

A Full Moon Is Rising

A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

Themes: Nature, Astronomy, World Cultures

Grade Level: 3rd to 5th grade

Book Brief: This book is a collection of poems about the moon as it's seen around the world—and even from outer space!

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Explain that this book is a collection of poems about how people all over the world see the full moon. What is a full moon? Do the children know why the moon seems to change shape and size throughout the month?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

MOON METROPOLIS (AGES 7-12)

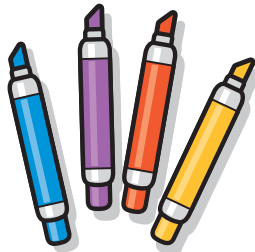
Materials: poster board, markers or crayons

Divide children into small groups and let them work together to create the first city on the moon! In designing their cities, each group should consider the basic things all cities need (e.g., schools, stores, transportation, etc.) and the specific challenges of living on the moon. Let each group share their cities and explain their designs.

ROUND ROBIN RHYMES (AGES 5-12)

Materials: large paper or poster board, markers or pens

Write a narrative poem about your group's trip to the moon. How do you get there? What do you take? What do you see on the moon? Each child should add one line to the poem. Try to make it rhyme! After the poem is finished, let each child illustrate their line.



MOON MACHE (AGES 5-12)

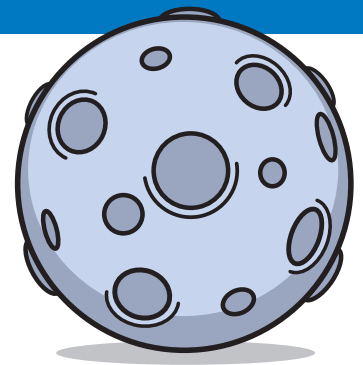
Make your own paper-mache moon! (This activity may take several days.)

Materials: 1 balloon (blown up), "paste" (mix 1 part flour, 2 parts water), newspaper strips, paint

1. Cover the balloon in strips of newspaper dipped in paste. Let dry.
2. Repeat as needed until you have covered the entire balloon to make a solid globe.
3. Paint white/grey. Use darker colors to make craters.

TECHNOLOGY LINK

With Google Earth, you can take a video tour of all the Apollo moon landing sites—narrated by the astronauts themselves! (www.google.com/earth)



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Tallulah's Tutu (2011), *I'm Your Bus* (2009), *The Boy Who Cried Alien* (2012).

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