

# J. K. ROWLING THE ICKABOG

## Monster Illustration Competition Starter Pack

### INTRODUCTION

Suitable for: Ages 7+

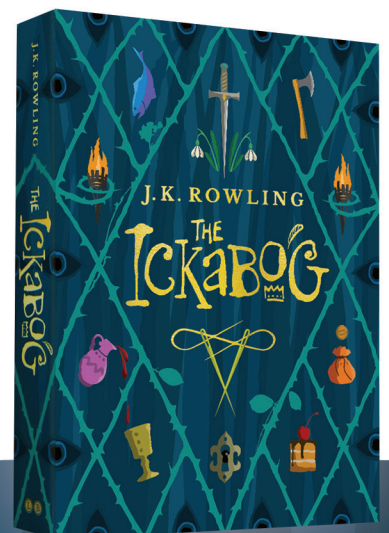
*Hold your very own Monster Illustration Competition!*

This pack gives you ideas for how to host an Monster Illustration Competition within your classroom or library group. From collages to string drawings, this pack includes lots of ideas for how to inspire children to create their own beautiful illustrations, as well as materials to create your own Ickabog display board, guidelines for judging your competition and certificate designs.

Share your Monster Illustration Competition on social media, tagging @TheIckabog and @HachetteSchools. We'd love to see your creations!

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## ABOUT THE BOOK

*The Ickabog is coming... A mythical monster, a kingdom in peril, an adventure that will test two children's bravery to the limit. Discover a brilliantly original fairy tale about the power of hope and friendship to triumph against all odds, from one of the world's best storytellers.*

*The kingdom of Cornucopia was once the happiest in the world. It had plenty of gold, a king with the finest moustaches you could possibly imagine, and butchers, bakers and cheesemongers whose exquisite foods made a person dance with delight when they ate them.*

*Everything was perfect – except for the misty Marshlands to the north which, according to legend, were home to the monstrous Ickabog. Anyone sensible knew that the Ickabog was just a myth, to scare children into behaving. But the funny thing about myths is that sometimes they take on a life of their own.*

*Could a myth unseat a beloved king? Could a myth bring a once happy country to its knees? Could a myth thrust two children into an adventure they didn't ask for and never expected? If you're feeling brave, step into the pages of this book to find out...*

*A beautiful hardback edition, perfect for sharing and gift-giving. Brought to life with full-colour illustrations by the young winners of The Ickabog competition.*

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## ACTIVITY IDEA 1: ICKABOG WORDS

*Sometimes, the best way to start drawing is to read an author's description and try to recreate the image that you see!*

- Look at all of the words and phrases below. These are words that J.K. Rowling uses to describe the Ickabog. Pick out any words you don't know and define them using a dictionary.
- Pick your favourite word or phrase. Spend a moment acting that word or phrase out using your body and facial expressions. How can you *show* what the words mean with your body? How can you show how they make you *feel*?
- Create an illustration for your chosen word or phrase. How can you show what the word or phrase means? Consider how you use shapes and colour to illustrate your chosen word or phrase.

### QUOTES FROM THE TEXT

**'SNAKE-LIKE'**

**'DRAGONISH'**

**'WOLF-LIKE'**

**'SOME SAID IT ROARED,  
OTHERS THAT IT HISSED'**

IT DRIFTED SILENTLY AS THE MISTS  
THAT DESCENDED ON THE MARSH  
WITHOUT WARNING

**'THE ICKABOG,  
THEY SAID, HAD  
EXTRAORDINARY  
POWERS'**

**'IT COULD IMITATE THE HUMAN  
VOICE TO LURE TRAVELLERS  
INTO ITS CLUTCHES'**

**'IT WOULD MEND  
MAGICALLY'**

**'IT COULD FLY, SPURT FIRE,  
SHOOT POISON'**

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### ACTIVITY IDEA 2: STRING DRAWINGS

*When drawing a brand-new monster, it's good not to give yourselves too many rules or restrictions – it's better to let the pencil come alive on the page, and see where your imagination takes you!*

- To remove the fear of making mistakes by committing pencil to paper – why not use lengths of different coloured string or yarn? Start by creating shapes on a piece of paper, simply by moving the length of string or yarn in different ways.
- Then, think about creating a monster just like the Ickabog – how can you manipulate the shapes to show facial features, bodies, or even emotions?
- Sketch around the shapes that you have made in order to make a vague outline of your new monster!

### ACTIVITY IDEA 3: MONSTER COLOUR COLLAGES

*What colour will your monster be? How can you use colour to give hints about your monster's personality and emotions?*

- Think about the different colours that you could use to create your monster. For each colour, you might want to write down what it makes you think of or how it makes you feel.
- Choose a few different colours that you think are perfect for your monster.
- Gather different images that use your chosen colours – either online, in magazines, newspapers or books – or using sweet wrappers and food packaging.
- Using everything that you have gathered, create a Monster Colour Collage. Experiment with the different ways of putting colours together to create different effects. How do different colours go together? How can you arrange them in different shapes?

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**DISPLAY BOARD:**

**A MONSTROUS DISPLAY!**

- Distribute A4 or A3 sheets of paper to children to create their monster
- Distribute an Illustration Card to each child for them to fill in alongside their illustration
- Mount the illustrations and illustration cards on the classroom walls to create a Monster Illustration Competition display.
- You can make your display extra-special by cutting out and using some of the props below!

Monster name.....

Created by.....

My illustration was inspired by .....

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My illustration was inspired by .....

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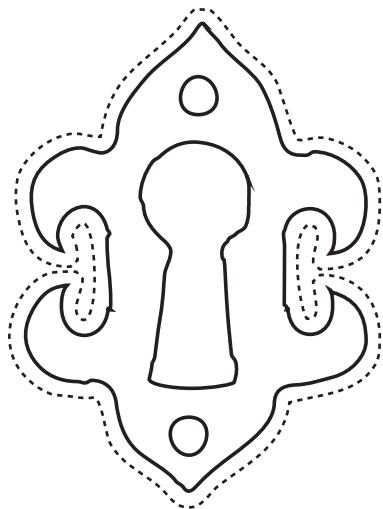
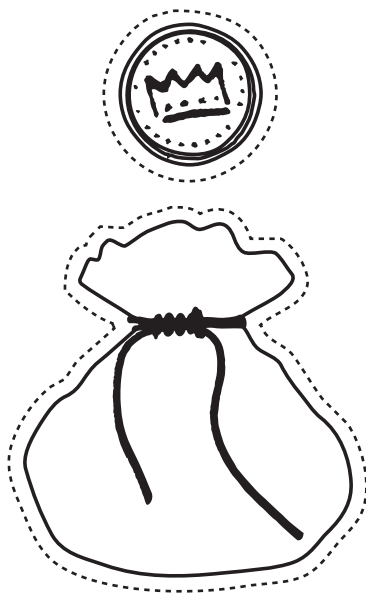
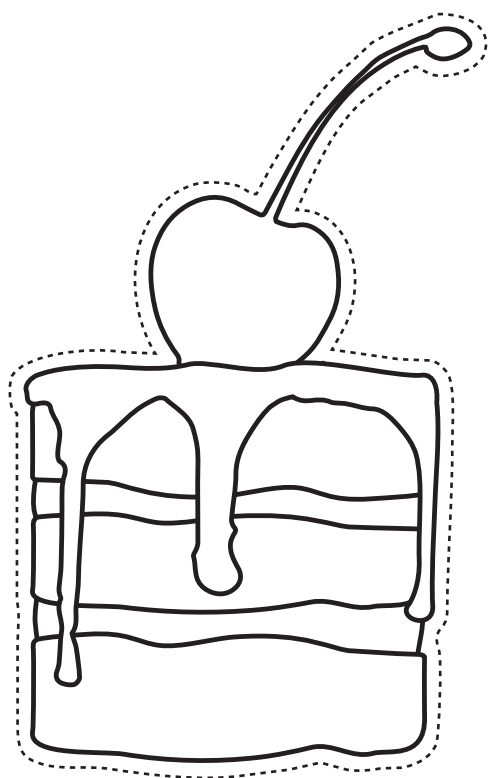
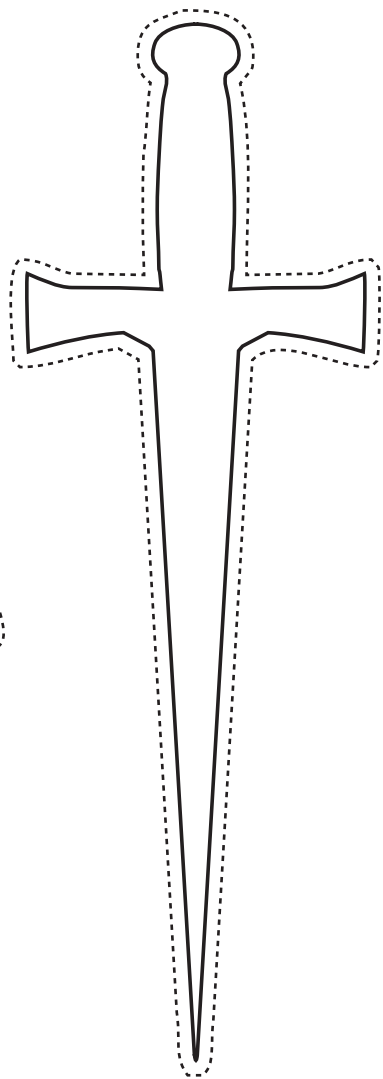
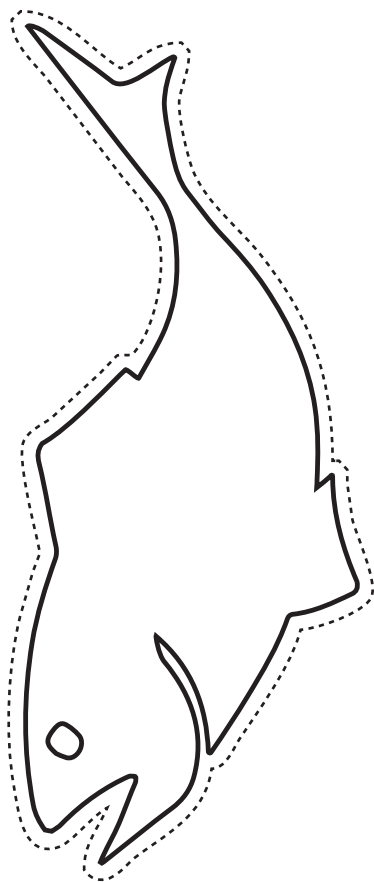
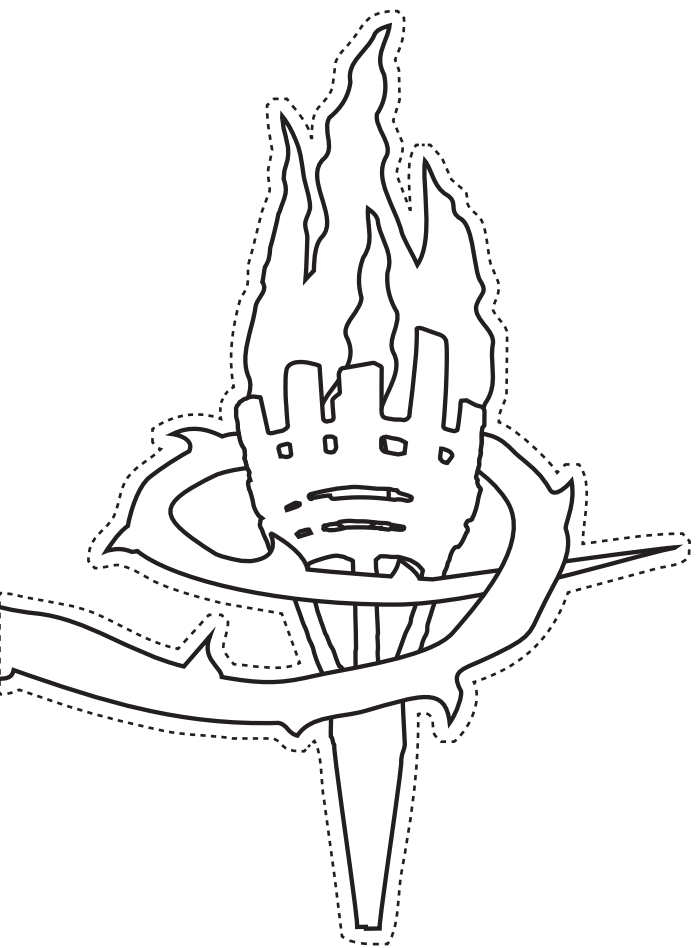
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## CHOOSING A WINNER AND RUNNER UP: COMPETITION JUDGING AND AWARD CEREMONY!

- Congratulate the children on their brilliant work in the Monster Illustration Competition.
- Encourage the children to look at all of the illustrations on the Ickabog classroom display and think about which is your favourite and why. Encourage children to tell their friends what they like about their creations.
- Give out an Monster Illustration Competition certificate to everyone who has taken part in the competition.
- Finally, carry out a class vote to discover the winners and runners-up! Write down your favourites on a piece of paper and submit them to your teacher, who will count up the votes and give out the exclusive badges in an Ickabog-themed Award Ceremony!
- Share the children's drawings on social media, tagging @TheIckabog and @HachetteSchools. We'd love to see your creations!





CONGRATULATIONS!



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