



**Title:**

*The Mitten*

**Author:**

Jan Brett

**Illustrator:**

Jan Brett

**Summary:**

This book is about a little boy named Nicki who loses one of his white mittens that his Baba knitted for him, and different animals who make the mitten their home. A fox, mole, bagger, jack rabbit, hedgehog, owl, bear, and mouse all snuggle inside the mitten together to keep warm from the winter snow.

**Area of Use:**

I can use this book to introduce how to do a story map of a book. I will introduce how to pick out the author and illustrator, and what their associated jobs are in creating a book. Also, how to describe the setting, name the characters, and the main events or problem in a story. Then, I will use this book to talk about the difference between a fiction and nonfiction book, by asking the students if they think the events in this story could really happen.

When I read this book to my students, I will pass out masks of the different animals in the story, and I will have the students act out the story as I read. After I finish reading the book, I will go over how to do a story map of a book, and I will give my students a story map worksheet to complete for the book.

**Review:**

I really like this book because it is age appropriate for kindergarteners, and it integrates really well into language arts. Even though there are a lot of characters in the book, the plot is very simple and easy to understand. Also, this book can be easily integrated into language arts because there are a lot of writing activities that students can do with the book. For example, writing about an animal that the students choose to add to the story.