

Norman Foote Study Guide

Norman's musicality and humour is like no other. He is a masterful entertainer who uses original composition, props and comedy to spontaneously interact with his audience all to great effect.

He has received several awards including Socan's Best Songwriter, NAPPA & Parents' Choice Gold Awards, Norman's songwriting credits include Disney Records, CBC, Shari Lewis, NFB & KOBA/Nelvana to name a few.

Norman's live concerts continue to take him throughout the world performing in theatres, festivals & with symphony orchestras.

Themes related to Curriculum: Grades – K to 7

Health - relating to others; feelings;

Social Studies - family; responsibility; cooperation; respect.

Music - expressions; harmony; melody; form; rhythm;
performance; elements & structure;

Drama - speech; movement; improvisation / acting.

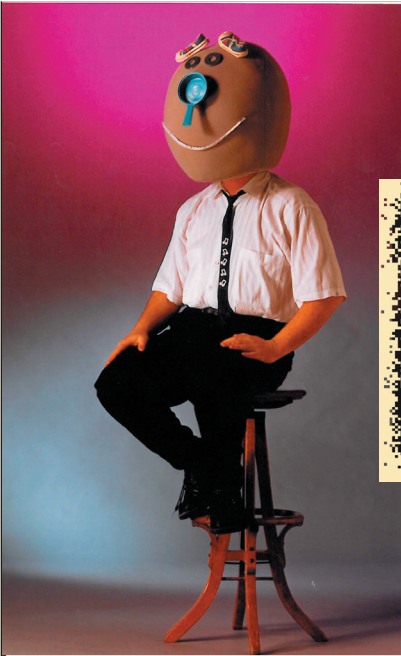
Comedy - Why funny?

Art - composition, craftsmanship; puppet and prop construction

Language Arts - demonstrating attentive listening & viewing.

Feel free to disregard my bold type
singing instructions and sing as much
as you would like to...





Props

“Props” is the usual abbreviation for stage ‘properties’, i.e. those objects that are necessary to the action of a dramatic work (other than scenery, costumes, and fixed furnishings): documents, objects, devices, baby carriages, items of food and drink, etc. Props are things the performer uses to help tell a story or perform a skit.

Vaudeville

Vaudeville was a theatrical genre of variety entertainment in the United States and Canada from the early 1880s until the early 1930s in which each performance was made up of a series of separate, unrelated acts grouped together on a common bill. Types of acts included popular and classical musicians, dancers, comedians, trained animals, magicians, one-act plays minstrels and movies... and puppeteers. Vaudeville was one of the most popular types of entertainment in North America during the several decades of its existence. Often vaudeville performers used many types of props to help them in their routines.

Puppets

Puppets can still be considered a prop although they are much more than that. A puppet needs to be manipulated and brought to life as an identity to itself. Different types of puppets are string (marionettes), rod, glove, finger and head puppets (masks).

Parody music

Parody music, or musical parody, involves changing or recycling existing (usually very well known) musical ideas or lyrics - or copying the peculiar style of a composer or artist, or even a general style of music. Although the result is often very funny, and this is the usual intent -

Norman’s props

Norman introduces two puppet heads that are built on hockey helmets using foam and other materials. Norman will also introduce some other innovative props that will appeal to an interest all grade levels. Norman will show how he built them at the end of each show.

Love My New Shirt

Norman B Foote

(Audience sings **bold type**)

**I love my new shirt love my new shirt love my new shirt
I love my new shirt love my new shirt love my new shirt**

It's white and brown and green

The best shirt I've ever seen

It's turquoise and a gray

I may keep it on all day

It's orange and a bit of red

I might wear this shirt to bed

whoa whoa whoa

I love my new shirt

**I love my new shirt love my new shirt love my new shirt
(he really loves it)**

**I love my new shirt love my new shirt love my new shirt
he's got a new shirt**

It's got a button down collar

I think it makes me look taller

It's got some stripes and polka dots

I think this shirt is really hot

I love its nice design (Great design shirt is mine)

What I love the most it's mine

OOH OOH ooh

Love my new shirt

got a new shirt

got a new shirt (over instrumental)

**Do you love my new shirt love my new shirt love my new shirt
we love your new shirt**

**Do you love my new shirt love my new shirt love my new shirt
we love your new shirt**

I love my new shirt

and it's got my favorite shade of blue

You'd think it was brand new

Oh know But it's not

I got it at the consignment shop

I can't believe my luck

The price tag was just a buck

But the clerk looked at me

And said you can have that one for free

Oohh ooh ooh

I love my new shirt....

I Love my new shirt love my new shirt love my new shirt

Class discussion

What does one man's junk is another mans treasure mean?

Note: the shirt was not new after all. It was from a second hand shop

This is a good way to recycle, reuse

Activity

Draw a shirt with all the colours and design mentioned in the song.

Bird Feeder

(Norman B. Foote / John Forrest)

(Audience sings **bold** type)

I went down to my local shop
I bought a bird feeder with a little red top
Filled it up with a bag of bird seed
I took it home, put it up on a tree

Bird feeder in a tree
Out swaying in the breeze
One day we all will see
How many birds that feeder can feed

I saw 3 little yellow birds all in a row
a couple of pigeons and a big black crow
I think I saw a blue jay flying out the back
here comes a Robin in a cadillac

a chickadee a mama mag pie.....
it's like a drive through up in the sky

Bird feeder in a tree
Out swaying in the breeze
One day we all will see
How many birds that feeder can feed

a starling and a stellar were having a ball
a hummingbird didn't get much at all
a funny little budgie kept coming around
all he ever got is what fell on the ground

Here comes the sparrows 5 at a time
Old Mr. Finch says the feeder is mine

Then one day the feeder went dry
all the birds were wondering why
they looked at me said what can I do
they said my friend we're counting on you
so I went down to the corner store
the birds are back cause I bought them some
more more more more more more more

Bird feeder in a tree
Out swaying in the breeze
One day we all will see
How many birds the feeder can feed

Class Discussion

How many birds mentioned in the song are you familiar with?

Activity

Practice bird calls and whistles
Draw a picture of the bird feeder and some of the birds mentioned in the song.

Raining Cats and Dogs

(Norman B. Foote /Susie Malcolm)

(Audience sings **bold type**)

I won't be going be goin' out today
I'll stay home if you please
There's animals falling from the clouds
Here comes my pet maltese
There goes Donny's Dachhound, like a hot dog in the sky
And Cindy's cuddly calico's like a rainbow floating by

Chorus

It's a great day for ducklings

A great day for frogs

But a bad day for people

It's raining cats and dogs

Timmy's little terrier is slippery when it's wet
And Randy's red setter is sight I won't forget
Peter's little Pekinese is blowing in the breeze
See Suzie's little Siamese drip-drying in a tree

Chorus

It's a great day for ducklings

A great day for frogs

But a bad day for people

It's raining cats and dogs

Bridge

There are poodles in the puddles
I've got a pet store in my yard
Watch out, Mr. Postman
Here comes Sarah's St Bernard (woof,woof)

Chorus

It's a great day for ducklings

A great day for frogs

But a bad day for people

It's raining cats and dogs

Class discussion

This song is inspired by a saying. What are other sayings using animals? Such as I've got butterflies... I'm chicken... Don't eat like a pig... Having a whale of a time

Activity

Name all the dogs and cats mentioned. What are other sayings that would lend itself to a song title or subject for a song?

Grandfather Clock

(Norman B. Foote / John Forrest)

(Audience sings **bold** type)

Primary Class or choir activity

Students can pantomime the clock by following the chorus instructions in *italics*

(Have students learn the entire song)

Chorus:

You can see him standing at the end of the hall (*stand straight, arms at side*)

Six feet tall, got his back to the wall (*stand on toes then lean back*)

He's got a couple hands and a great big face (*1. show hands 2. hands by face*)

But this old fella's not going no place (*shake head*)

If you listen close to Grandfather Clock (*hand to ear*)

You can hear him tick, you can hear him tock. (*move hand like a pendulum*)

He tells you when it's time to go to bed

He says, "Get up you sleepy head"

He tells you when it's time to go to school

My Grandfather, he's so cool (thumbs up)

(Chorus)

The other morning at seven o'clock

We looked down the hall, Grandfather had stopped (*stop hand*)

He looked at me as if to say, you could stay at home and play All DAY (*yell*)

So we phoned up Mr. Fix-It Man

We said, get on over here as fast as you can

There's something wrong with Grandfather Clock

He hasn't said a word since seven o'clock

The Doctor said, "We'll have to operate"

We heard this voice, and it cried out.....

(Norman's Solo)

"Hey wait, don't touch me, I'm O.K.

I'm just going back on daylight savings time"

La, la.... (follow example on recording)

Chorus then end with "cuckoos"

1,000 Pennies

(Norman B. Foote /Susie Malcolm)

(Audience sings **bold** type)

What you gonna do with a thousand pennies
What you gonna do with a thousand pennies

Found a penny laying on the ground
Felt so lucky with the penny I found
Soon I found pennies everywhere
In the car in the couch in an easy chair

Never thought that I'd found so many
Put them all together so I wouldn't lose any
Put them in a piggy bank
Put them away save them for a rainy day

So...

What you gonna do with a thousand pennies
What you gonna do with a thousand pennies

Head on down to the corner store I'll give some to the neighbor next door
Take a trip on a car or train or an aeroplane to the south of Spain

Bring back stuff for everyone
I can hardly wait it'll be such fun
Put 'em in a piggy bank
Put 'em away
Save them for a rainy day

So...

What you gonna do with a thousand pennies
What you gonna do with a thousand pennies
Did you ever think that you'd get that many
so what you gonna do with a thousand pennies

There's five in a nickel, ten in a dime
Put them in piles one at a time
A hundred pennies in a dollar I'm told
How many pennies can my pockets hold
A penny for my thoughts and a dream come true
One for me and one for you
Put them in a piggy bank, put em away
Save them for a rainy day

What you gonna do with a thousand pennies... What you gonna do with a thousand pennies
What you gonna do with a thousand pennies... What you gonna do with a thousand pennies

30 Days Has September

(Foote)

**30 days have September
April, June and November
and all the rest have 31
except February all alone**

**30 days have september repeat
April, June and November repeat
and all the rest have 31
except February all alone**

February all alone
With only 28
And every fourth year it has 29
That's the way it is and I would like to relate

60 seconds in a minute repeat
You can watch the time tick by repeat (watch the time tick by)
60 minutes in an hour
Now isn't it strange how time does fly

24 hours in a day
As the world spins round
365 days a year
The sun come up and the sun goes down

**30 days has September repeat
April, June and November repeat
All the rest have 31
Except February all alone repeat
Except February all alone**

