

Harold and the Purple Crayon Questions as you go

By Crockett Johnson

Review title, author, illustrator, main character.

What did Harold do whenever he needed something? (He drew it)

Why did he make a forest with just one tree in it? (He didn't want to get lost)

How did Harold start making waves for the ocean? (His hand was shaking from the dragon that he had drawn to protect his apple tree)

Why is it funny that he's afraid of the things in his drawings? (Because he is the one that drew them)

What problem did he have in the ocean? How did he solve the problem? (He needed a boat, so he drew one)

Harold drew pies because he like pies. What would you draw if you could just draw whatever you wanted?

How would you solve the problem of too many pies?

Why did Harold draw a hill? How did he feel? (He wanted to find his house)

How did he save himself when he was falling off the mountain? (He drew a hot air balloon)

What else could he have done to save himself?

What object is in every picture Harold drew? (A crescent moon)

How did the moon help Harold find his bedroom? (He remembered that he could always see the moon from his bedroom window, so he drew a window around the moon.)

Does the moon really always look the same day after day? (It goes through different phases and shapes in a monthly cycle, getting bigger, full, then smaller)

On the second to the last page, what does the word “drew” mean? Why do you think the author used that word? (it could mean he pulled up the covers, or he used the crayon to make the covers, I think the author liked that it could have both meanings on that page)

Project Idea: Make your own adventure
“ _____ and the _____ Crayon

Harold went on quite an amazing adventure in his imagination. What kind of adventure can you imagine going on? You are going write and illustrate your very own short story, similar to Crockett Johnson's. You will pick a person to be your main character and a crayon color to illustrate the story. Then decide on an adventure for your character. Possibly you could write the story about a younger brother or sister, a friend, or even yourself.