Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do You See?
Literacy Skills / Writing

Materials

1. Photocopy bear from cover
2. Color chart using animals from the book

Procedure

A great picture book can be used in a variety of ways. Below are some suggested activities for Eric Carle's Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do You See?

1. Photocopy bear onto brown cover paper, fold in half, and make a little book with white paper inside. The book can be cut out to make the bear shape. Ask children to re-write the story of Brown Bear. They can change the animals, the colors, and what the animals see.

2. Make a color chart using the animals in the book.

3. Create a class book for which each child writes and illustrates his/her own page. In response to “Children, children, what do you see?,” students can draw self-portraits and complete the sentence, “I see a ________ looking at me.” Encourage students to be silly and creative. You may also emphasize shapes and/or adjectives, by asking students to include a shape in their response, such as, “I see a round, red beetle looking at me.”