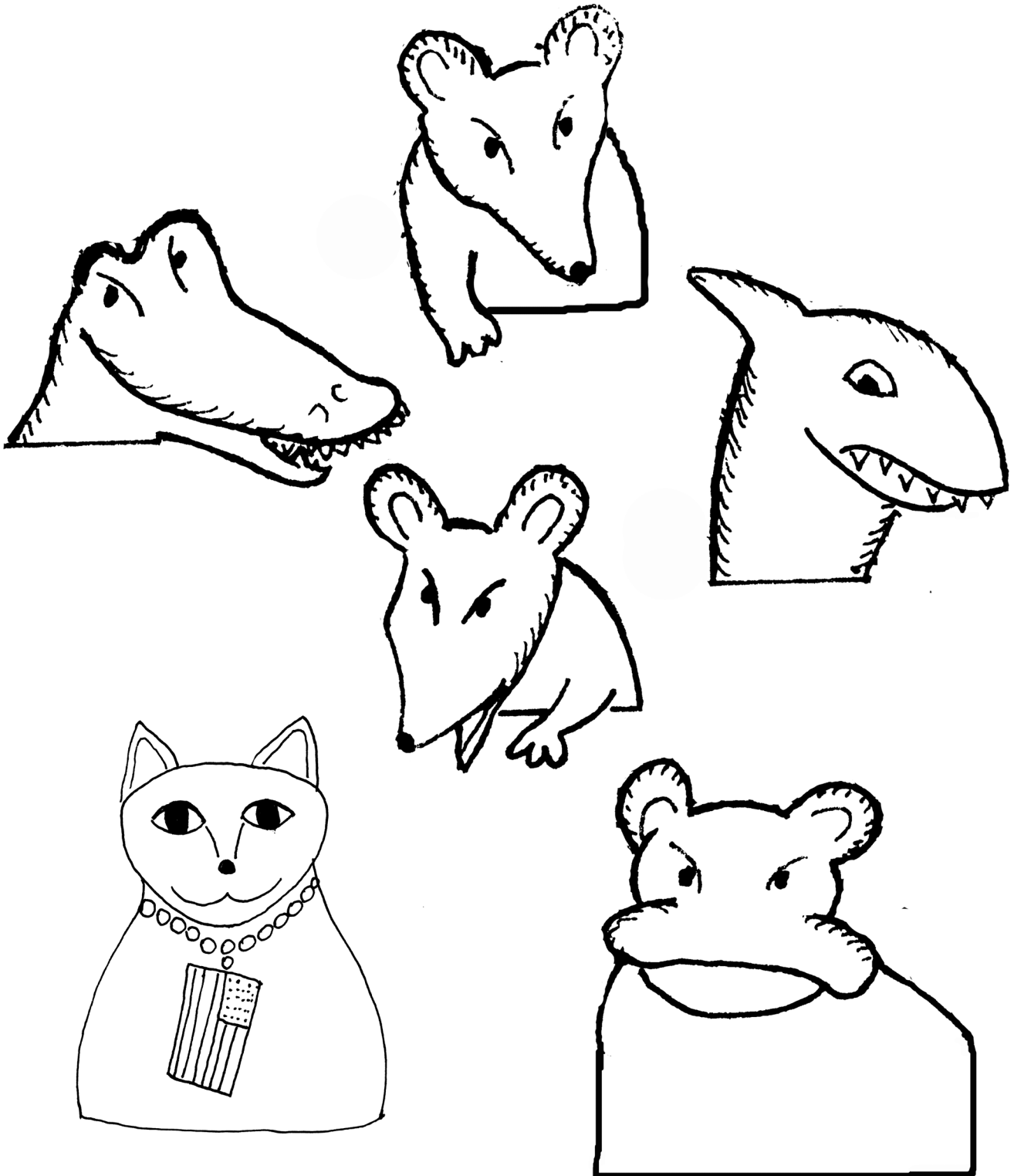


**Miss Kitty: The Republican Cat Puppet and Tea Party**  
**Lesson Three (Includes ChapterFour)\***  
from **“Miss Kitty: The Republican Cat”** by Susanna Lohse

First, cut out the puppets below. 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 this excerpt:

Miss Kitty: This excerpt has do with the committee questioning me about my having contacted a printer named Dodge Hendricks to have some flyers printed up so I could get the word out to my friends and neighbors about the National Mandatory Indoor Cat Act and the upcoming protest at Sugar Land City Hall.

**Step Three:**

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

**Excerpt Four**

**Miss Kitty is Questioned about her Having  
Contacted a Printer, Dodge Hendricks**

Chairwoman Fishycrat: All right, Miss Kitty, are you acquainted with a printer named Dodge Hendricks?

Miss Kitty: Yes, I am.

Chairwoman Fishycrat: On July 11th did you contact him via e-mail for a bid on a printing job?

Miss Kitty: Yes, I did.

Chairwoman Fishycrat: What did you discuss with Mr. Dodge Hendricks?

Miss Kitty: I told him that I wanted to print up five hundred flyers with black ink on gold colored paper, and I asked him how much it would cost.

Chairwoman Fishycrat: How much did it cost?

Miss Kitty: All together, it was going to be about \$78.00 and some change.

Chairwoman Fishycrat: How did you create this flyer?

Miss Kitty: I didn't. I just told Mr. Hendricks what I wanted the flyer to say, and asked him if he would be able to type it up for me. He was also kind enough to draw a picture for the flyer.

Congressman Gatorcrat: How is it that you were able to make a phone call to Mr. Hendricks?

Miss Kitty: I have taught myself to use a phone by holding a pencil in my mouth and pressing the buttons.

Congressman Gatorcrat: Miss Kitty, are you, or have you ever been, the agent of an evil capitalist corporation, like Wal-Mart, or an oil corporation?

Miss Kitty: Once again, I must answer no to that question. I am not the agent of a corporation, and I find it very offensive that you refer to capitalists and corporations as evil.

Congressman Gatorcrat: Come now, Miss Kitty.

Congresswoman Kraftycrat: I didn't like your answer, either, Miss Kitty. I'm going to ask you one more time. Are you the agent of an evil capitalist corporation?

Miss Kitty: No, but again, I am quite offended at how you refer to corporations.

This dialogue between Miss Kitty and Congressman Gatorcrat continued to the point where Miss Kitty, in an exasperated state, came right out with the following statement:

Miss Kitty: Each and every one of you have now asked me at least five times, whether I am the agent of what you refer to as an evil capitalist corporation. However, no matter how many times you repeat this question, my answer is no. Perhaps you believe that if you repeat this lie enough times, that I will slip up and say yes, but I won't. I won't slip up and I won't say yes. However, I do believe that you have been effective in that your repetition of this question will be turned into another false rumor about me. If I represent anyone, it's the millions of cats across America who are about to lose their freedom to roam outdoors.

At this point, Chairwoman Fishycrat steered the questioning back to the conversation that Miss Kitty had with the printer, Dodge Hendricks, and in the end, the committee had no success in getting Miss Kitty to admit that she was either an alien from outer space, or the agent of any corporation.

Miss Kitty: That was the end of Excerpt Four. I hope you learned something from my experience.

## **END OF EXCERPT (CHAPTER) FOUR**

### **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.

Miss Kitty's Fiyer:

**\*ATTENTION\***  
**ALL CATS**



THE NATIONAL MANDATORY  
INDOOR CAT ACT OF 2008 WILL  
GO INTO EFFECT ON DECEMBER  
31, 2008, FORCING ALL DOMESTIC  
CATS TO STAY INDOORS AT ALL  
TIMES. WE MUST PROTEST THIS  
LAW - WE HAVE THE RIGHT.

**THERE WILL BE A RALLY AT  
CITY HALL ON JULY 19, 2008 AT  
2:00 P.M.**

*Miss Kitty*