

Imagination: Puss in Boots

In this activity sheet students will:

- read a virtual book of Walter Crane's *Puss In Boots*, which has interactive page-turning, as they listen to the audio storytelling
- read and interpret the story *Puss in Boots* and analyse the main character
- colour in a page from Walter Crane's book
- express opinions about plot and character
- explore the function of rhyming words
- create their own picture book character.

Answers to Activity 2

The miller's son	I get given a cat
Puss in Boots	I wear big yellow boots!
The King's daughter	I fall in love with the miller's son.
The miller's son	I become the Marquis of Carabas!
The King	I save the miller's son and dress him in new clothes.
Puss in Boots	I catch rabbits and take them to the King.
The Ogre	I turn into a mouse!
The workers in the field	We gather the corn.

Answers to Question time

1. Cunning and scheming.
2. Student's own answer. Examples: He is quick-thinking and fun.
3. Puss in Boots lies to help the miller's son, so that the miller's son won't eat him.
4. Class discussion.

Answers to Activity 3 – Fill the gaps

Who do I help? – The miller's son.

Why do I help the miller's son? – So that he won't eat me.

Who do I trick? – The ogre, the King, the workers.

Additional reading

To see more picture books by Crane, including the other stories in *The Marquis of Carabas: Old Mother Hubbard, My Mother and Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*:

http://childrensbooksonline.org/Marquis_of_Carabas/

For further information about Walter Crane:

<http://www.library.pitt.edu/libraries/is/enroom/illustrators/crane.htm>

This site contains the original story of Puss in Boots by Charles Perrault:

<http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/perrault04.html>

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