shapes by the name line)

- ● **Starting**: match the animal pictures, trace and copy a sentence. ■ **Building**: story maps, numbered glue mats, fill in a sentence. ▲ **Ready for more**: retell in your own words, write your opinion.

A five-day plan

- **Day 1**: The Mitten (pages 4-7). **Day 2**: Gingerbread Baby (pages 8-10). **Day 3**: The Three Snow Bears (pages 11-13).
- **Day 4**: cause and effect and compare (pages 14-18). **Day 5**: retell, writing and the mini book (pages 19-24).

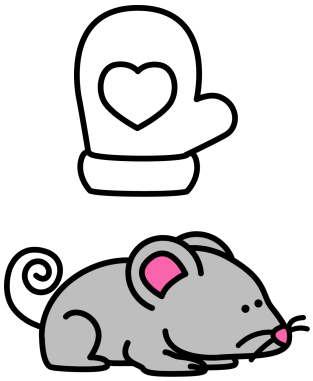
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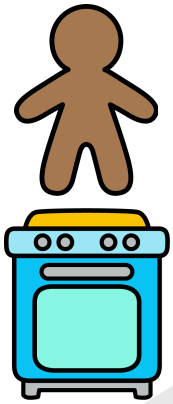
My name _____

Listen to the three books. Look at the pictures.



The Mitten

A boy drops a white mitten in the snow. Animals crawl in, one by one, until a bear sneezes.



Gingerbread Baby

A gingerbread baby jumps out of the oven and runs away. Everyone chases him.



The Three Snow Bears

A girl named Aloo-ki finds an igloo. Three bears come home.

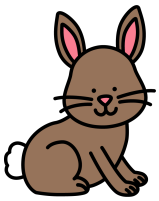
All three books were written by Jan Brett. Our own short stories, written to go with the books.

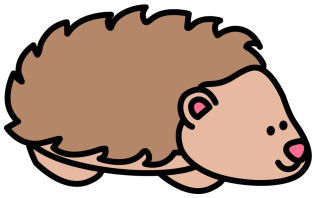
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My name _____

Some animals crawl into the mitten. Draw a line from each animal to its name.











- bear
- mouse
- rabbit
- hedgehog
- fox

More animals are in the story. Which others do you remember?

_____

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My name _____

Glue the pieces in story order. Start at 1.

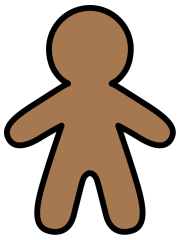
1	2
3	4
5	6

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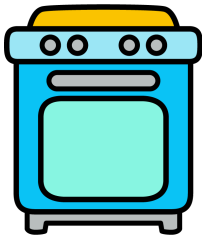
What happened first? What happened last?

My name _____

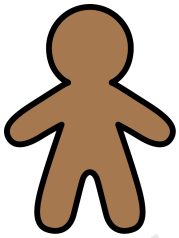
Cut out the 6 pieces.




The baby keeps running and running.



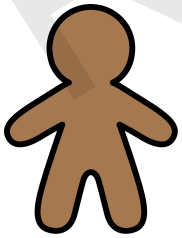
A gingerbread baby bakes in the oven.

The baby goes in the house.



Matti makes a gingerbread house.



The baby jumps out and runs away.



Matti runs after him.

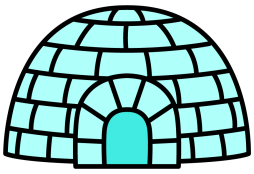


Cut out the 6 pieces.
Glue them in story order on page 10.

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My name _____

Draw and write the story.



THE THREE SNOW BEARS

Who is in it?

Where is it?

Beginning

Middle

End

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My name _____

Glue the pieces in story order. Start at 1.

1

2

3

4

5

6

PREVIEW

What happened first? What happened last?

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My name _____

Read what happened. Glue what happened next.

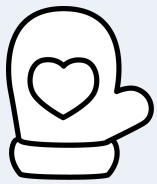
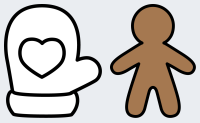
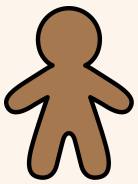
Why? (the cause)	Then what? (the effect)
Nicki drops his mitten in the snow.	
The bear sneezes.	
A gingerbread baby jumps out of the oven.	
Matti makes a gingerbread house.	
Three bears come home.	
A tiny mouse crawls into the full mitten.	

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My name _____

Glue each fact in the right box.

Only The Mitten	Both books	Only Gingerbread Baby
		

The two books are alike because

_____

_____

PREVIEW

My name _____

Pick a book. Draw and write what happened.

1. First



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2. Next



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3. Last



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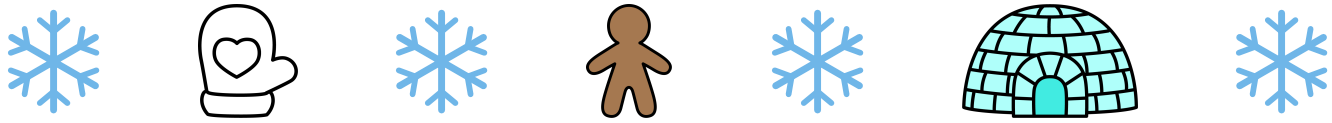
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mitten oven igloo snow sneeze runs

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My name _____

Pick words from the bank. Finish each sentence.



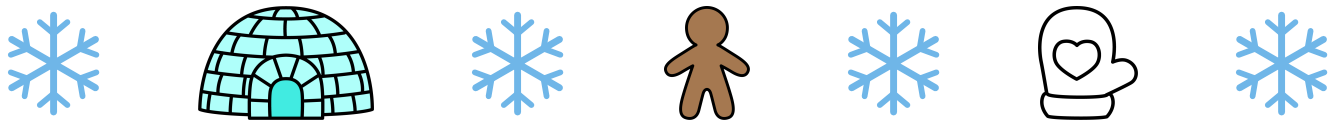
Nicki Matti Aloo-ki mitten cookie bears snow

My favorite book is _____

I like it because _____

My favorite character is _____

Draw it.



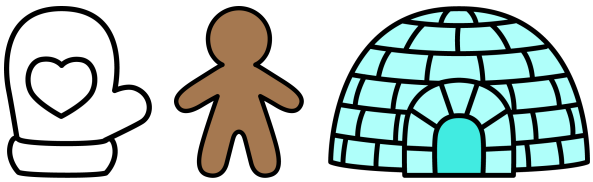
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My name _____

Cut the book pages. Put them in order. Staple.

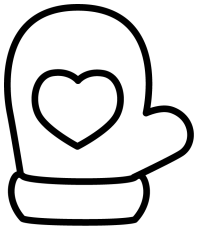
My Winter Book Study



by _____

1

The Mitten

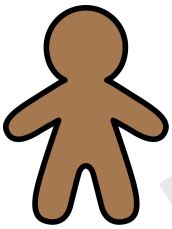


My favorite part:

_____

2

Gingerbread Baby

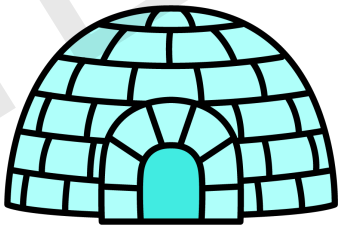


My favorite part:

_____

3

The Three Snow Bears



My favorite part:

_____

4

All three books are by Jan Brett.



The author wrote the words.

5

My favorite book is

_____

The end.

6

PREVIEW

Who Did What, with Answers

One row per child. Mark each activity done and write a word on how it went.

Class: _____ Week of: _____ Teacher: _____

Student	Mitten	Gingerbread	Snow Bears	Cause	Compare	Retell	Write

The Mitten, story order (page 7): 1. Nicki drops his white mitten in the snow. 2. Animals find the mitten and crawl in. 3. The mitten stretches. A fox and a bear squeeze in. 4. A tiny mouse crawls in too. 5. The bear sneezes! The animals pop out. 6. Nicki finds his mitten.

Gingerbread Baby, story order (page 10): 1. A gingerbread baby bakes in the oven. 2. The baby jumps out and runs away. 3. Matti runs after him. 4. The baby keeps running and running. 5. Matti makes a gingerbread house. 6. The baby goes in the house.

The Three Snow Bears, story order (page 13): 1. Aloo-ki goes out in the snow. 2. She finds an igloo. 3. She tries the food. 4. She tries the beds. 5. Three bears come home. 6. Aloo-ki runs away.

Match the animals (page 5), the pictures top to bottom are: rabbit, hedgehog, fox, bear, mouse.

Cause and effect (page 15), top to bottom, effect: Animals find it and crawl in; The animals pop out; Matti runs after him; The baby goes in; Aloo-ki runs away; The bear sneezes.

Compare (page 17): only The Mitten: A mitten gets lost; Animals squeeze in. Both: It is a winter story; Animals are in the story. Only Gingerbread Baby: A cookie runs away; Something bakes in an oven.

Which book? (page 18), top to bottom: The Mitten; Gingerbread Baby; Three Snow Bears; The Mitten; Gingerbread Baby; Three Snow Bears.

Story maps (pages 4, 8, 11), the retell (page 19) and the writing pages (pages 20-22) have many right answers; note the level the child used and check each event against your own copy of the book.

Next week we will: _____

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