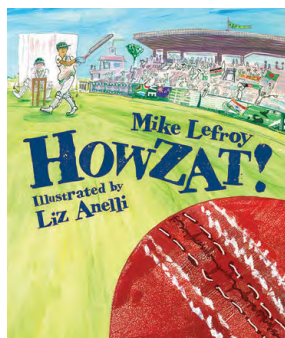




Walker Books Classroom Ideas



Howzat!

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Outline:

Kids all over the world play cricket. Follow their game all around the globe.

Whack! There's a sound in the blue summer sky. The sun's coming out, as the ball soars high.

Author/Illustrator Information:

Mike Lefroy has a passion for history, in particular the history of Western Australia and his hometown of Fremantle. His interests in history and education drew him to writing and he particularly enjoys the challenge of making the past come alive for children. Mike's publications for children include picture books, junior novels, non-fiction titles, education kits and web-based education activities.

Liz Anelli has recently come to live in Newcastle, NSW, having previously lived and worked as an illustrator in England. She has a huge passion for drawing and keeps rows of sketchbooks in her studio. Alongside books and other illustration commissions Liz has been a key activist for "The Campaign For Drawing", facilitating numerous international "Big Draws" for the past 13 years. She also has been much involved with creative child learning in schools and community settings. *Howzat!* is her first picture book with an Australian publisher.

How to use these notes:

This story works on many levels. The suggested activities are therefore for a wide age and ability range. Please select accordingly.

These notes are for:

- Primary years F-3
- Ages 5+

Key Learning Areas:

- English
- Art

Example of:

- Picture book
- Rhyming text

Themes/ Ideas:

- Cricket
- Sports
- Multi-culturalism
- Diversity
- Friendship

National Curriculum Focus:*

English content descriptions include:

Foundation	Year 1	Year 2
ACELA1429	ACELA1444	ACELA1462
ACELA1432	ACELA1787	ACELA1463
ACELA1786	ACELA1449	ACELA1465
ACELA1437	ACELA1452	ACELA1469
ACELA1440	ACELT1581	ACELT1587
ACELT1575	ACELT1582	ACELT1589
ACELT1783	ACELT1584	ACELT1590
		ACELT1591
		ACELY1666
		ACELY1667
		ACELY1668
		ACELY1671

*Key content descriptions have been identified from the Australian National Curriculum. However, this is not an exhaustive list of National Curriculum content able to be addressed through studying this text.



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Discussion Questions and Activities

Before Reading

Before reading *Howzat!*, view the cover and title of the book. Identify the following:

- The title of the book
- The author
- The illustrator
- The publisher
- The blurb.

What do you think the story might be about from looking at the title only? Do your ideas change after seeing the cover? Write your own story using the title *Howzat!*

Exploring the Text

There are flags on every page of *Howzat!* Which country does each flag belong to? Why do countries have a flag? Where and why would people use/fly a flag?

What are the rules of cricket? Ask students to raise their hands and tell the class about a rule they know about. Does everyone have the same idea about the rules?

Read the book aloud to the class without showing the pictures. Ask students to use their imaginations to picture what is happening on each page. Then reread the book showing the pictures. Ask students if the illustrations are similar or different to how they imagined them. Have a class discussion about how each person interprets a story differently.

Read the book as a class without looking at the country names in the back of the book. Ask students to use visual clues to guess which country is depicted on each spread.

Were any students or their families born in any of the countries mentioned in the book? Ask them to tell the class about that country and how it is similar and different to Australia.

What does the word “howzat” mean? When do people use the word?

Choose one or more characters in the illustrations and write a short story about what they are doing. What do you think they are thinking and feeling?

Some words in the book are written in a different font and size. Why do you think that is? How does it affect how you read the book?

What is happening on the last spread? How do you think people are feeling here? Write a diary entry of one of the people shown in the spread that covers what they are doing.

The illustrator has used pencil, gouache and mixed media to create the illustrations. Create your own illustration of a game of cricket using a mixture of media (for example: pencil, crayon, collage, paints, etc.)

Ask students to tell the class what their favourite picture book is. How is it similar or different to *Howzat!*?

What is your favourite part of the book? What do you like about that part?

Throw a *Howzat!* celebration in your school. Invite everyone to bring in some traditional food from their culture. In lieu of food, students could share a traditional song, dance or clothing. Finish the celebration with a big game of cricket.

Visit your school library and find other books by Mike Lefroy. Are his other books similar or different to *Howzat!*?

World Map Activity Sheet

Use the world map activity sheet on the following page to do the following:

- Colour in the countries that are mentioned in the book
- One the map, draw some items found on the corresponding spread (i.e. sunflowers and a fox on from the England spread)
- Draw your home
- Label the places you've been to on holidays
- Add some flags of other countries
- Label the oceans and seas

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