Piff-Poof! Story Hour Kit

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BONE SOUP

A Spooky, Tasty Tale

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Trick-or-treat! Trick-or-treat!
We've something unusually good to eat!

What does it take to make the perfect Halloween treat?

Three hungry witches have only a bone in their cupboards, but Naggy Witch knows just what to do! Soon the monsters, ghouls, ghosts, and goblins in the village are adding their own gruesome ingredients to the cauldron—until a steaming bowl of beguiling bone soup warms them all!

Use the activities in this kit for a deliciously spooky story hour in your classroom, library, bookstore, or right at home!

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The Common Core State Standards applicable to the activities in this kit are noted throughout.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Unless otherwise noted, all discussion questions are aligned with the following standards:
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.1; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.1; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.1

- Look carefully at the book's title and cover illustration. What is the setting for this story? Who might some of the characters in the story be? What details help you identify the setting and the characters?
  CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.7; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.7; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.7

- Why do the three witches want to make bone soup?

- Who convinces the monster to help the witches with the ingredients for bone soup? Why do you think the monster changed his mind about contributing an ingredient?

- The text of this story appears in different colors and type styles. What do you notice about the difference in the colors and sizes of type to show what each character is saying? Why do you think that the book is designed in this way?
  CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.7; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.7; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.7

- Everyone thinks that the witches are trying to play a trick when they request an ingredient for their soup. Why do you think that the characters don't trust the witches?

- What do the characters threaten to do when they grow hungrier and the bone soup is not yet ready to eat?

- How does the little monster help to solve the conflict between the witches and the other characters?

- In your opinion, was the bone the most important ingredient in the soup? Why or why not?

- Did the characters learn a lesson as the witches invited them to contribute to the pot of bone soup? Do you think the characters's behavior might change after making bone soup as a group?
  CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.2; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.2

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ACTIVITIES

Reader's Theater

Bone Soup is based on an old folktale called *Stone Soup.* Folktales began as an oral tradition with stories passing from one generation to another through storytelling. Follow this storytelling tradition and create a reader's theater script for *Bone Soup.* Use the text to help you write a script where each character in the story has the lines they say in the book. Add a narrator's part to read story elements not directly said by characters. Perform your reader's theater script.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.2; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.2; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.2

Bone Soup for Sale!

Imagine that the crew that created bone soup has decided to package their unique soup to sell to others. What words would they use to describe their soup so that others would want to buy it and eat it? Design an advertisement for bone soup that includes an illustration of the product and words that would entice buyers to want to put it in their grocery carts.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.K.1; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.1.1; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.2.1

A Ghoulish Recipe

Many cooks follow recipes to make the dishes they wish to eat. Look back through the story to identify the ingredients in in this spooky batch of bone soup. Write a recipe for bone soup that lists the ingredients and gives directions on what to do with each ingredient. Don't forget to include the special steps the witches took at the end to make the bone soup especially tasty.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.K.2; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.1.2; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.2.2

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Into The Cauldron Went . . .

The witches enlist their neighbors to help them make bone soup. Look back through the story to see which character donated which ingredient for the soup. Use this information to complete the chart.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.1; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.1; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.1

Character	Ingredient/s he/she added to the bone soup

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Icky Ingredients

Can you draw all of the special ingredients added to the cauldron to make bone soup?

Bone
Eye of a giant
Crackly lizard's tail
Juice of a toad

Earthworms
Dried dragon wings
Colored flies

Slimy sludge
Claws
Wrinkled fingers

Old toenails
Dead leaves
Cobwebs
Wrinkly prune

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Tasty Words

Naggy Witch takes small sips of the bone soup after each ingredient is added. The words that she uses to describe the soup are almost as tasty as the soup itself! Naggy Witch declares that the soup is BEWITCHING, BEDAZZLING, BEGUILING, and HYPNOTIZING. Write four meaningful and detailed sentences using these wonderful words.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.K.4; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.1.4; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.4

Bewitching

Bedazzling

Beguiling

Hypnotizing

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Folktale Factor

Stories can be grouped by what they have in common. These groups are known as genres. Folktales are one type of genre. Look at the checklist below to see if *Bone Soup: A Spooky, Tasty Tale* fits the criteria for the folktale genre. Include evidence from the text to support your opinion.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.1; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.1; CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.1

Criteria	Check this box if criteria is met	Text evidence to show how the story meets the criteria
Begins with "Once upon a time" or "Long, long ago"	☐	
Importance of the number three	☐	
Has a happy ending	☐	
Repeats phrases or responses	☐	
Has a problem to solve	☐	
Contains magic	☐	

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Which Witch Are You?

The three witch sisters in *Bone Soup* are named Naggy, Craggy, and Scraggy. What's your witch name?

FIRST NAME

Match the last letter of your first name:

A	Creaky	J	Froggadocious	S	Count Dracky
B	Spotty	K	Spellzy	T	Cobwebby
C	Crafty	L	Soupy	U	Gaspy
D	Batty	M	Piff-poofy	V	Mumbles
E	Ghoulish	N	Witchy	W	Scowly
F	Breezy	O	Slurpy	X	Bones
G	Pointy	P	Tricksy	Y	Greenie
H	Spooky	Q	Toady	Z	Treats
I	Newt	R	Mummy		

LAST NAME

Match the first letter of your last name:

A	Von Cauldron	J	McHalloween	S	Bedazzler
B	De la Broomstick	K	Ghostzilla	T	Bewitcher
C	Spellbinder	L	Goblinski	U	De la Luna
D	The Beguiler	M	Batwing	V	Blackhatter
E	Potionmaster	N	O'Werewolf	W	Van Wrinkle
F	O'Ghoul	O	Capebuckle	X	Dragonwing
G	Tombstone	P	Von Howl	Y	Skeletini
H	Fullmoonski	Q	Fly-Eyes	Z	Droolingworm
I	Bonecrusher	R	Vampiro		

HELLO, MY NAME IS

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Soup's On!

Treat yourself to your own tasty batch of bone soup!

PIFF-POOF! It's no trick; it's a treat!

NAGGY WITCH'S BONE SOUP

BONE	(A ham bone or turnip)
WATER FOR BREW	(32 oz. chicken or vegetable broth)
EYE OF A GIANT	(1 onion, chopped)
CLAWS	(1 clove garlic, chopped)
JUICE OF A TOAD	(3 tablespoons olive oil)
LIZARD'S TAIL	(2 stalks celery, chopped)
WRINKLED FINGERS	(2 carrots and 2 parsnips, peeled and cut into one-inch pieces)
DRIED DRAGON WINGS	(1/2 head red or green cabbage, washed and chopped)
COLORED FLIES	(Red pepper flakes, black pepper, and salt to taste)
GREEN SLUDGE	(1 can stewed tomatoes)
EARTHWORMS	(1 cup fusilli pasta, cooked)
OLD TOENAILS	(1 can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained)
DEAD LEAVES	(Small bunch of kale, chopped)
WRINKLY PRUNE	(If you dare . . . gasp! Or add 1 sundried tomato!)
COBWEBS	(1/4 cup shredded parmesan cheese)

PIFF-POOF! PIFF-POOF!

- With a parent or caring adult, gather your ingredients and utensils.
- In a large cauldron or pot, brew water and bone over a medium flame. With a gleeful cackle, say, "Piff-poof," aloud.
- Add the eye of a giant, claws, and juice of a toad. Repeat, "Piff-poof!" Mix and stir.
- Drop in the lizard's tail, wrinkled fingers, dried dragon wings. Add the colored flies. Mix and stir.
- Pour in the sludge. "Piff-poof!"
- When brew begins to boil, add the earthworms.
- Stir in old toenails, dead leaves, and a wrinkly prune.
- Cook about 20 minutes.
- Add 3 taps of a wand, 2 spins of a broom, and 1 wave of a cape.
- Sprinkle with cobwebs, wait for a full moon, and with a howling "Piff-poof!" . . . serve the treat to all!

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