Wanda's Humpback Hula Show

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Theme: Humility
Related Themes: Migration | Whales | New Baby

Summary

When Wanda's new baby brother arrives, she feels left out and miserable... until she cleverly hulas her way to humpback fame. Wanda delights in her newfound stardom, but one day a careless mistake ruins everything. It will take an apology to fix this mess!

Discussion Questions

- When Wanda's baby brother is born, she feels unwanted. What does Wanda do to get the attention she's missing from her mother?
- Why did Wanda start her hula show? (She liked the attention she got from the tourists.)
- How did Wanda respond when her fans became angry with her for being careless? What would you have done? (She felt heartbroken and retreated with her mother.)
- Describe how the story began and ended. (At the beginning, Wanda was excited to migrate to Hawaii, and at the end of the story, she feels eager to return to the Arctic waters.)
- How did Wanda respond when her fans became angry with her for being careless? (She felt heartbroken and retreated with her mother.)
- Describe the Humpback breeding bays surrounding Hawaii.
- Show the map on pages 2-3 to familiarize students with the story location. Share the migration route of the Northern Pacific Humpback Whale, and inform children that the U.S. government protects the humpback breeding bays surrounding Hawaii.

Prior to Reading

• Tell students that the story is about a whale. Ask students if they've ever seen a whale in the ocean, and if so, to share their memories.
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Writing Opinion Topic

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Creative Writing

• Use watercolors to create a scene from the story.
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Teacher's Guide

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Retell the story. Directions:

1. Cut along the dotted lines. Arrange the pages in order and staple them together on the left side.
2. Write your name on the cover.
3. On page one, describe the story’s setting and the main character.
4. On page two, describe the problem.
5. On pages three and four, write about the important events that took place.
6. On page five, describe how the story ended.
## TRUE OR FALSE

Wanda is a story character, but there are real humpback whales living in the ocean. Use the Internet to determine if each statement is true or false.

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Reading Journal

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In the story, *Wanda’s Humpback Hula Show*, Wanda is careless and causes an accident. Write a paragraph about a time when you made a mistake. When and where did it happen? How did you feel? Did you apologize? And if you did apologize, what happened next?

Illustrate your paragraph in the space below.
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