



PAWPRINT
PRODUCTIONS

STOP!

Gangster Koala!

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TEACHING NOTES

SYNOPSIS

Squeaky Minders actor Archie is the nicest, cuddliest koala in town. But he wakes up after a filming accident, convinced he's Hoodlum Pie-Claw, his lemon-meringue-pie-throwing gangster character from the show. And there's nothing cuddly about Hoodlum, as the other animals at the Pawprint Productions studios are about to discover ...

Whoooooooo!! Whoomp! SPLAT!!!

Meek and Squeak are hot on Hoodlum's tail but can they stop the gangster koala's reign of terror before calamity strikes?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

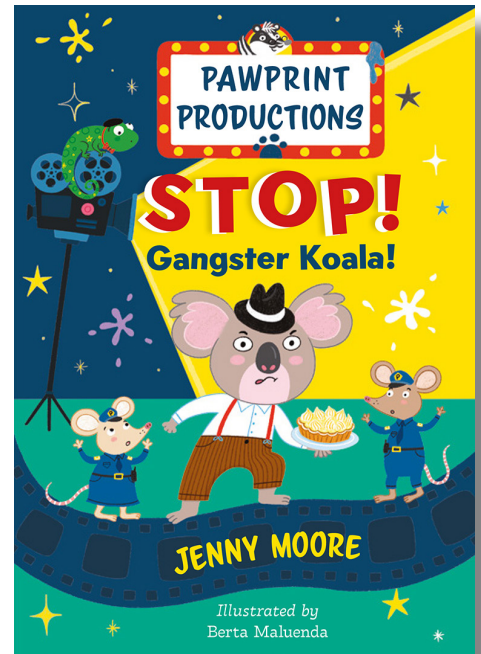
Jenny Moore is a novelist and children's author from Devon, writing for all ages from toddlers up to adults. Her numerous children's books include *Odelia and the Varmint* (also published by New Frontier Publishing) and *Emba Oak and the Terrible Tomorrows* which was shortlisted for the James Reckitt Hull Children's Book Award 2024. She lives in an old house by the river, where she spends her days plotting, planning and paragraph-pruning ... and drinking lots of tea! Jenny can be contacted on Instagram @jennymoorewrites

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Berta is a Spanish illustrator living in her hometown, Zaragoza. She has a degree in Fine Arts and a Master's in Drawing and Videocreation from the University of Granada. She also obtained a postgraduate degree in Children's Illustration in Barcelona. She has worked in various fields of visual arts, including animation for music videos, archaeological drawing in Egypt, mural painting, and numerous editorial projects, mainly for children and young audiences. She loves live music, listening to the radio, travelling and reading, and is inspired by people around her, art, tea and animals.

EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

STOP! Gangster Koala! is the first book in a hilarious brand new series, *Pawprint Productions*, by award-winning author, Jenny Moore. Pawprint Productions studios are home to all sorts of exciting animal TV shows, but sometimes the stories behind the shows are even more exciting! Featuring a host of engaging, diverse animal characters and fun, quirky illustrations throughout, this book will appeal to animal lovers and fans of humorous fiction.



A BRAND NEW LAUGH-OUT-LOUD JUNIOR FICTION SERIES BY AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR FEATURING CRAZY ANIMALS AND WILD ADVENTURES SET IN PAWPRINT PRODUCTIONS TV STUDIOS.

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their hands up in the air in pretend **fear** and *laughed*.

Archie put down his imaginary pies and *blushed*. 'Sorry,' he said. 'I didn't know you were there.'

Meek grinned. 'No need to apologise. That sounded great. We're really looking forward to working with you, aren't we, Squeak?'



'You bet,' agreed Squeak, nodding her head. 'You'll be **brilliant!**'

Archie forced a smile. 'I hope so. I've been feeling *nervous* all morning. All week.' He rested his paw on his *furry* tummy to try and still the *fluttering* butterfly feeling inside. Landing a role in *Squeaky Minders* was a dream come true. But he'd never played the part of a villain before and **Hoodlum PIE-Claw** was the **biggest** villain of them all. What if he wasn't **mean** and **scary** enough? And what would happen when they got to the rooftop chase scene? What would the director say when she discovered Archie was *scared* of heights?

FUN WORDSEARCH ACTIVITY

Can you find some of the characters in the *STOP! Gangster Koala!* wordsearch?

Name:

Class:

Date:

word search

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W S A L R A K N A
P P D C S E Q O T
A O L O U I H T I
S T E R N H O R N
Q L Z G E C O E D
U H I I G R D K K
E U R J D A L N E
A G G O U M U I E
K O E E B A M P M

ARCHIE
BUDGE
CORGIJOE
GRIZELDA
HOODLUM

HUGO
KARLA
MEEK
NITA
PINKERTON

RAMA
SPOT
SQUEAK
STERNHORN



Answer Sheet

word search

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W	S	A	L	R	A	K	N	A
P	P	D	C	S	E	Q	O	T
A	O	L	O	U	I	H	T	I
S	T	E	R	N	H	O	R	N
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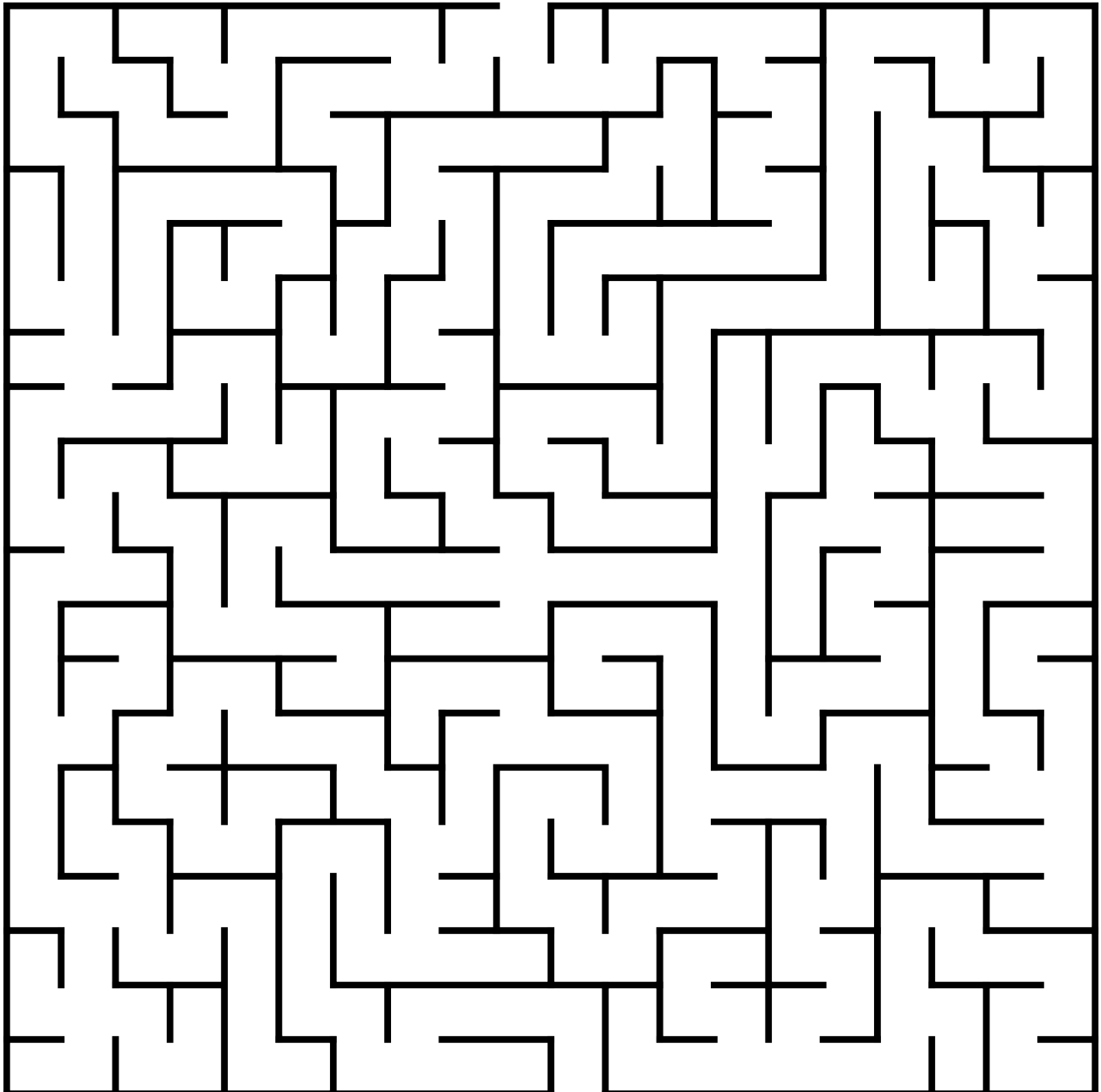
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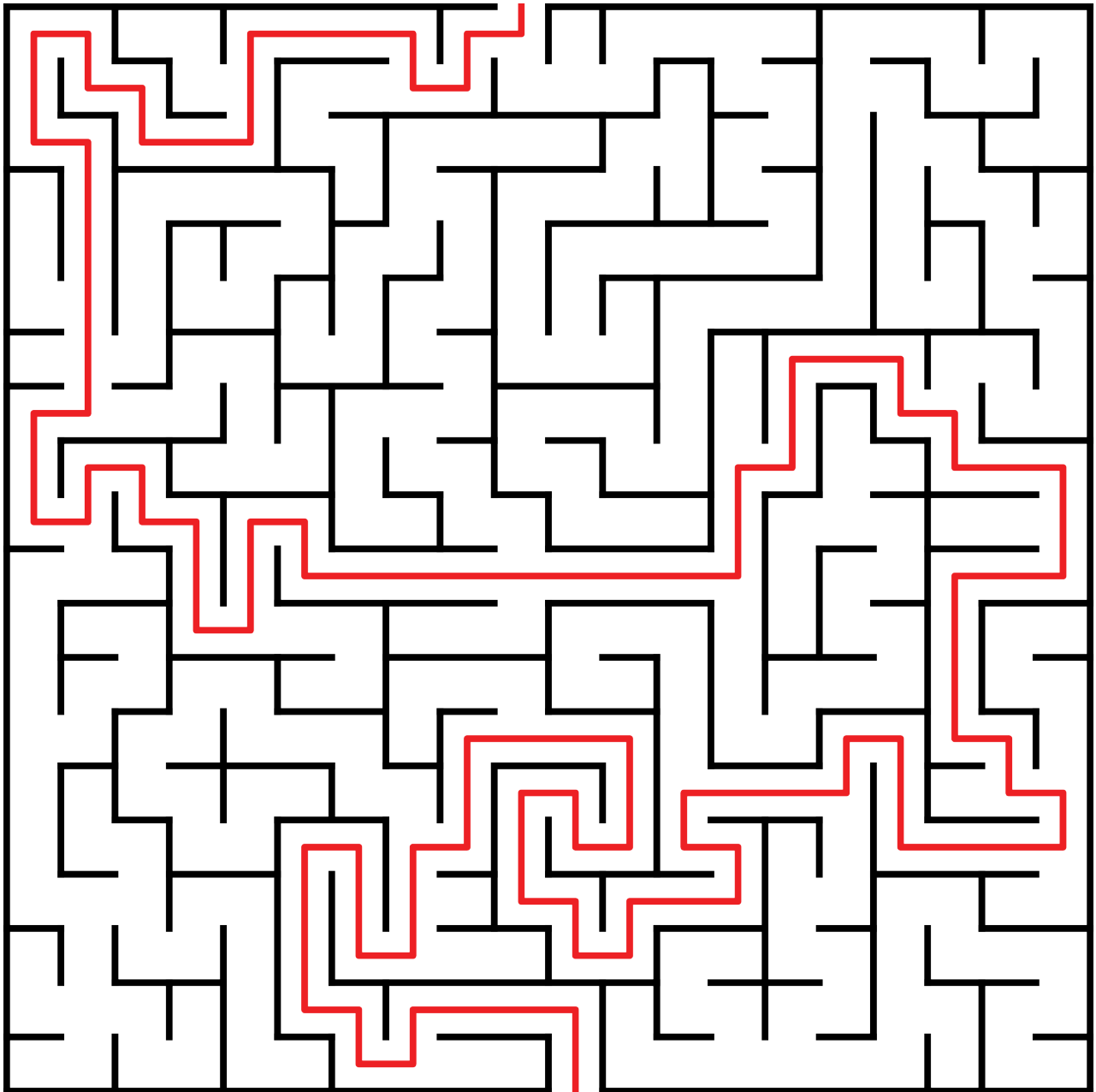


A-MAZE-ING GANGSTER KOALA!

Can you help Meek and Squeak find that Gangster Koala – Hoodlum Pie-Claw?

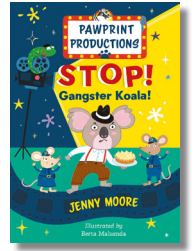


SOLUTION TO A-MAZE-ING GANGSTER KOALA!



DESIGN A COVER ACTIVITY

Why don't you have a go at designing your own cover for the book? You could include elements from the book's cover or use your own ideas.



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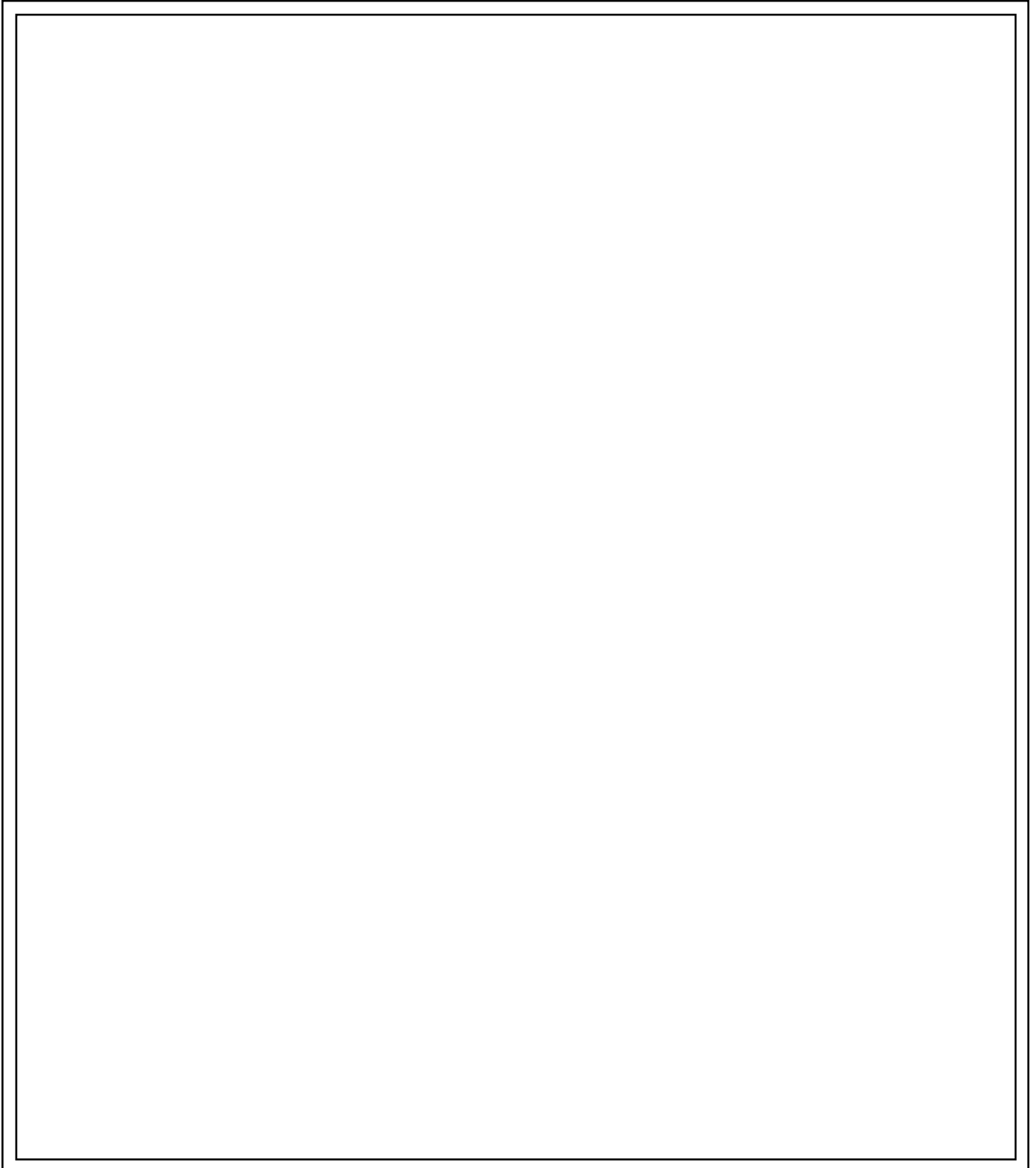
LITERACY

WRITING ACTIVITY I

Write a front page newspaper report about the recent events happening at PAWPRINT PRODUCTIONS.

You might want to include:

- A headline – this should be short and grab the reader's attention.
- An orientation – a short one or two sentence summary of what happened (think who, what, where, when, why).
- An article including the main events from the book.
- You could include some interviews or quotes from people who were there.
- Pictures with captions

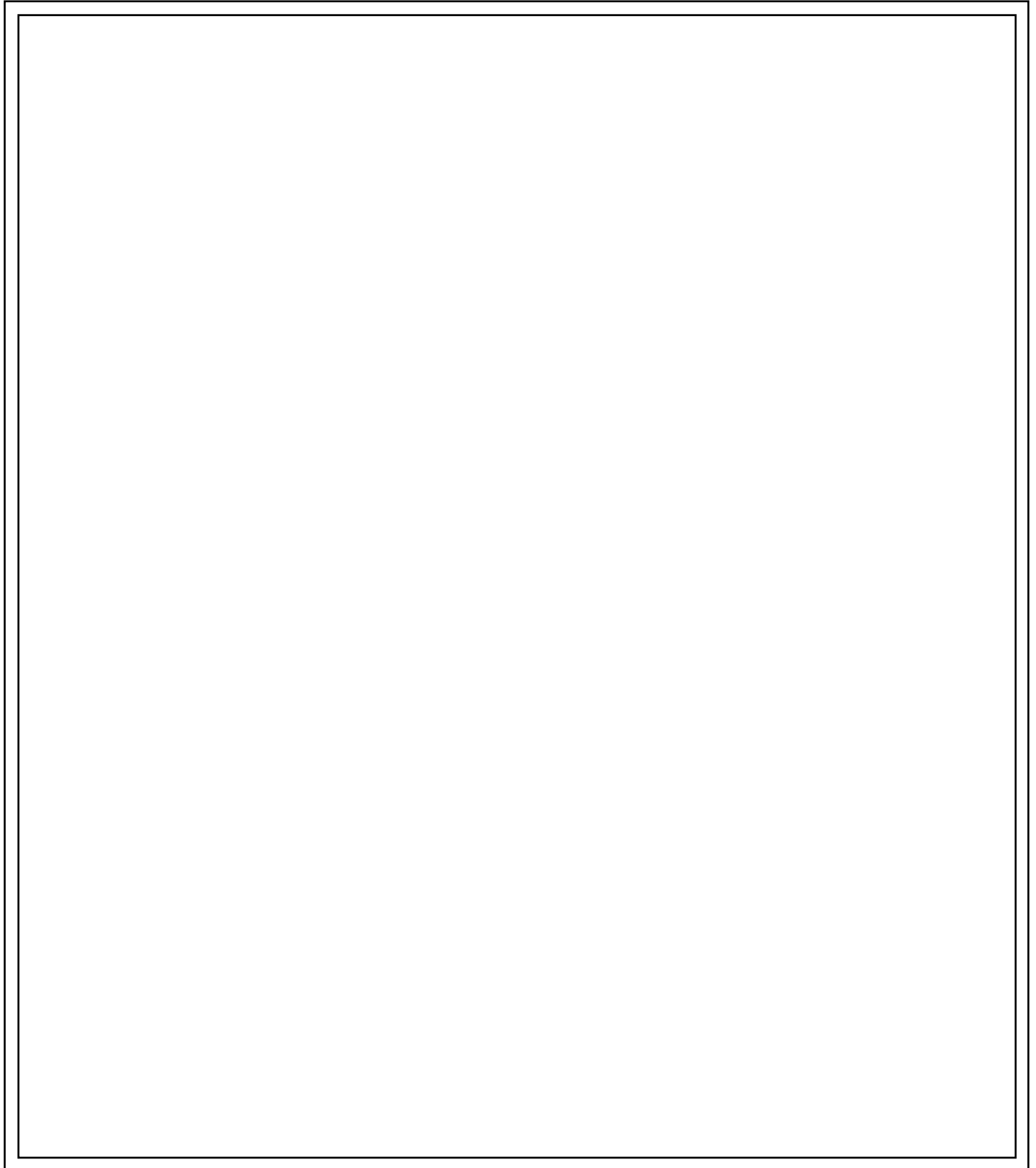
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WRITING ACTIVITY 2

Design your own quiz show!

Things to think about:

- Decide on a name for the quiz
- Create your own themed quiz questions (This is a good way to find out interesting facts!)
- Choose fabulous prizes
- You could even make up your own theme tune/jingle as a spin-off music activity
- Try out a live version of the quiz show with classmates as contestants.

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