

Notes - Story Maps

Use wallpaper, lining paper or big bits of sugar paper.

Keep them very simple and clear.

Only use words with young readers.

Do not copy my maps! Make the maps your own.

Use my map as a starting point for your map.

You can draw in lines, from side to side or wiggle down the page.

Do not use too many icons. } Too much clutter will
Do not use too many actions. } confuse the children.

Enjoy retelling the stories. Keep it easy.

Provide toys, masks and costumes. Play at the stories.

Draw the map in front of the children.

Provide equipment so children can draw their own maps.

Most of these stories are commonly known. Some I heard from storytellers in other versions. On the DVD I retell 'Cat, Bramble and Heron' which a boy in a Welsh school told me. This is based on a story held in the National Museum of Wales, told and recorded in 1968 by Lewis T Evans. It had evidently been retold and developed by a teacher or teller to whom I am grateful. My thanks to teachers and storytellers for keeping our stories alive. A few of the stories are original, often sparked by an idea in an invention session.