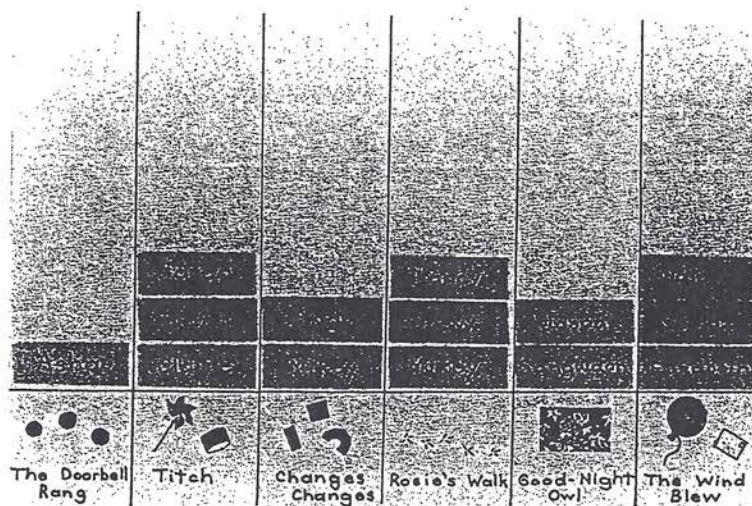


6.4 Author Unit Graph

Description

This graph is a concluding activity for a Pat Hutchins author unit, which includes *The Doorbell Rang* (Greenwillow Books, 1986), *Titch* (Macmillan, 1971), *Changes Changes* (Macmillan, 1986), *Rosie's Walk* (Macmillan, 1986), *Good-Night Owl* (Macmillan, 1972), and *The Wind Blew* (Macmillan, 1974). The children know all the books well and vote for their favorite one.



Materials

- ▲ poster board or paper, 18 by 12 inches or a size large enough to accommodate all of the children's decisions, laminated or covered with clear contact paper
- ▲ teacher-made illustrations to represent each book
- ▲ a name tag for each child
- ▲ tape to attach name tags to the chart

Child's Level

This topic is more abstract than topics such as hair color or shoes. Therefore, this graph is more appropriate for older preschool and kindergarten children and should follow experiences with more concrete graphs.

Helpful Hint

It is easier for children to add or subtract when comparing adjacent rows. Take this into consideration when formulating questions to stimulate problem solving.

What to Look For

Children may count to quantify how many votes each book received. Children may compare column heights to determine whether there are more, fewer, or the same number of votes for each book.

A few children may subtract to determine how many more votes one column has than another.

Children may vote for the book that seems to be "winning."

Questions to Extend Thinking

Did any of the books receive the same number of votes?

What will happen if Karen votes for *Good-Night Owl* when she comes back?

How many more votes does *Titch* have than *The Doorbell Rang*?

How many more votes does *Titch* have than *Changes Changes*?