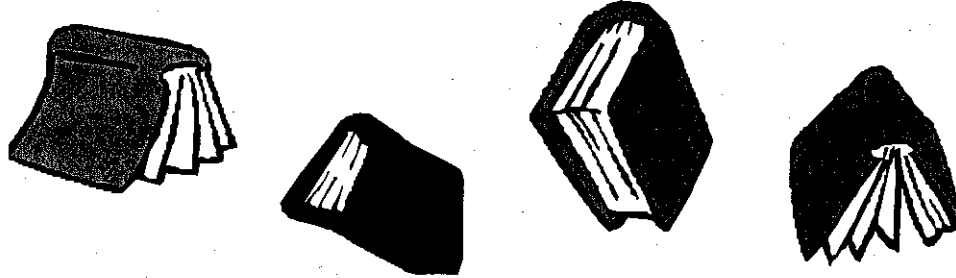


Daniel Manus Pinkwater



Read, Read, Read! Read as many of the Daniel Manus Pinkwater books as you can. Make sure that you write a brief summary of each book as you read it.

Develop a rating scale to use with each book. You might make your scale more like a survey or you might make an "attitudinal rating scale":

A Survey:

- Did the book have good illustrations?
- Did the book have a great beginning?
- Did the book make you laugh?

Attitudinal Rating Scale:

This book was very funny.

Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Decide how to structure your rating system and create a form to be used with each book.

Write to Daniel Manus Pinkwater. Usually, you write to the publisher and they will see that he receives the letter. This is a chance for you to tell him what you think of his books and what they mean to you. Use specific examples to let him know what you like and dislike. It is also a good chance to ask him questions that you can't find answers to in your research.

Develop and write a short chapter book in the same basic style as Pinkwater's. Develop your own original idea. When you have completed your written manuscript, add illustrations in the same style as those found in Pinkwater's books.

- Select two of your favorite Pinkwater picture books. Read and re-read them out loud until you can almost tell them from memory. Record your stories on two separate cassette tapes. Create an appropriate set of puppets for each story. Use a pillowcase to make a story bag for each book. Add a cloth pocket to the exterior of the pillowcase. The book goes in a pocket on the outside. The objects and puppets to tell the story with and the cassette tape go inside the pillowcase. Add a drawstring through the hem of the pillowcase to use for closing the bag and keeping the contents safe. Decorate the outside of your story bag. Share your story bag with a class of beginning readers or a local library.

- Make a chart showing the similarities and differences between Pinkwater's books. Now make a second chart showing the similarities and differences between Pinkwater's books and Roald Dahl's books.

- Pretend that Pinkwater will be coming to a local bookstore. As Pinkwater's publicist, create a flyer, poster, and newspaper ad announcing the event. Think about what elements on each of the above would attract people to the event. First you will need to decide who you are trying to appeal to—is it other kids, parents, teachers? Design your publicity campaign based on these ideas.

