



**Little
Novel·Ties**



ARTHUR'S BABY

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A Study Guide
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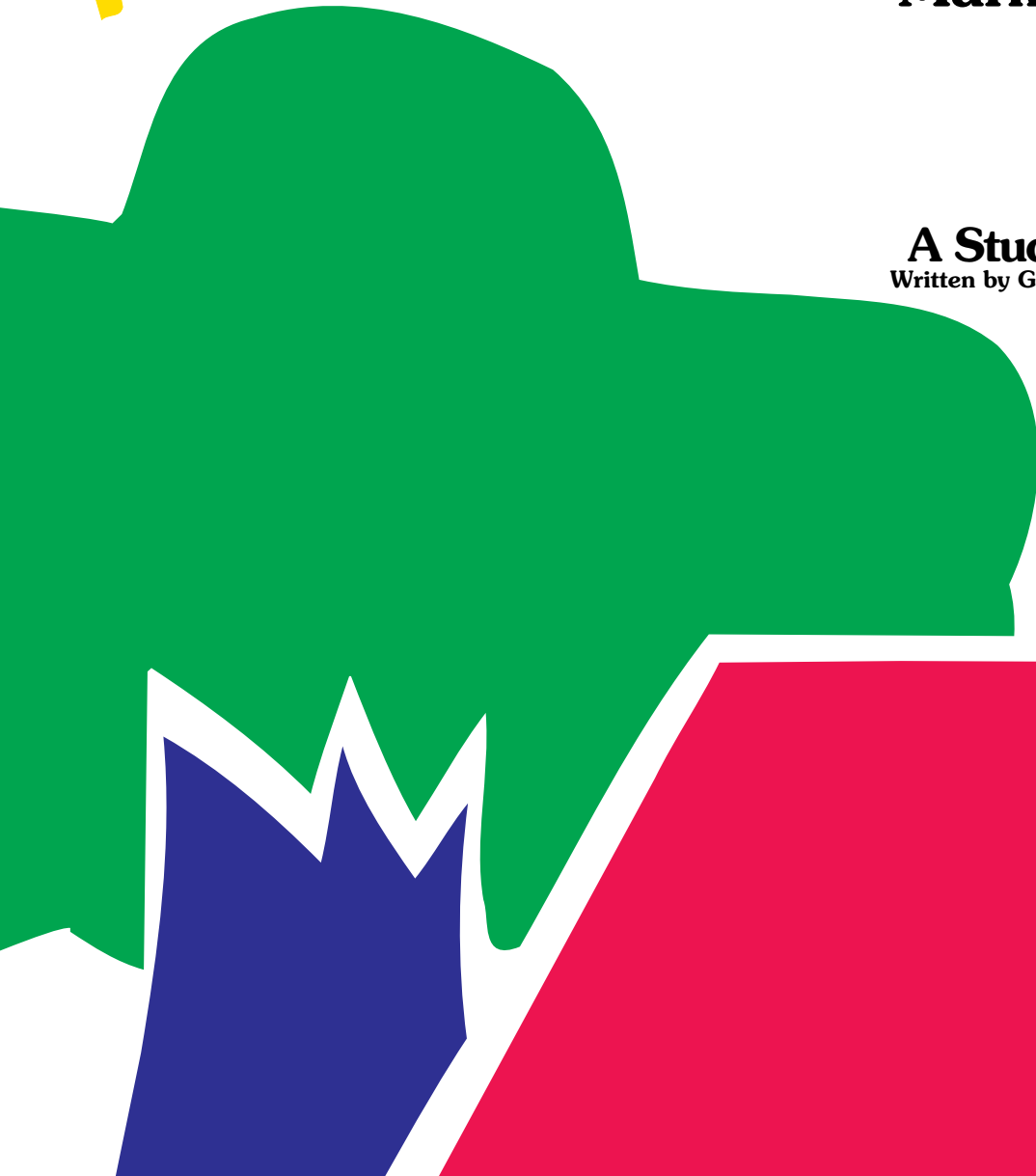


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For the Teacher

This reproducible **Little Novel-Ties** study guide consists of activities to use in conjunction with the book *Arthur's Baby*. The picture book and its corresponding guide can become an important element in your whole language reading program. The guide contains a synopsis; background information on the author and illustrator; suggested pre-reading activities; exercises that focus on vocabulary; visual literacy, story comprehension, and critical thinking skills; and extension activities that link the story to other curriculum areas.

Suggestions For Using Activities

Pre-Reading Activities – Before You Read

These activities are designed to activate children's prior knowledge and build concepts or background information. They will motivate children to read and help them to understand the story better. Children can discuss answers to the questions with a partner, in a small cooperative learning group, or with the entire class.

Word Study – Two for One

This page presents examples and brief instructional material to introduce the concept of contractions. After matching four contractions with the two words from which they are formed, children write the correct contraction to complete a sentence.

Understanding the Story – Story Questions, Picture Questions

The story questions include a number of literal, inferential, and evaluative questions that help children focus on major story elements. The picture questions help children draw inferences from the illustrations.

BEFORE YOU READ

1. Read the title of the book.
Then look at the picture on the cover. Who is Arthur? What is he looking at?
2. Look carefully at Arthur's expression. How do you think he feels?
3. Having a new baby in a family has its good and its bad points. Make a list. Show a 😊 for the good points. Show a ☹️ for the bad points. Then share your list with a friend.
4. Imagine you had a new baby at your house. How could you help? Draw a picture.





STORY QUESTIONS

1. What big surprise do Mother and Father share with Arthur and D.W.?
2. What advice do Arthur's friends give him about new babies? How do you think this advice makes Arthur feel?
3. How do Arthur and D.W. react to Mother and Father's news? Why are their reactions different?
4. Why do you think Mother shows Arthur the family photo album? Do you think looking at it helps him?
5. Why does Mother pack a suitcase? What does D.W. give her to put in the suitcase?
6. What exciting news does Grandma Thora share with Arthur and D.W.? How do their reactions differ? Why?
7. Why do the children visit the hospital? What do they see?
8. How would you describe D.W.'s behavior when Kate comes home? Why do you think she acts this way?
9. What happens when Arthur's friends come to visit the new baby? How does D.W. try to show off? What happens to Kate?
10. What does Arthur do to help out? How do you think he knows what to do?
11. How do you think Arthur feels about Kate now? Do you think he'll make a good babysitter when he gets older? Tell why you think as you do.