

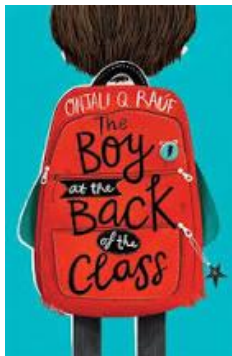
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LO: To recreate the cover of your favourite book in miniature



Did you know that miniatures were first painted to decorate and illustrate hand-written books? From the 1460s hand-written books had to compete with printed books so artists branched out and began producing portrait miniatures. Miniatures were particularly useful to the monarchy. They were small enough to be given personally, sometimes in a public ceremony, as a sign of the monarch's favour. Elizabeth I's wealthier subjects started to wear her image as a sign of loyalty in the 1580s.

In celebration of World Book Day, we would like you to recreate the front cover of one of your favourite books in miniature. You will need to think carefully about the book that you choose as covers that are very detailed will be harder to draw. Plan the details that you will need to include in your drawing and, when you are ready, draw around a two pence piece to start.



It is likely that you will probably need to practise it a few times before you get the proportions right. If you find making it the size of a 2p too much of a challenge, you could create a slightly larger circle by finding something else to draw around.

Top tip: make sure your pencil is sharp before you start!