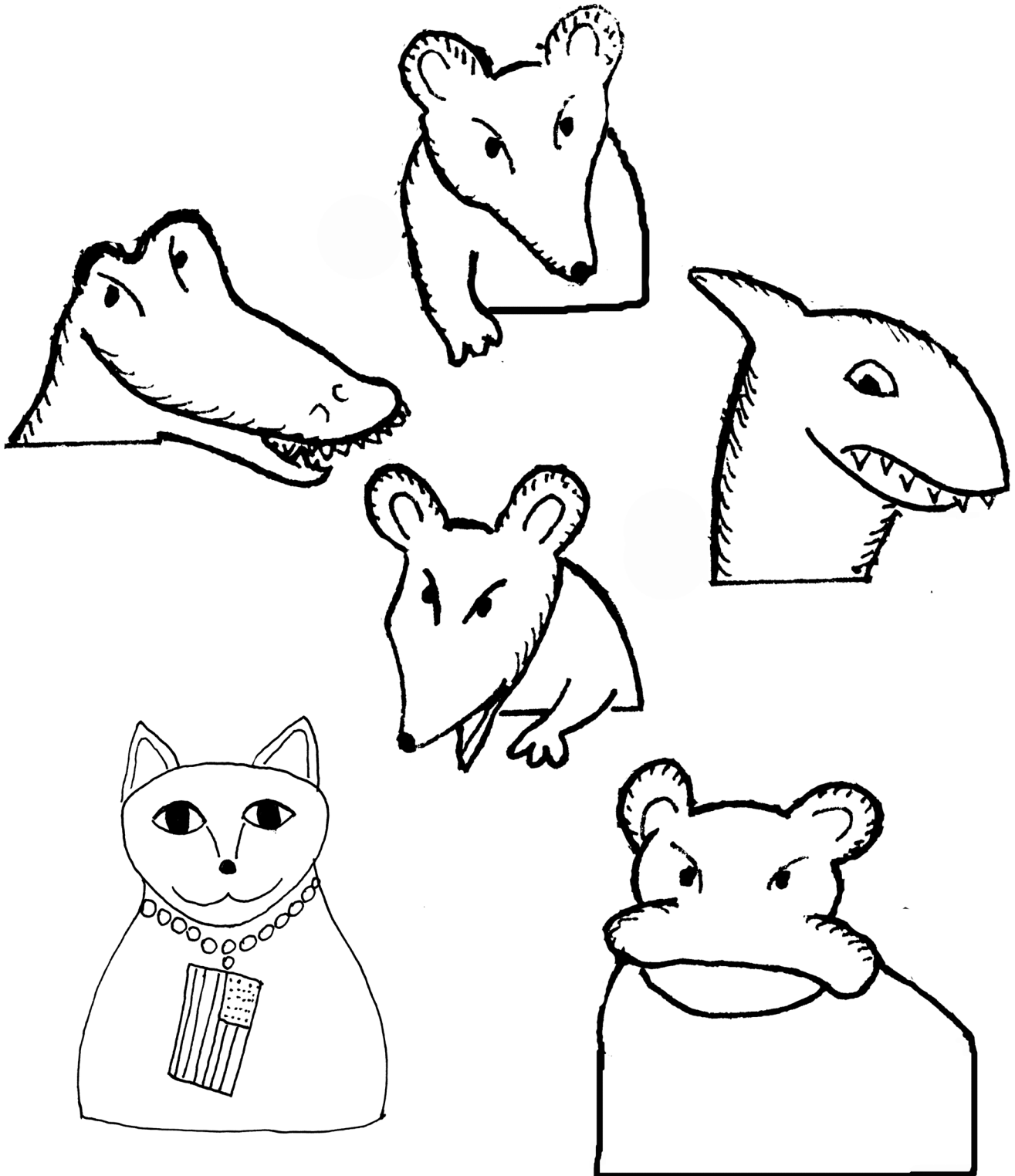


**Miss Kitty: The Republican Cat Puppet and Tea Party
Lesson Two (Includes Chapters Two And Three)*
from “Miss Kitty: The Republican Cat” by Susanna Lohse**

First, cut out the puppets (cutouts at the end of this lesson plan). They can be printed out and glued to popsicle sticks.



*all Chapters in Miss Kitty’s Book are called “Excerpts” - you are still getting complete chapters

Step One:

Miss Kitty (puppet) leads everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic,
for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Step Two:

Miss Kitty explains these excerpts (Two and Three)

Miss Kitty: In Excerpt Two I was further questioned about my jobs, and about my being a Republican. In Excerpt Three I was asked about how I went about organizing a protest.

Step Three:

Re-enact Excerpts One and Two using the puppet cut-outs.

Excerpt Two

Miss Kitty Admits She is Both a Republican and a Capitalist

Congressman Wranglycrat: How do you occupy most of your time?

Miss Kitty: Well, I have three jobs, really.

Congressman Wranglycrat: Three jobs! You're just a cat. How can a cat have three jobs?

Miss Kitty: Well, first of all, I am a family pet, and I take that job most seriously, but I also have two other jobs.

Congressman Wranglycrat: And what are these so-called jobs?

Miss Kitty: I hunt mice.

Congresswoman Hippocrat: I am outraged! How dare you kill innocent little mice. This is exactly why we had to pass The National Mandatory Indoor Cat Act of 2008.

Congressman Wranglycrat: All right, Congresswoman Hippocrat, calm down. We'll get to the bottom of this. Miss Kitty, you said you had three jobs. What is your third job?

Miss Kitty: I design and sell cat toys for kittens under the age of one year.

Congressman Wranglycrat: You've got to be kidding.

Congressman Gatorcrat: Are you admitting that you are a capitalist?

Miss Kitty: Yes, I am a capitalist.

Congressman Wranglycrat: Well then, before we go any further, I must ask you the following question: Are you, or have you ever been a member of the Republican Party?

Miss Kitty: Yes, I am now, and have been for many years, a member of the Republican Party. Well, except for my teenage years when I was a Libertarian.

Chairwoman Fishycrat: Now that we have cleared the air on that question, it's time for a short recess.

END OF EXCERPT (CHAPTER) TWO

Excerpt Three

Miss Kitty is Questioned About How and Why She Went About Organizing a Protest

Congressman Wranglycrat: Miss Kitty, tell me what is it that made you decide to protest this law.

Miss Kitty: Well, I first heard of the law when it was announced on a local Houston news station. I was in my mistress's bedroom, and she had fallen asleep doing her homework when the ten o'clock news came on. The first thing I experienced was paralysis.

Congressman Wranglycrat: Paralysis?

Miss Kitty: Yes, I was too stunned to move, so that night, I did nothing, but sit there quietly and watch my mistress sleep. The next morning, I fell into a welcome sleep, and slept all day until she came home. It was then that she took one look at me and went into a panic. She had learned the news at school.

Congressman Wranglycrat: So what, who cares? She went into a panic.

Miss Kitty: For her, it was devastating news.

Congressman Wranglycrat: All girls get hysterical, so what?

Chairwoman Fishycrat: Pardon me, Congressman Wranglycrat. What did you say?

To be read by teacher: At this point, The Chairwoman and Congressman Wranglycrat got into a heated argument about whether or not women were hysterical beings, while Miss Kitty sat by and watched with amusement. Once their argument was over, they again turned to ask Miss Kitty more questions.

Chairwoman Fishycrat: All right, Miss Kitty, please continue with what happened after your mistress had a panic attack.

Miss Kitty: Well, I asked myself, "Miss Kitty, what are you going to do about it?"

Chairwoman Fishycrat: Why? Why would you ask that?

Miss Kitty: I am a firm believer in the saying "if you want to change the world, you have to start with yourself," so it only makes sense that anyone with a problem would ask themselves, "what am I going to do about it?"

Congressman Wranglycrat: Isn't that how everyone thinks?

Miss Kitty: I can't speak for all people, but some people ask questions like "Why did this happen to me?" or "Why not someone else?" Or they just get depressed, and do nothing. "What am I going to do about it?" is a question that comes in handy for just about anyone with a problem—like when my mistress got into an argument with her best friend, but was mad at herself for what she said. I asked her "Well, what are you going to do about it?" and by the next day, she realized that all she had to do was apologize, and she made things right with her friend again.

Chairwoman Fishycrat: Miss Kitty, you are getting off the subject. Get to the point of what you were going to say.

Miss Kitty: All right. After asking myself the question, I stayed awake on my mistress's bed all night again, only this time, when morning came, I had an answer.

Chairwoman Fishycrat: And what was your answer?

Miss Kitty: I was going to fight this new law "tooth and claw."

Chairwoman Fishycrat: So what did you do then?

Miss Kitty: I went around and talked to all of the neighborhood cats and told them that I thought we should organize, and when my mistress came home, I asked her to tell all of her friends that we should organize. And by the end of the week, she had taken up enough of a collection of money that I had enough to print some flyers announcing that there would be a rally at city hall.

Chairwoman Fishycrat: So, you weren't influenced by anyone? You initiated this protest on your own?

Miss Kitty: Yes. The protest was my idea, if that's what you mean.

To be read by teacher: These were all the questions the committee had with regard to whether or not Miss Kitty was the initial instigator of the protest rally.

END OF EXCERPT (CHAPTER) THREE

Step Five:

Serve tea and cookies and discuss Miss Kitty's experience in front of the committee. This is good time to explain why people are having tea parties and what they mean. Like Miss Kitty's protest of the National Mandatory Indoor Cat Act of 2008 (see lesson one), Tea Parties are fundamentally a way to protest our nation's impending tax increases that will result from the stimulus package, placing a burden of over \$100,000 per family, of taxes not yet collected. One good way of explaining this is to tell children that if we had a credit card that said IRS on it, that the government has charged a lot of money on our IRS account, and that all Americans will have to pay their share of the bill, even if we don't pay the entire amount directly, all of us will pay somehow, with higher prices, and higher taxes. However, it's good to emphasize that as Americans, we can change things, and that we can prevail over this difficulty by electing representatives who will cut spending and cut our taxes.

(December 16, 1773) an organized refusal by Boston merchants to accept a shipment of tea, in protest against tea taxes retained after the British Parliament's repeal of the Townshend Acts. Patriots known as Sons of Liberty, led by Samuel Adams, Paul Revere, and others, dressed as Mohawks, boarded several British East India Company vessels and dumped 300 chests of tea into Boston Harbor.

Step Six - Lesson Conclusion

Teacher asks Miss Kitty to give closing words:

Miss Kitty, will you give us some closing words?

Miss Kitty: I'd be glad to. I am a Republican because I believe in life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and to me, this means limited government, fiscal responsibility, individual freedom and states' rights. We live in a wonderful country, and there's a lot to celebrate, especially if you're a cat, so, until next week, don't ever let your heart be filled with hate. Always stay on the sunny side of life.

Sing the Sunnyside of Life Song:

SUNNYSIDE SONG

Stay on the sunny side, Always on the sunny side,
 Stay on the sunny side of life
 You'll feel no pain as we drive you insane,
 If you stay on the sunny side of life.