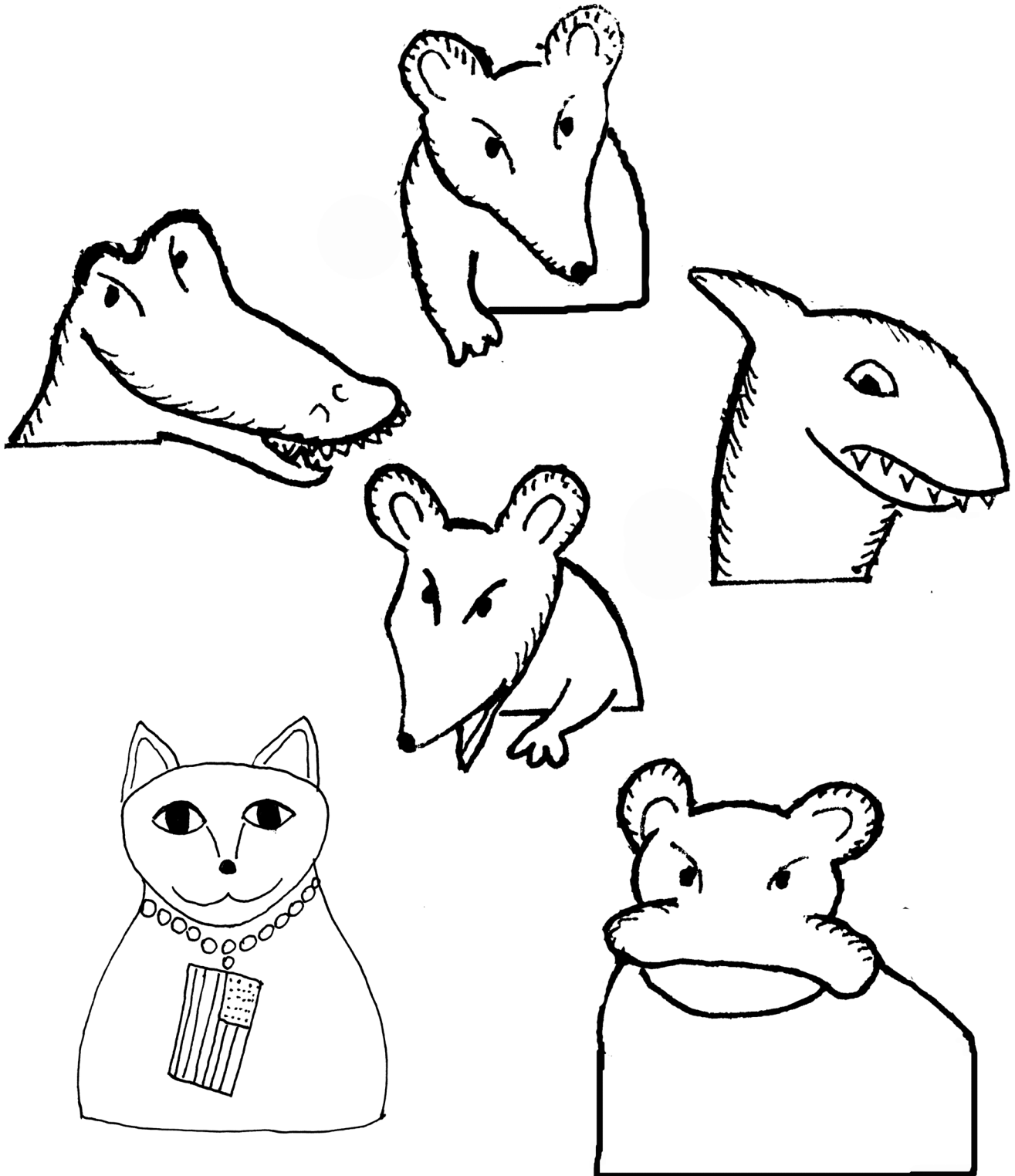


Miss Kitty: The Republican Cat Puppet and Tea Party
Lesson Four (Includes Chapters Five and Six)*
from **“Miss Kitty: The Republican Cat”** by Susanna Lohse

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: These excerpts (chapters) have do with the committee questioning me about my having contacted a television station reporter named Ted Bolson. As well, I am asked to name names when the committee wants to know who helped me organize my protest against the National Mandatory Indoor Cat Act at Sugar Land City Hall, which has now made Miss Kitty: The Republican Cat a prophetic book because on April 15, 2009, over three months after my book was published, there was a Tea Party protest held at Sugar Land City Hall, which I can tell you I was very excited to have attended.

Step Three:

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

Excerpt Five

**Miss Kitty is Questioned about her Having
Contacted a Television Station Reporter**

This questioning took place on Miss Kitty's third day in front of Congress.

Chairwoman Fishycrat: Miss Kitty, on July 18th you contacted a reporter for channel Fifteen, Eye Witness News in Houston, Texas, a Mr. Ted Bolson. Is that correct?

Miss Kitty: Yes.

Chairwoman Fishycrat: Can you please tell us why you contacted Mr. Bolson?

Miss Kitty: Yes. I contacted him via e-mail to tell him that there would be a rally the following day in front of Sugar Land City Hall.

Chairwoman Fishycrat: And what did Mr. Bolson say.

Miss Kitty: He said he would be there with a crew at 3:00 P.M. sharp.

Chairwoman Fishycrat: And what did you tell Mr. Bolson what the rally was about.

Miss Kitty: I told him that it was to protest the National Indoor Cat Act of 2008.

Chairwoman Fishycrat: And what was his response?

Miss Kitty: As I said before, he said he would be there with a crew at 3:00 P.M. sharp.

Congressman Wranglycrat: Now, Miss Kitty, try to remember. Did he say anything else?

Miss Kitty: Let's see, if I can remember. He was sympathetic to the cause, but I can't quite recall his exact words.

Congressman Wranglycrat: I knew there was more to the story. Did he say anything else?

Miss Kitty: Oh, it is coming back to me, but I am hesitant to say.

Congressman Wranglycrat: Miss Kitty, you are under oath. Do you understand what can happen to you if you don't tell us all of the facts?

Miss Kitty: Yes, I think so.

Congresswoman Hippocrat: What did he say?

Miss Kitty: If you really must know, he said he thought it was a stupid law and he would be glad to help me out.

Congresswoman Hippocrat: The nerve of a reporter to have such a biased opinion! I am outraged!

Chairwoman Fishycrat: I agree. It is an outrage. The biased opinion of a journalist should not enter into his work. I suppose you people in Texas have no problem with such media bias.

Miss Kitty: May I say on Mr. Bolson's behalf that he and most other Texas reporters are pretty straight shooters when it comes to reporting—not like some national network news reporters who have no qualms about distorting the news and fibbing the way they do.

Congresswoman Hippocrat: We don't need your opinion about national network news outlets Miss Kitty. You are here only to testify about your case. If we want to give an opinion, that is our business, but it is not your business to respond in kind.

Miss Kitty: I will do my best to comply with your wish, Miss Hippocrat.

Congresswoman Hippocrat: That's Congresswoman Hippocrat to you.

After a few more testy questions, the committee adjourned for lunch.

EXCERPT SIX

Miss Kitty is Asked to Name Names

After lunch, the committee had a few more questions regarding Miss Kitty and her conversation with Houston reporter, Ted Bolson, which led to their asking Miss Kitty to reveal who helped her with the organization of her rally.

Congresswoman Hippocrat: So, you may be the one who contacted Mr. Bolson, but you still must not have acted alone in the organization of this rally. You must have had help. Did anyone else help you? And if so, who did?

Miss Kitty: You want me to name names?

Congresswoman Hippocrat: Yes, Miss Kitty. I want you to name names.

Miss Kitty: All right then, I was helped by my mistress, Angie Martinez and some of her friends.

Congresswoman Hippocrat: And who were these friends of your mistress, of Angie Martinez?

Miss Kitty: Well, let's see. There was Keela Jackson and Beth Thompson, those are Angie's two best friends, and my cat friends, Fluffy, Tanker, and Trixie, Miss Puffy, Zorina, Barty, Gab, Yanker, Scratchy, Jenkins, Polly, Molly, Henrietta, Boopsy, Pumpkin, and let's see, three Chihuahuas named Don Quixote, Paco Sanchez, and Sancho Panza, and one Rat Terrier, named Frisky.

Congressman Kraftycrat: Did you say, Rat Terrier?

Miss Kitty: Yes, I did.

Congressman Kraftycrat: I loathe Rat Terriers.

Miss Kitty: That's understandable, since both you and Congressman Wranglycrat are . . .

Congressman Wranglycrat: Go ahead and say it. We're rats.

Miss Kitty: I meant no offense.

Here, Congresswoman Hippocrat continued to ask Miss Kitty to name names until Miss Kitty had named the names of all of her neighbors, their children, their dog's names, as well as the names of their in-laws, their out-laws, all the way up to their distant third cousins, twice removed, and the names of any other kinds of pets they had, including the name of a pot bellied pig named Tootsie.

Miss Kitty: That was the end of Excperts Five and Six. I hope you learned something from my experience.

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.