



# THEATRE IV Classroom

## Connections

# Teacher Resources



### In the Classroom For Teachers & Students Grades K - 5

*Jack and the Beanstalk* and the Classroom Connections Study Guide are produced in support of the teaching of Language Arts, History, Music, Puppets, and Character Development. Supports the Teaching of VA SOL: English: K.1, K.2, K.3, K.4, K.6, K.8, 1.1, 1.2 1.3, 1.4, 1.7, 1.9, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.8, 3.1, 3.2, 3.5, 3.6, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5, 5.6  
History: K.6, K.7, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 1.10, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 3.9



### At the Library

*Jack and the Beanstalk*, by Steven Kellogg

*Giants Have Feelings, Too/Jack and the Beanstalk (Another Point of View)*, by Alvin Grawowsky and Henry Buerchkholtz

*Jack and the Beanstalk: Juan y los frijoles mágicos (Keepsake Stories - Dual Language)*, by Carol Ottolenghi



### On the Web

Ongoing Tales: E-stories:  
[www.ongoing-tales.com/SERIALS/oldtime/FAIRY-TALES/beanstalk.html](http://www.ongoing-tales.com/SERIALS/oldtime/FAIRY-TALES/beanstalk.html)

BBC for Kids: Jack and the Beanstalk  
[www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/fullscreen/stories/jackbeanstalk.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/fullscreen/stories/jackbeanstalk.shtml)

From the University of Southern Mississippi, several versions of the tale:  
[www.usm.edu/english/fairytales/jack/jackhome.html](http://www.usm.edu/english/fairytales/jack/jackhome.html)

# Jack and the Beanstalk



Book and Lyrics by Douglas Jones, Music by Ron Barnett

## Play Synopsis:

This lively musical depicts the classic exploits of a young boy who trades the family cow for three magic beans. Tossed out the window by his disappointed mother, the beans grow into a giant beanstalk. Jack explores the beanstalk to find gold, a magic harp, and a hen that lays golden eggs. In the end, the boy escapes the giant but keeps his inventive and active imagination!

*Something's creeping  
While you're sleeping --  
Don't wake up, Jack --  
Don't wake up.  
Am I real,  
Or are you dreaming  
Me alive?  
Mother threw us  
Out the window.  
That was tragic.  
But we're magic.  
And a single magic bean  
Could grow  
The tallest tree you've seen.*

*When you wake,  
You're going to wonder  
If you dreamed  
About your blunder,  
And the beanstalk  
Is a wish  
That isn't true.  
But the creeping  
In your sleeping  
Isn't wishing, Jack --  
It's true.  
You slept --  
And the beanstalk grew.*

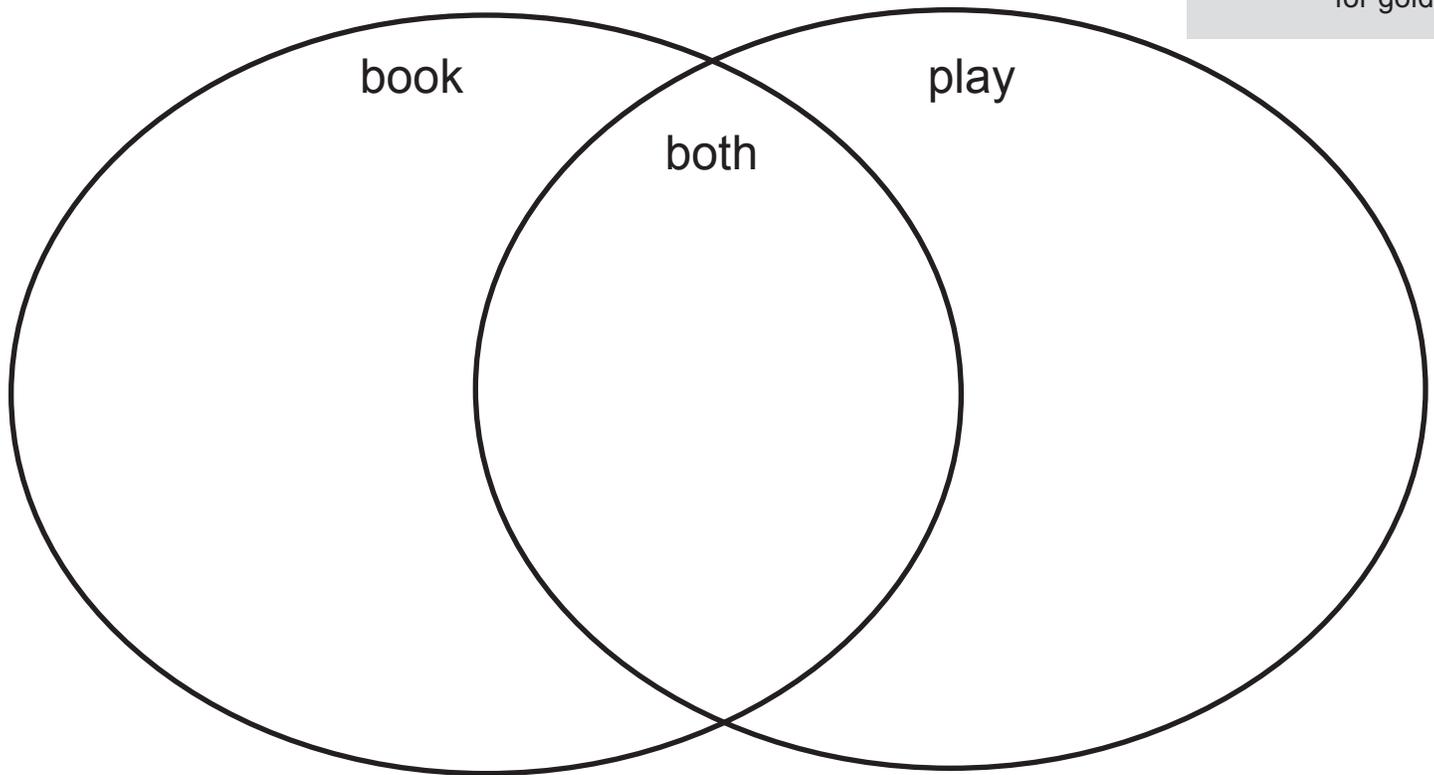
# Comparing Tales

Versions of the classic English fairy tale, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, date back hundreds of years. Read a version of the story, such as Jack and the Beanstalk, by Steven Kellogg. Use the graphic organizer below to compare the book with the play.

## Glorious Gold

The quest for gold has been a common theme throughout many fairy tales.

Can you think of other fairy tales where the characters yearn for gold?



**A fairy tale** is a fictional story that typically includes magic and fantastic or enchanted characters (such as a giant, a witch, or a troll). The plot usually includes events happening in threes. Fairy tales are found in every culture around the world and exist in both oral folklore and written form. Many fairy tales begin with the words “*Once upon a time...*” and end with “*...and they lived happily ever after.*”

1. What is your favorite fairy tale? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who is your favorite fairy tale character? \_\_\_\_\_
3. If you were to write your own fairy tale, what kinds of magical characters, settings, or events would you include?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# The Giant's Song



Definition:

**rhyme** (noun): a repetition of similar sounds in two or more different words; most often used in poetry.

Many songs contain words that rhyme. Read the giant's song from *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Use different colored pencils to circle the pairs of words that rhyme.

Fee.  
Fi.  
Fo.  
Fum.  
Money is good.  
People are small.  
No wonder they  
Can't carry it all.  
Since I am big,  
I do what I can --

Lightening loads;  
Lending a hand.

People look up to me.  
My stature's all they see.  
But it's easy to lose sight  
Of right and wrong  
From this height.

It's a big job, being a giant.

Use the speech bubble below to write a song about yourself. Include information about the way you look, your talents, or your interests. Be sure to use rhyming words!

A Resource to Use:  
[www.wordcentral.com](http://www.wordcentral.com)  
Click "Rhyming"

A large, empty speech bubble with a tail pointing to the left. Inside the bubble are several horizontal lines for writing. The bubble is outlined with a dashed line.



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## Magical Beans!

As a class, conduct an experiment about the growing of beanstalks. Choose three varieties of pole beans (climbing beans). Learn what you can about each variety.

Predict which you think will grow fastest and which will grow to be the largest. Then plant several of each variety and track their growth. Be sure to sketch and record your results periodically. Use the chart below.

Plant #__	Height (inches)	Observations
Week #1		
Week #2		
Week #3		
Week #4		
Week #5		
Week #6		
Week #7		

### Did You Know?

**Photosynthesis** is the process by which plants convert sunlight into food energy.

Green plants use sunlight, combining carbon dioxide and water to make sugar and oxygen. This food energy is also used by animals and people too!