

Author Study Project – Jeannie Baker

Over the next few weeks you will undertake an author study during class time. You will need to read at least two books by Jennie Baker, preferably more.

Step 1

Borrow or obtain books. Begin reading. You need to read at least two books before moving onto step two.

Step 2

Complete a Venn Diagram to compare and contrast one of the following:

- Characters
- Setting
- Illustrations

Step 3

Illustrate your response to the books. Do not simply copy. What did the text make you think, feel or remember? Your drawing may be quite abstract.

Step 4

Complete the Author Study Biography.

Step 5

Choose one of the following options to respond to Jeannie Baker.

1. Write a letter to a character in one of the author's books

Create your own illustration of a character then display the letter and the illustration on a poster board. Variation: Write a letter to a character in the same style as Jeannie Baker.

2. Write a fan letter to Jeannie Baker

Mention specific characters and say why they are such favourites. Or talk about particular themes/illustrations found commonly in her work.

3. Dramatize a scene from one of the books.

Create a 'Reader's Theatre' piece from the entire book, transforming the story into a theatre script.

4. Develop a timeline about Jeannie Baker

This can show biographical details as well as information about the books she has published. Adding photos and art to the timeline would strengthen its value and interest.

5. Create a magazine cover

Create a magazine cover about the author, featuring her photograph and then headlines giving a taste of her books and biography.

6. Create a collage

Create a collage using a similar style to that used by Jeannie Baker.

Step 6

Present your response to the class. Hand in all of the responses – Venn Diagram, illustration and biography. Attach the Author Study Project Student Checklist to the front and complete.