



Bringing "The Snowy Day" to Your Program An Ezra Jack Keats Author Study

Activity Sheet — Book Evaluation

As you read "The Snowy Day" make notes under each of the guidelines offered as a starting point for evaluating children's books for racism/sexism. Then, as a group, discuss if the book has any elements of racism or sexism you should be aware of.

Check the illustrations (Look for stereotypes, tokenism and who's doing what.)

Check the story line (Look for standards for success, resolution of problems, women's roles.)

Look at lifestyles (Does it go beyond over-simplification of another lifestyle?)

Weigh the relationships between people (Who possesses the power, leadership, makes decisions?)

Note the heroes (Whose interest is being served?)

Consider the effect on a child's self-image (What messages does the child receive?)

Consider the author's/illustrator's background (Analyze biographical material.)

Watch for loaded words (Look for insulting overtones.)

Look at the copyright date

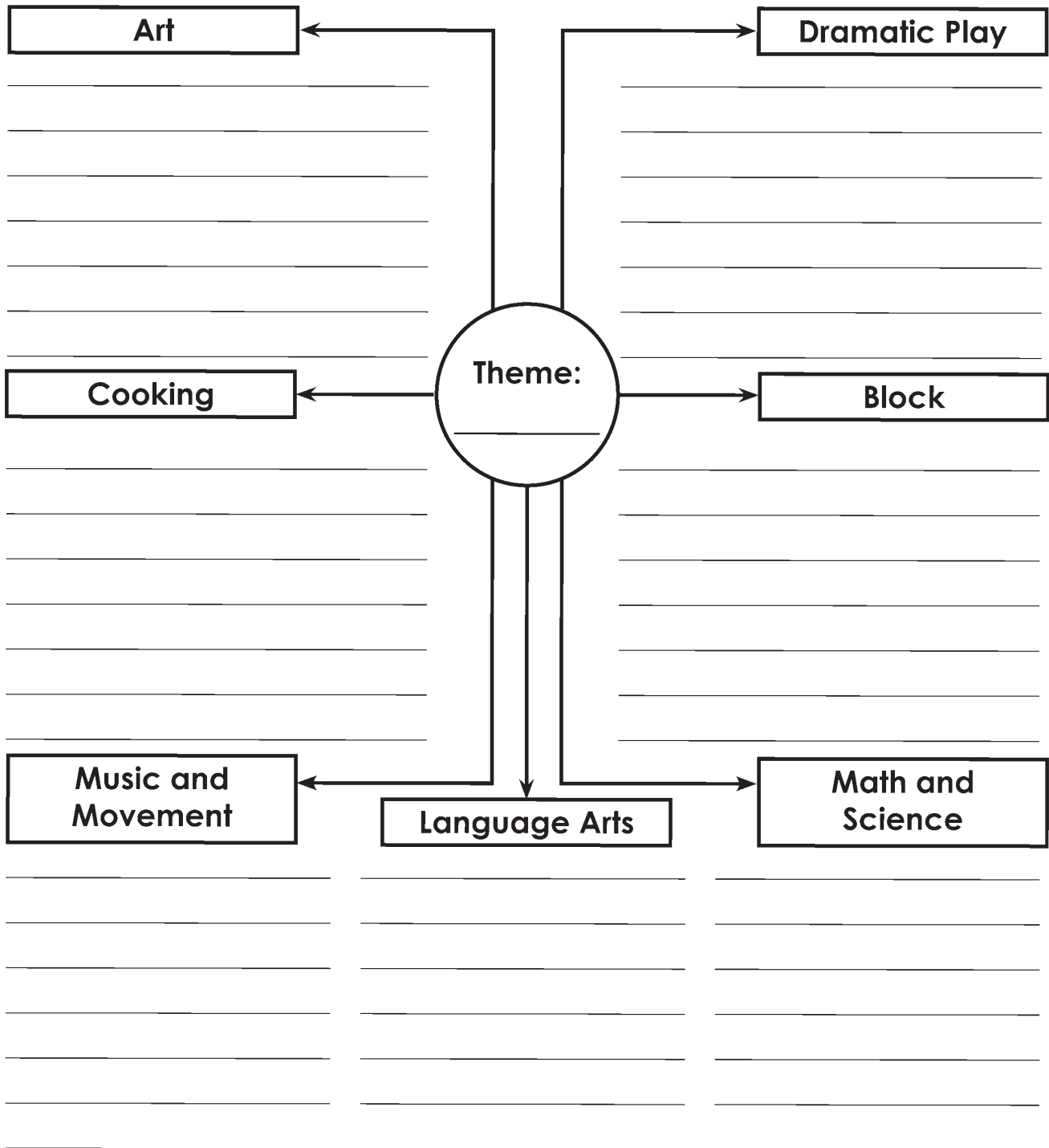


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Activity:

Learning Areas and Activity Ideas





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Activity: Book Title and Themes

