

Illustrations Read-Aloud

Theme: Illustrations

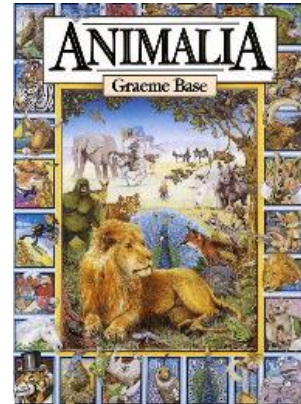
Site: Artemis House

Facilitator: Rebecca Smith

Age range of kids (approximate): ages 5 to 12

Books read:

Animalia by Graeme Base, also show *Eleventh Hour* by Graeme Base.



Animalia is a good book for a range of reading levels and ages. It is appropriate for older kids as some of the words are difficult, objects are obscure, and illustrations are elaborate. Younger kids can look for the letter and anything beginning with that letter. Before doing the activity, talk about illustrations; ask the kids which “letter” page was their favorite.

Description of activity (including supplies needed):

Collage – based on the elaborate illustrations of *Animalia*, with pictures upon pictures and hidden objects, make a collage. It can focus on objects the child likes, or objects beginning with the first letter of his/her name, or objects he/she just likes.

Supplies – cut out bright colored pictures from magazines (I cut them out ahead of time), glue sticks, 8” by 14” poster board. Most of the kids made a collage of pictures that they liked, and completely covered the page with pictures.

Other/Comments:

You can also show a book with a very different style of illustration, *Where the Wild Things Are* (Sendak), Eric Carle books, *Miss Rumphius* (Barbara Cooney), *Talking Eggs* (San Souci, with illustrations by Jerry Pinkney) and ask the kids which they like best and why.