

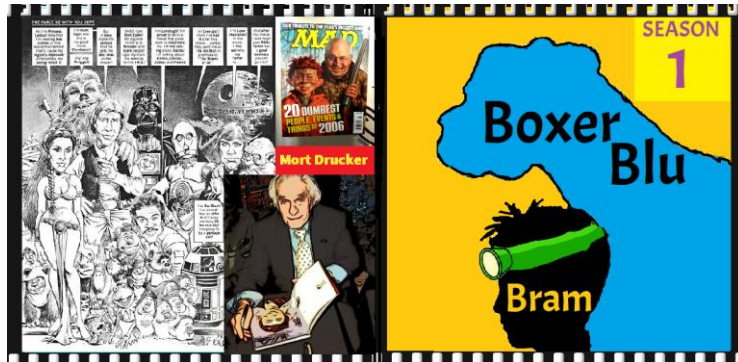
# Little News Ears

## Lesson Plan Suggestions

**BoxerBlu & Bram** – News for 4 Year-Olds & Up

**Season 1 – Episode 61** – April 14, 2020

**Keywords:** Mort Drucker, jigsaw puzzles, Covid-19 haircuts, Katharine the shark, comics



### Item #1 – ‘Mort Drucker, the iconic Mad magazine cartoonist, dies at 91’

Author: Dorany Pineda

Source: Los Angeles Times

Link: <https://www.latimes.com/obituaries/story/2020-04-09/mort-drucker-mad-magazine-cartoonist-dead>

### Activities – Social Studies – Government & Politics – Analyzing and Making Political Cartoons

#### Directions:

1. Choose a few of the cartoons [here](#), considering your students’ ages and interests.
2. Before the lesson, pre-teach whatever you think the students need to know beforehand, such as recognizing The Statue of Liberty.
3. Teach, or re-teach the [Visible Thinking Routine of ‘Circle of Viewpoints.’](#)
4. Ask the students to explain what they see in the chosen cartoon or cartoons.
5. Elicit from the students what the cartoonist probably thought about what he drew, and what inspired him.
6. As a class, choose a topic that all the students are capable of drawing and are interested in, such as ‘candy for lunch’
7. Discuss elements could go into this drawing.
8. Draw.
9. Afterwards, share with each other the drawings. Reflect upon which one is more persuasive and why.

### Item #2 – Title: ‘Here’s How Those Hot Jigsaw Puzzles are Made’

Author: Amie Tsang

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/08/business/coronavirus-jigsaw-puzzles.html>

### Resources – Games – Let’s Make Puzzles

### Item #3 – Title: ‘The Art (and Awkwardness) of a Virtual Haircut’

Author: Erin Griffith

Source: New York Times

Link: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/13/technology/coronavirus-virtual-haircut.html>

**Activity – Dramatic Play** - [Hair Salon Dramatic Play & Beauty Salon Activity for Children](#)

Item #4- ‘Great White Shark that Disappeared from Satellites a Year Ago Has Mysteriously Reappeared’

Author: Rosie McCall

Source: Newsweek

Link <https://www.newsweek.com/great-white-shark-satellites-virginia-1497725>

**Physical Fitness** [Geocaching with Kids](#)

Item #5 - ‘Taking a bath isn’t just relaxing. It could also be good for your heart, study says’

Author: Kristin Rogers

Source: CNN

Link: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/24/health/tub-bathing-heart-disease-risk-wellness/index.html>

**Activity – Dramatic Play** – [Taking Care of Babies](#)