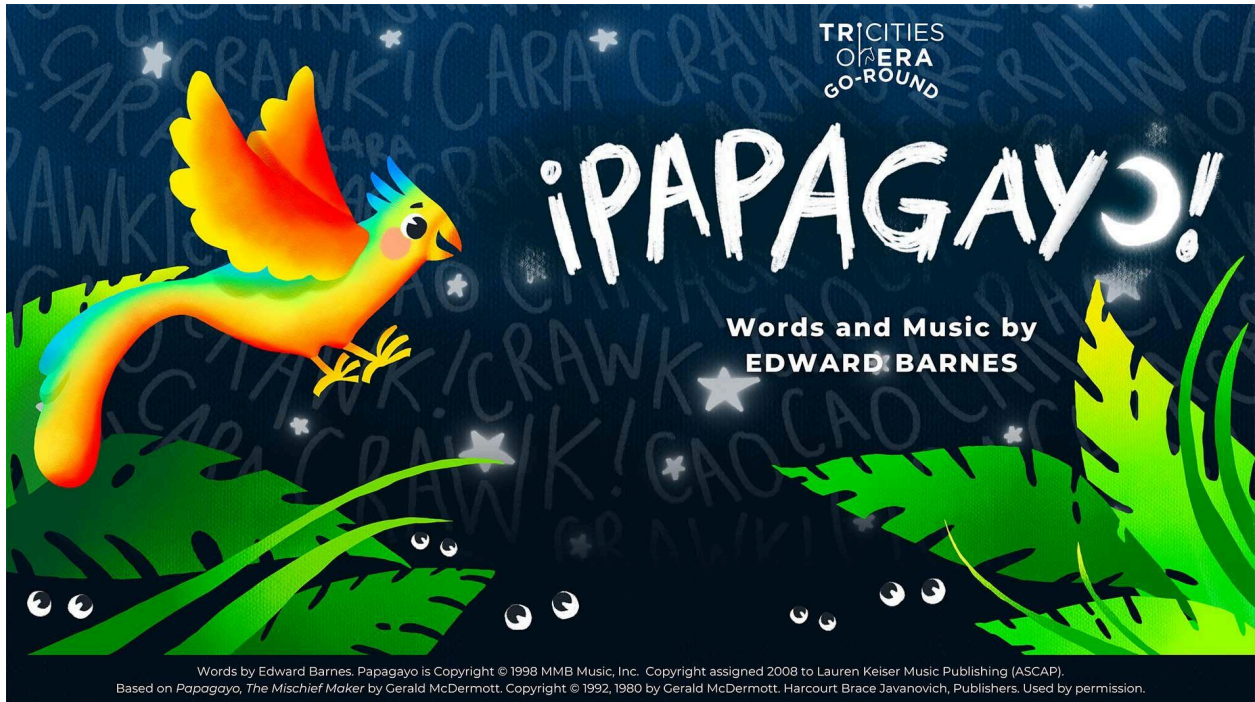


Tri-Cities Opera Presents... *Papagayo!*

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**Study Guide to Accompany the Children's Opera
Intended for Grades K-2**

**A Production of Tri-Cities Opera's
Opera-Go-Round**

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Suggested Supplies: Pencil, eraser, crayons/colored pencils/markers, Play Dough (optional)

Disclaimer: Please modify these activities to best meet the needs of your students. Additionally, please note that students will likely need guidance and support in completing these activities.

WHAT IS OPERA?

Congratulations! You have been chosen to watch a special opera for kids called *Papagayo*. Now, before we begin, let's learn what opera is.



opera (noun): a musical story told through *singing, dancing, and acting*. It's kind of like a play but instead of speaking their lines, the actors sing their lines!



Talk with a neighbor:

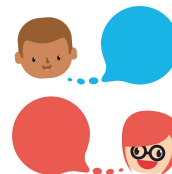
- What are some songs you know? (For example, *Let It Go* or *Old MacDonald*.)

All songs tell a story! For example, *Mary Had A Little Lamb* tells a story about a girl named Mary who has a little lamb with beautiful white fleece.

Now, list some stories you know! (For example, *The Three Little Pigs* or *Encanto*.)



Any story can be turned into an opera. Some stories you already know, like *Hansel and Gretel* and *Cinderella*, are already operas!



Circle your favorite way to tell a story!

Dancing

Singing

Speaking

Whispering

Acting

Drawing

WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS OPERA?

Papagayo tells the story of four main characters/groups.

- Papagayo: a mischievous parrot
- Moon Dog: an evil spirit who awakens during the opera
- Night Creatures: animals who sleep during the day and play at night
- Day Creatures: animals who sleep at night and play during the day



The opera is broken into five scenes.

scene (noun): a section of an opera or play

Here's what happens in each scene.

We recommend reading the overview before watching the opera.

Scene 1:

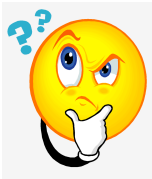
- Every morning, Papagayo wakes up with the sun.
- He squeals and cries, calling "Crawk! Cara, cara, cara!"
- Papagayo's noisiness disturbs the Night Creatures, who sleep during the day.
- When the sun goes down, Papagayo goes to sleep. That's when the Night Creatures wake up and play!
- Once the sun comes up, the Night Creatures try to sleep. But, Papagayo's squawking makes it hard to rest.
- Papagayo asks the Night Creatures: "Why don't you laugh and play all day as I do?"
- The Night Creatures tell Papagayo, "The day is too bright and too full of sounds. It makes us afraid."
- Papagayo asks them, "How can you ever be happy if you're always afraid?"

PAUSE AND THINK: What's something you're afraid of?



Scene 2:

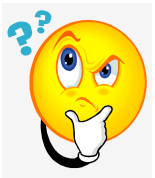
- "One night, many miles away, in the heart of the rainforest, something stirred beneath the stones of the Great Ruined City.... It was the ghost of an ancient monster awakening from a deep, deep sleep."
- The ghost's name was Moon Dog and he was hungry for the moon!
- He floats up into the sky, in hopes of getting a bite.
- The Night Creatures see Moon Dog headed for the moon.
- Moon Dog licks his lips, opens his mouth and uses his sharp teeth to take a bite!
- The next night, the creatures of the rainforest gather. They see the chunk of the moon that's missing.
- They wonder if Moon Dog will return and eat more.
- At midnight, Moon Dog reappears! He eats another bite.
- Moon Dog comes back each night for the rest of the week. Every time, he takes another bite of the moon until only a sliver is left.



PAUSE AND THINK: Do you think this story is fiction (fake) or nonfiction (true)?

Scene 3:

- It's morning and the Night Creatures are awake when they're usually asleep.
- They fear that, tonight, Moon Dog will swallow the rest of the moon.
- The Night Creatures worry that there is nothing they can do to stop him.
- Papagayo reminds them that there is always something you can do to solve a problem!
- He offers to stay up with the Night Creatures to help them come up with a solution.
- But Papagayo is up way past his bedtime and eventually falls asleep...

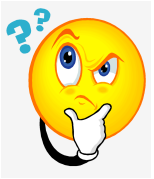


PAUSE AND THINK: What would you do to stop Moon Dog?

Scene 4:

- Moon Dog floats up into the night sky and heads for the moon.

- The Night Creatures wake Papagayo for help.
- When Papagayo wakes up, he squawks and asks where Moon Dog is.
- Once Papagayo starts cawing and singing, Moon Dog freezes.
- Papagayo's voice made Moon Dog stop eating the moon!
- Papagayo tells the other Night Creatures to sing with him. Joining their voices together will keep Moon Dog away!
- After the Night Creatures sing their song, Moon Dog is so frightened he zig zags out of the sky, covers his ears and lets out a big cry!



PAUSE AND THINK: Why do you think singing scares Moon Dog?

Scene 5:

- The Night Creatures check to make sure Moon Dog really did leave the sky.
- They see he is gone and celebrate that the moon can start to grow back!
- The creatures praise Papagayo for saving the moon.
- Papagayo reminds them: "Remember what you did. So that, if he comes back, you'll have something you can do."
- The next morning, when Papagayo wakes up and starts squawking, no one complains.

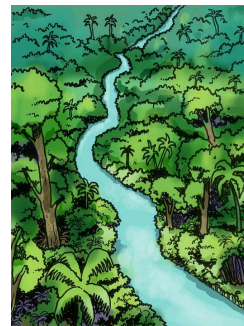


PAUSE AND THINK: Why do you think no one complains when Papagayo squawks the next morning, even though the Night Creatures are still trying to sleep?

SETTING:

setting (noun): where a story takes place.

The setting of "Papagayo" is the jungle rainforest!



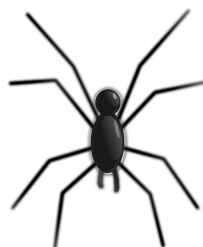
Here are some things you can typically find in a rainforest:

- Tall trees
- Tree canopies
- Tropical plants and flowers
- Many different species of animals
- Lots of rain!

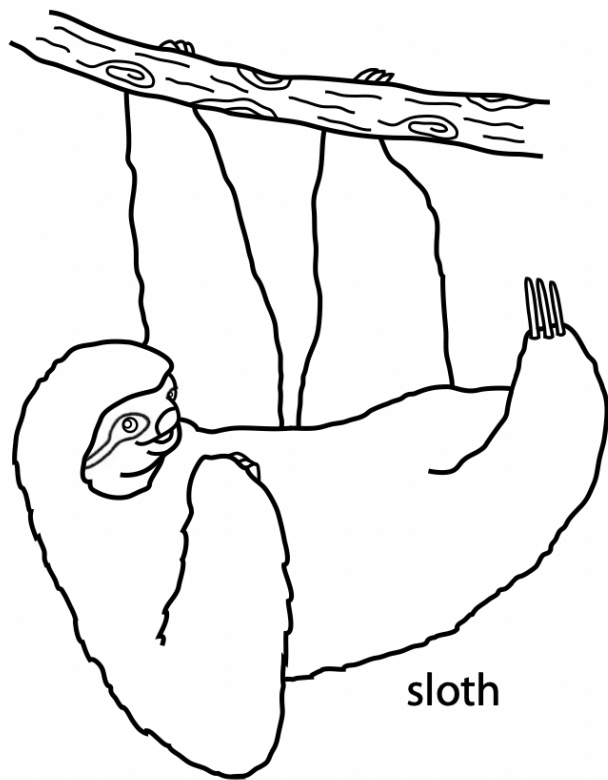


Some of the jungle rainforest animals in "Papagayo" include:

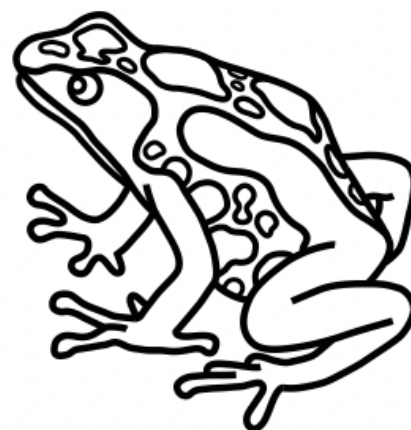
- Butterflies
- Spider monkeys
- Armadillos
- Sloths
- Spiders
- Frogs
- Snakes
- And, of course, a parrot!



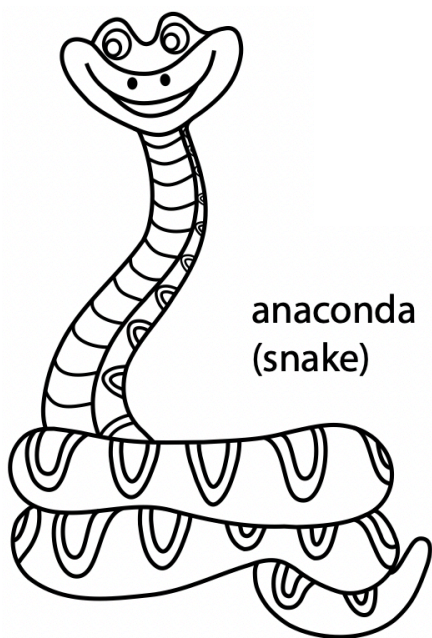
Turn this page over to color some of our favorite jungle rainforest animals!



sloth



poison
dart frog



anaconda
(snake)

SOLO, DUET, TRIO:



Throughout "Papagayo," you heard singing.

- Sometimes, the actors **sang by themselves**, like when Moon Dog sang about the delicious moon!
- Sometimes, you heard **two different vocal parts** at the same time, like when two groups of Night Creatures were asking Papagayo to quiet down.
- Sometimes, you even heard **three different vocal lines** happening at the same time, like when Papagayo and two groups of Night Creatures were brainstorming ways they could stop Moon Dog from eating the moon!

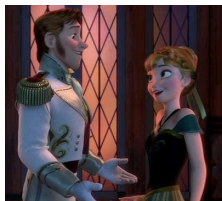
When someone sings by themselves, it is called a **solo**.

Can you think of a time that you sang solo (by yourself)?



When two people sing together, it's called a **duet**!

Like when Prince Hans and Anna sing "Love Is An Open Door" in *Frozen*!



When three different vocal lines are put together, it is called a **trio**!

This term is also used to describe a group of three friends, like Harry, Ron, and Hermione from *Harry Potter*.



Let's Play "Solo, Duet, Trio!"

Students should spread out throughout the classroom. When the teacher calls "solo," everyone stands by themselves. When the teacher calls "duet," everyone needs to find a partner. When the teacher calls "trio," everyone needs to find a group of three. Anyone who cannot find the grouping called and/or the last person to do so, is out!

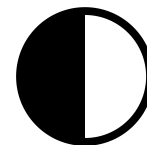
PHASES OF THE MOON:

Have you ever looked into the night sky and seen the moon? If so, you may have noticed that it doesn't always look the same.

Sometimes the moon is big and round.



Sometimes, you can see half of the moon.



And, sometimes, there is only a sliver in the sky.



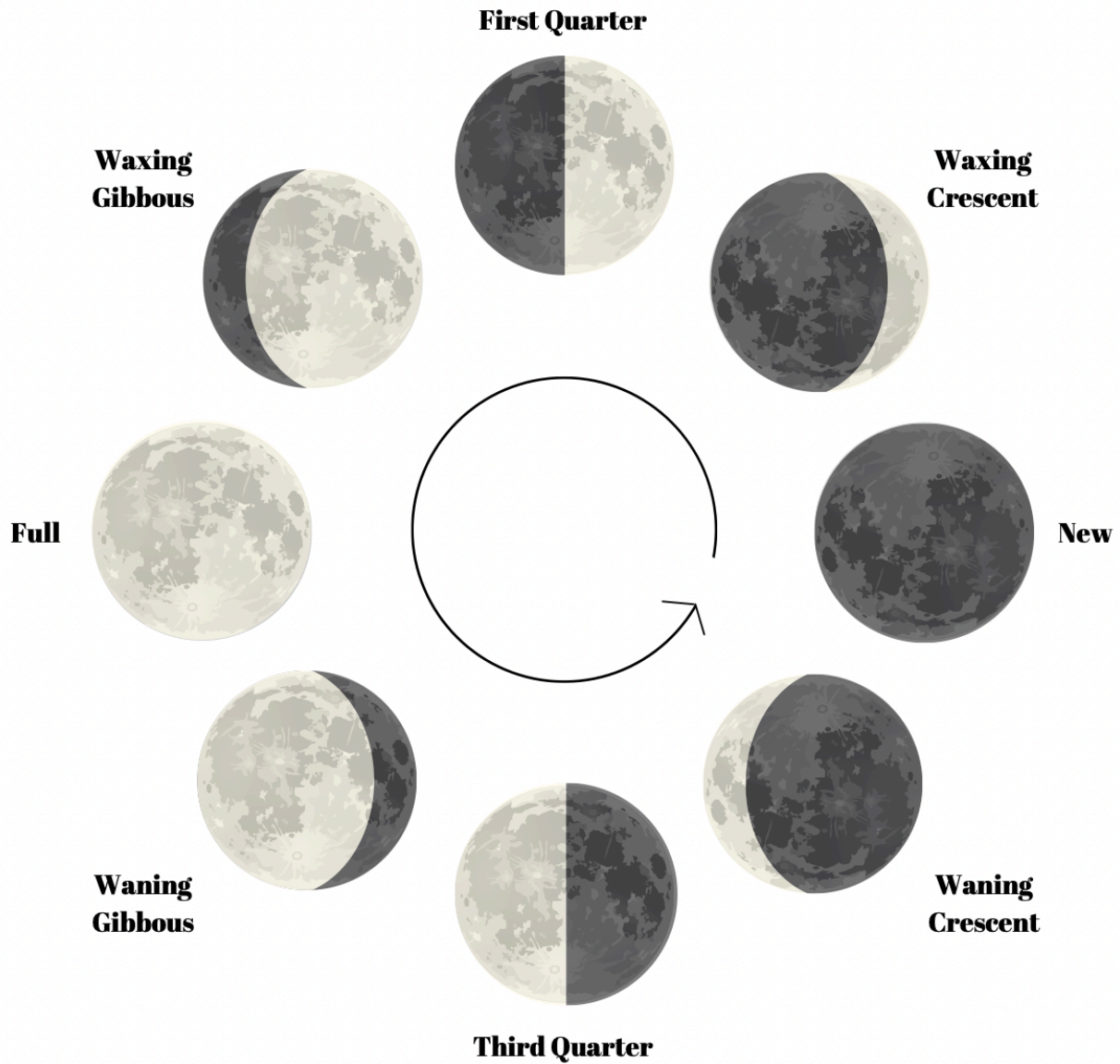
In "Papagayo," the rainforest animals think that Moon Dog eats the moon. But, really, it looks like the moon was being eaten because of the moon cycle.

How much we see of the moon depends on how the sun and the earth move. To learn more about why our view of the moon changes, we recommend watching "Why Does the Moon Change?" by SciShow Kids on YouTube!

On the next page, you'll see photos of the eight moon phases. **Fill in the gray parts** of each photo with your Play Dough, crayons, markers or colored pencils. The remaining white parts are what we can see on earth during each phase!



Moon Phases



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"THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO!"

When the rainforest jungle creatures are worried that Moon Dog is going to eat the whole moon, they don't know what to do. They think there is nothing they can do to stop him!



Papagayo teaches them that "there's always something you can do." Like how a bird would move if the branch they were on wasn't sturdy or how a spider would re-spin its web if it got blown away!

Think: Take one minute to think by yourself: "When was a time I was stuck and couldn't figure out how to solve my problem?"



Pair: Find a partner and take one minute to share your thoughts.



Share: Raise your hand if you would like to share your response with the class. Your teacher will call on volunteers one at a time!



Act: Break up into groups of 3-4. Create your own skit to act out a time when someone in your group was stuck and used their knowledge, bravery and skills to find a solution, like Papagayo! Once you've created and practiced your skit, share it with the class. Be sure all group members are involved!

