

Meet Maurice Sendak

Use the News

Comprehension & Vocabulary Check

Use a word in the box to complete each sentence below.
Use each word only once.

animated	decorate	frail	illustrations	imagination
influence	mischief	published	reduce	relatives



1. Maurice was a _____ and sickly child.
2. The “wild things” in Maurice’s book were based on the _____ who visited his family’s home.
3. When Maurice was 12 years old, he saw an _____ movie, Walt Disney’s *Fantasia*.
4. That movie had a great deal of _____ on Maurice.
5. When Maurice worked at a toy store, he used his _____ to dream up ideas for the store windows.
6. *Where the Wild Things Are* was first _____ in 1963.
7. Maurice’s characters were full of wildness and _____.
8. The _____ in *Where the Wild Things Are* earned Maurice the Caldecott Medal in 1964.
9. Today, Maurice is using his imagination to _____ ballet and opera stages.
10. Maurice worried that the *Wild Things* filmmaker might “_____ Max to the good boy you find in too many books.”

Sequencing Events

Put the statements below in the order they happened in Maurice Sendak’s life. Write 1 next to the statement that tells what happened first, write 2 next to the statement that happened second, and so on. The first one is done for you.

- _____ *Where the Wild Things Are* was first published.
- _____ Maurice and his brother Jack spent time together drawing and making toys.
- _____ He first saw the movie *Fantasia*, which would influence his art for years to come.
- _____ Maurice was awarded the Caldecott Medal.
- 1 Maurice was born in June 1928.
- _____ He planned a new book with “wild” characters that were based on his relatives.
- _____ The movie version of *Where the Wild Things Are* appeared in movie theaters.
- _____ Maurice worked as a window decorator at a toy store.