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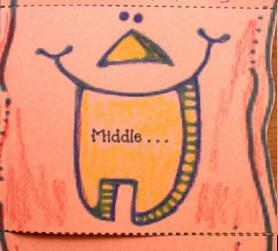
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Beginning ... Any thing



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### Beginning ... Wasn't Afraid

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## Common Core Pumpkin Craftivities

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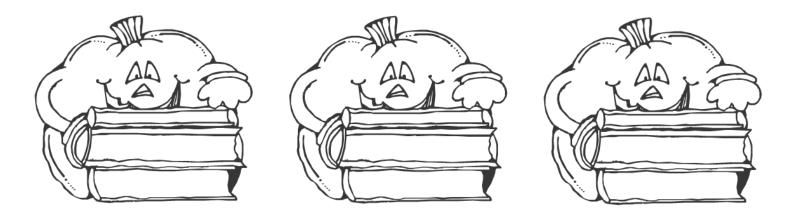
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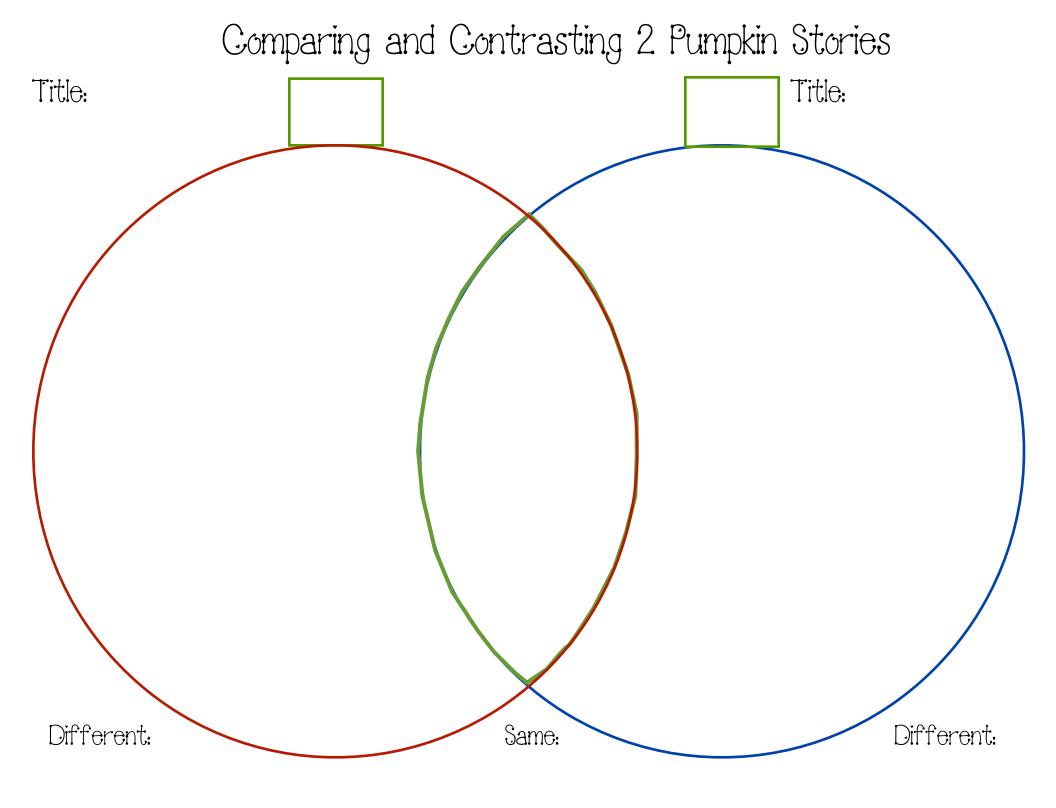
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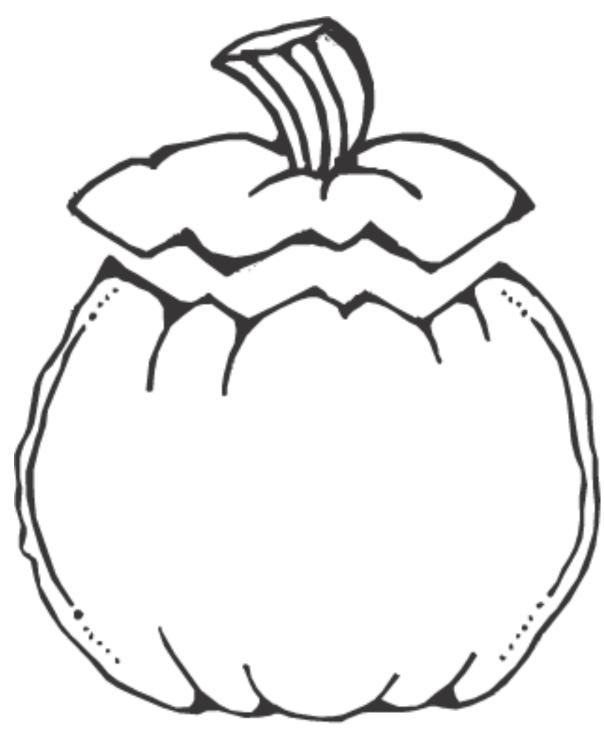
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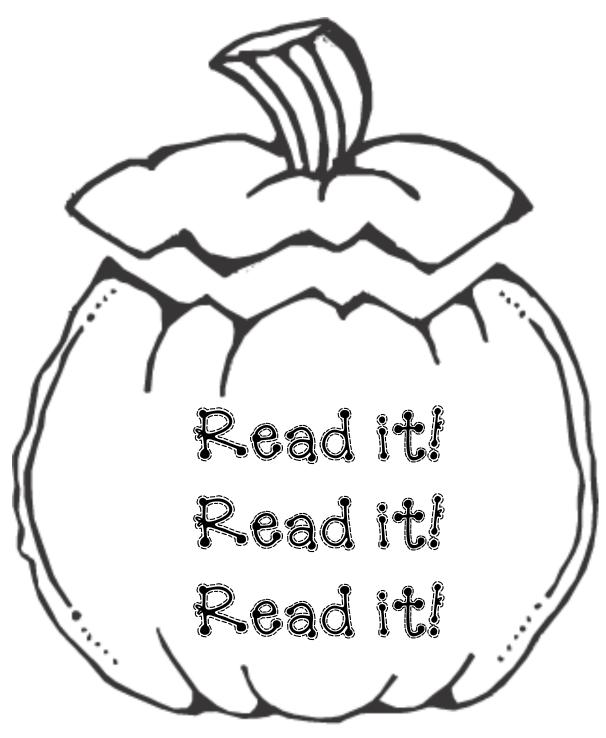
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Make a list of them on the board, along with the names of the authors and illustrators.

Children decide which one was their personal favorite and fill out the yellow "pumpkin guts" writing prompt. When done, they glue the top of the pumpkin to the top front of the writing prompt, and the pumpkin shell to the bottom of the paper.

For that finishing touch, add a bit of color to the pumpkin with crayons or glitter. A school photo also looks nice on the stem. Completed projects make a cute border on a hallway wall, or also look nice hung back-to-back from the ceiling.

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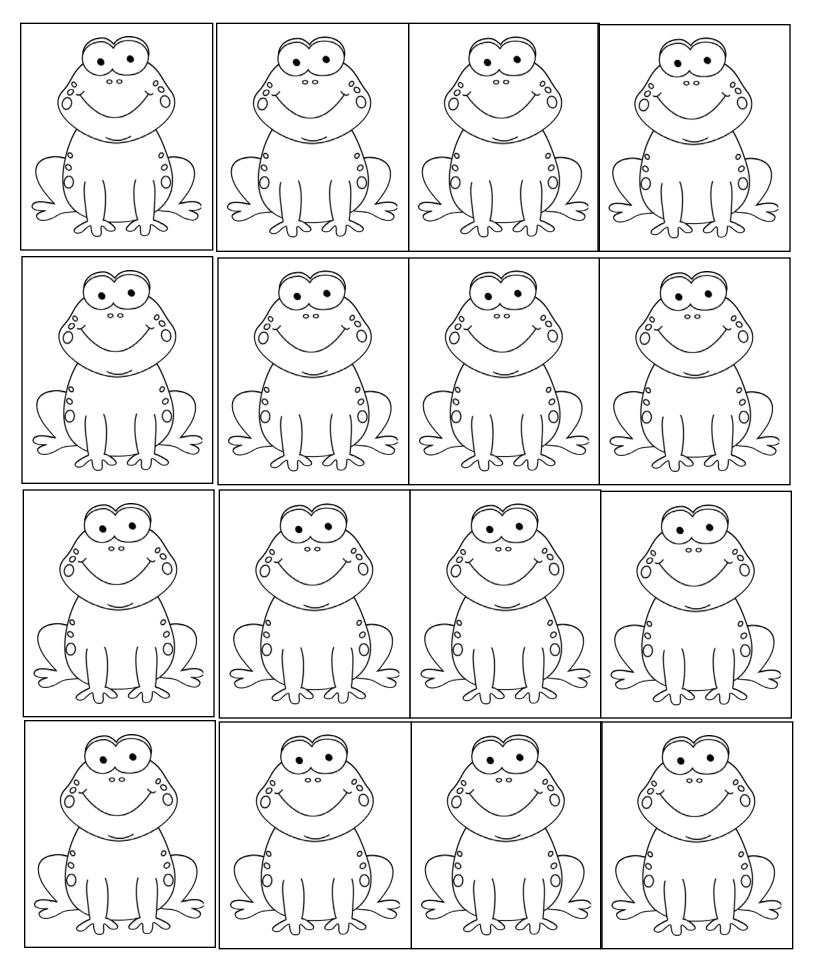
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"Read it!" is a play on words for Ribbit, so I thought your kiddos might enjoy coloring and cutting out a frog to glue on their pumpkin.

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Run off on yellow paper.

Students trim, complete the "pumpkin guts" writing prompt, & then glue the pumpkin lid to the top and the pumpkin shell to the bottom.

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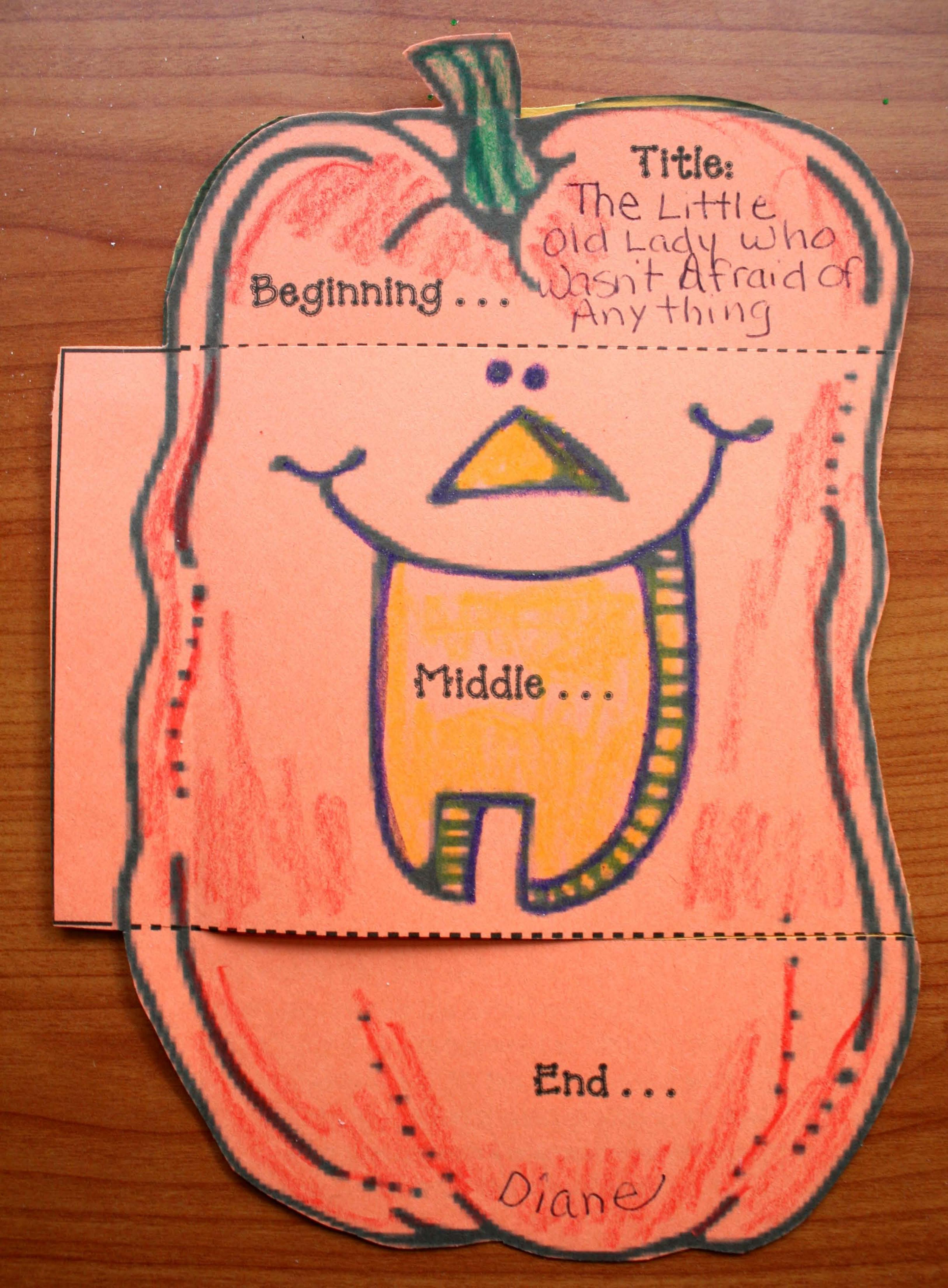
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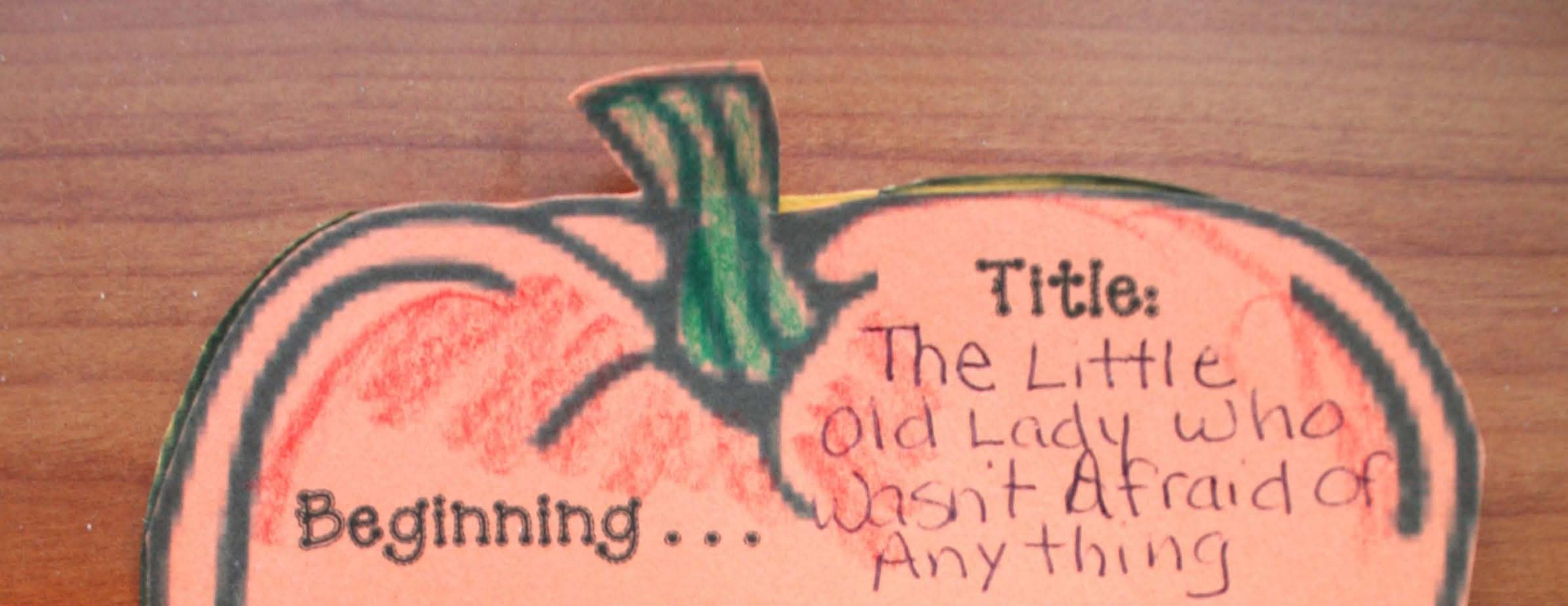
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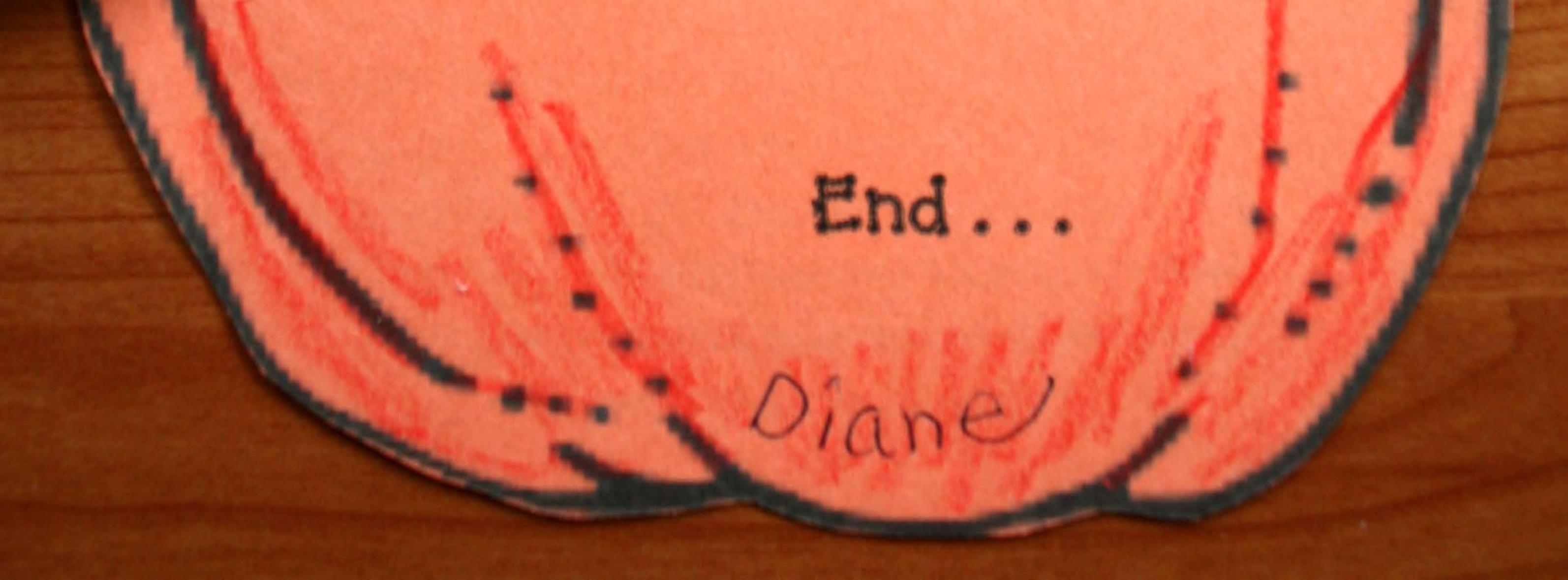
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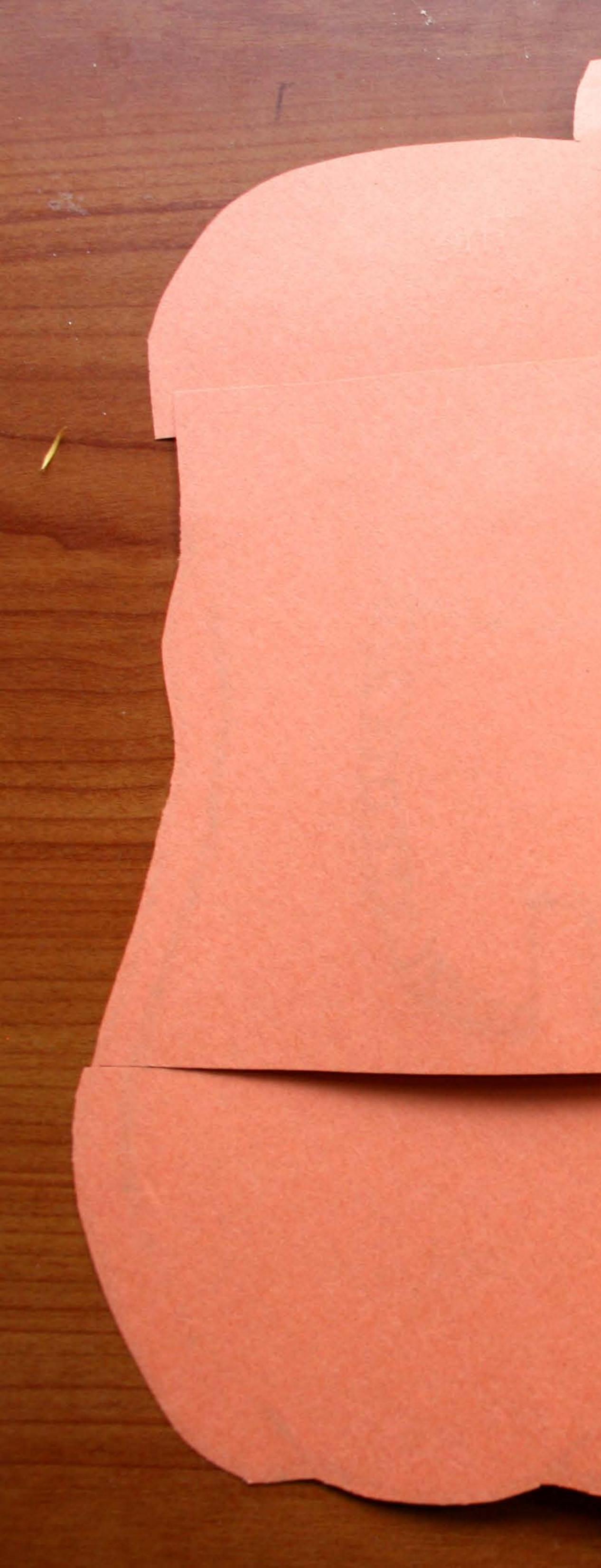




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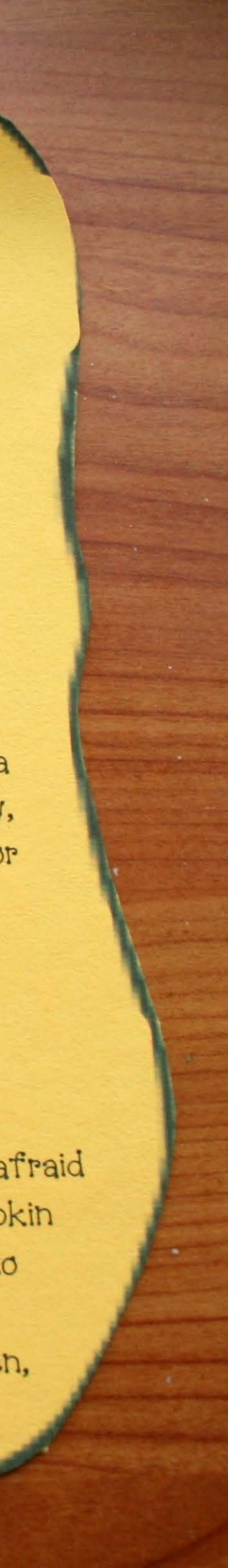


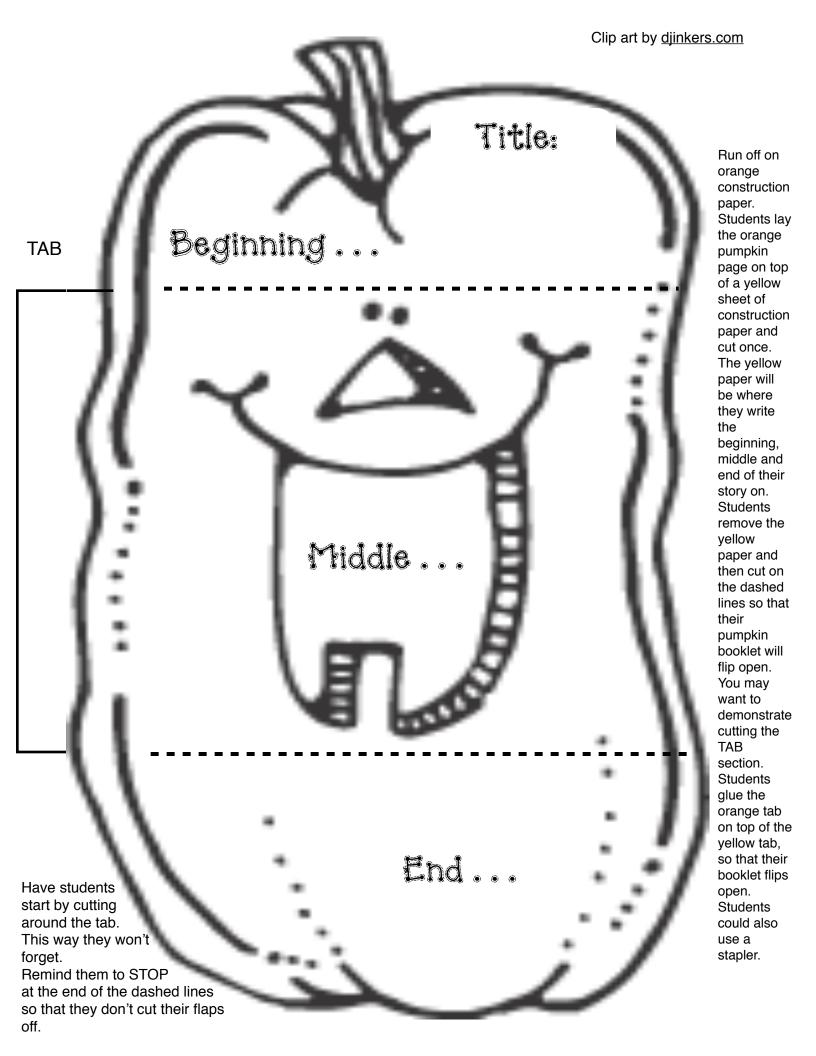
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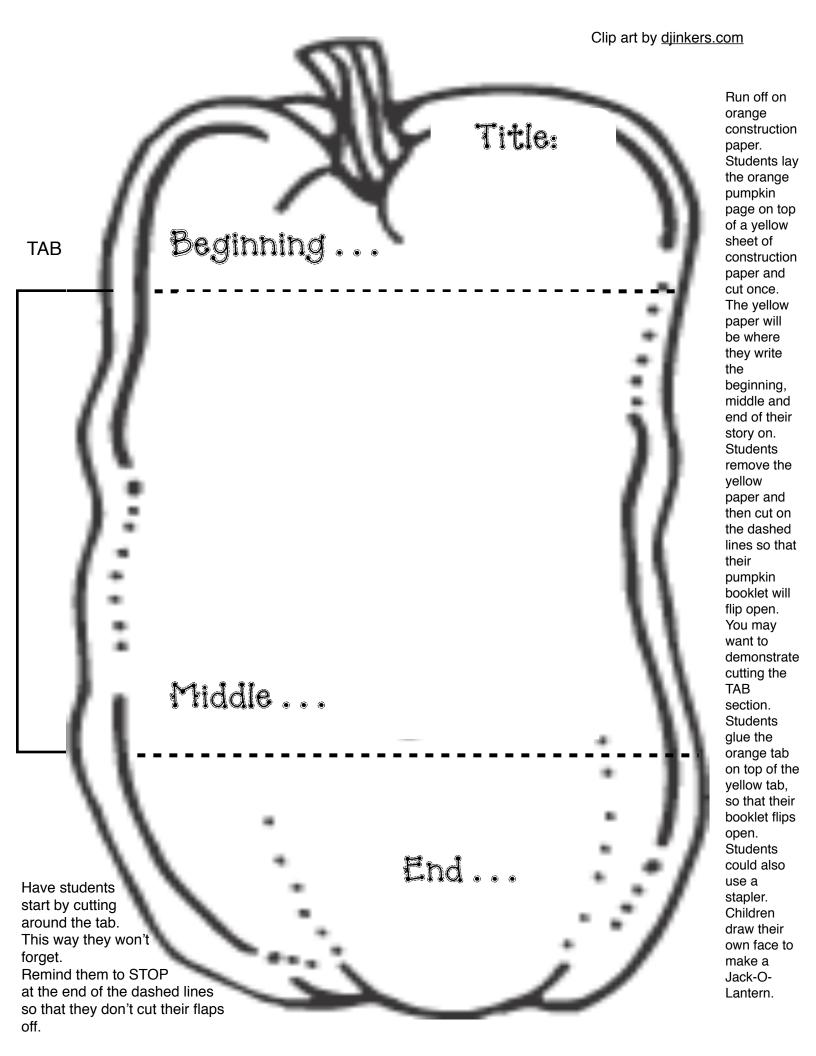
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This is my sample. You can print it on yellow construction paper, to make a quick example to share with your students.

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