



Young Patronesses of the Opera  
In-School Opera Program  
Presents

# The Pied Piper of Hamelin

A children's opera in one act  
by Seymour Barab

*Illustrated by Chrissy Storino*



# Biography of the Composer

## Seymour Barab



Seymour Barab was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1921, and at age thirteen, began his professional career as a church organist. He later became a cellist in the school orchestra and after graduation performed with a number of orchestras across the United States.

After he served in the military in World War II, Barab took advantage of the G.I. Bill to spend a year in Paris, where he discovered his talents for musical composition. He produced over two hundred works in just one year. Barab loves musical theatre as well as opera.

This love gives him a unique ability to merge them both to create amusing children's operas.

Seymour Barab has been delighting audiences throughout his long career. He has composed operas, instrumental works and some of the most beloved and frequently performed children's operas all over the world.

You can find more information about Mr. Barab and his works at [www.seymourbarab.com](http://www.seymourbarab.com)

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# Cast of Characters



**Pied Piper**  
Baritone



**Woodland Nymph\***  
Mezzo Soprano



**Rats**  
Non- singing role



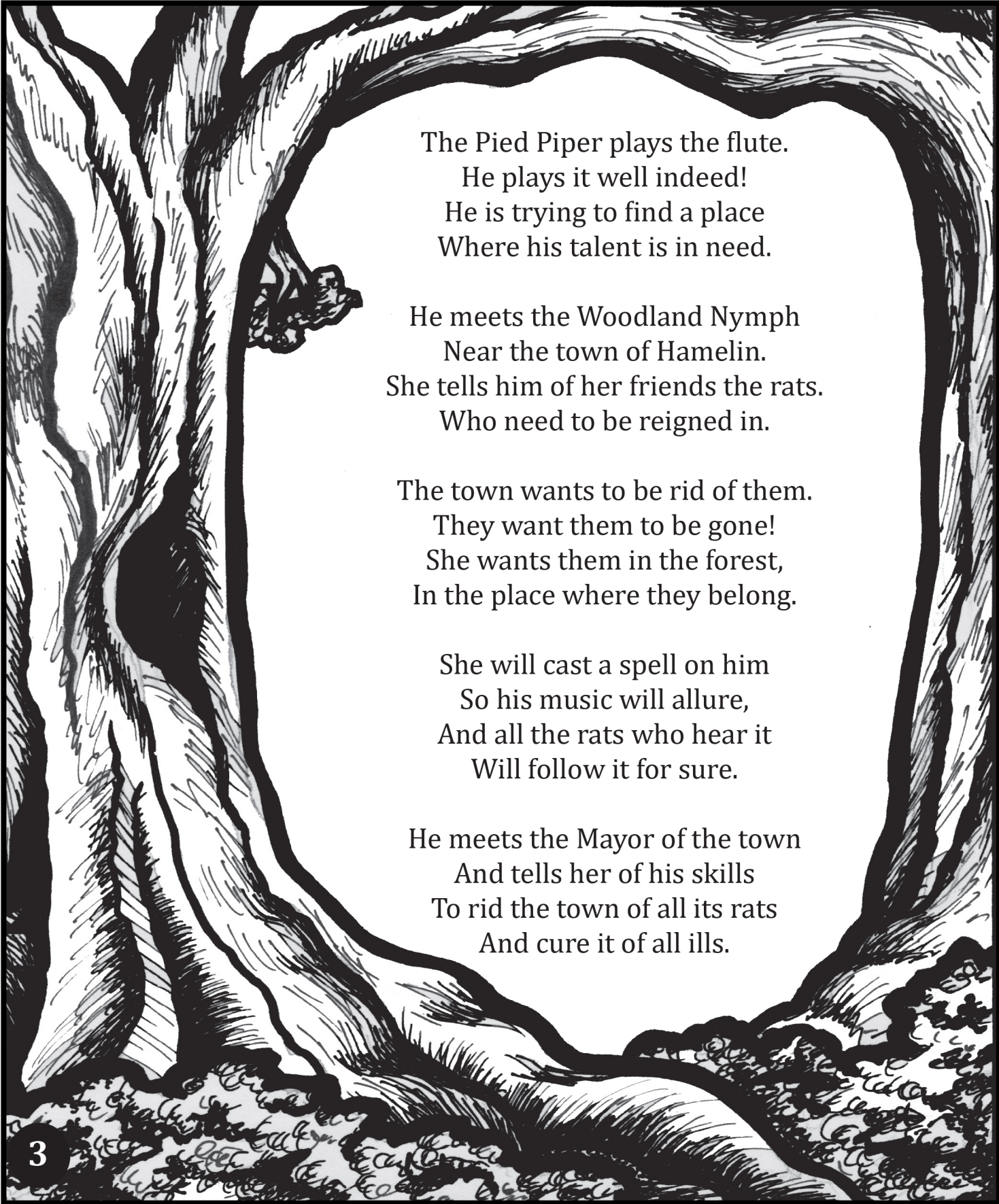
**Mayor of Hamelin**  
Soprano



**Policeman**  
Non-singing Role

*\* A Nymph is a fairy-type creature who loves to dance and sing. She protects the forest and all that live within, such as the trees, streams and animals.*

# The story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin



The Pied Piper plays the flute.  
He plays it well indeed!  
He is trying to find a place  
Where his talent is in need.

He meets the Woodland Nymph  
Near the town of Hamelin.  
She tells him of her friends the rats.  
Who need to be reigned in.

The town wants to be rid of them.  
They want them to be gone!  
She wants them in the forest,  
In the place where they belong.

She will cast a spell on him  
So his music will allure,  
And all the rats who hear it  
Will follow it for sure.

He meets the Mayor of the town  
And tells her of his skills  
To rid the town of all its rats  
And cure it of all ills.



The rats follow the flutist  
But the evil Mayor's cheap.  
She taxes the poor Piper  
So there's nothing left to keep.

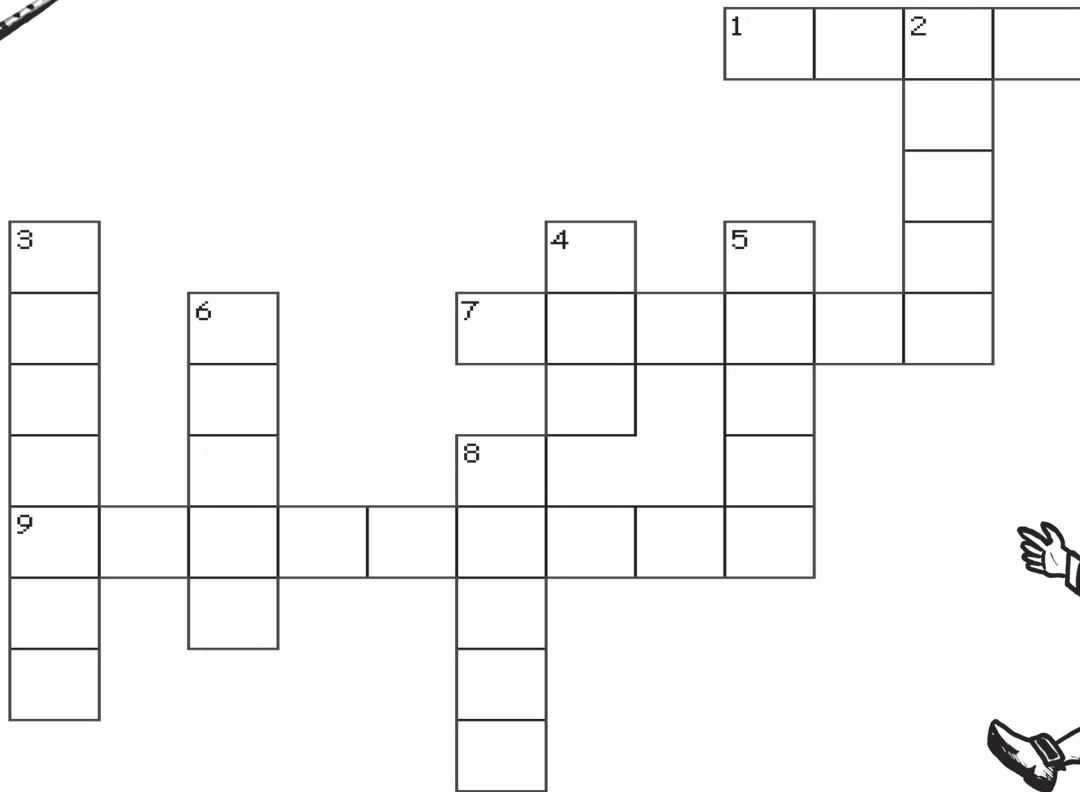
The Nymph designs a clever plot  
To be sure he gets his pay.  
Children, too, like music  
So he lures them all away.

When the Mayor realizes  
Where the children all might be  
She decides to pay the Piper  
And the youngsters are set free.

It is good to keep your promise.  
It fills your heart with joy.  
So now the town is whole again  
And with each girl and boy.



# Crossword Puzzle



Find the missing words in the sentences below to fill out the puzzle above.

## ACROSS

1. The Pied Piper lured the \_\_\_\_ back to the forest.
7. The Pied Piper wore a coat of many \_\_\_\_\_.
9. When you do the right thing you have \_\_\_\_\_.

## DOWN

2. The Mayor claimed that the Piper owed his fee all back in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Mayor broke his \_\_\_\_\_.
4. If you keep your promise you feel \_\_\_\_.
5. The evil Mayor did not pay the Pied Piper the \_\_\_\_\_ he earned.
6. The Pied Piper played his \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The Woodland Nymph wanted to protect the \_\_\_\_\_ and the animals.

# Music

The Pied Piper (a baritone) begins the show explaining who he is.  
He sings on a “bass clef” line.

Pied Piper



I'm Pied. That's an awful thing to be, ev-ery bo-dy laughs at me, yes my life's a trag-e-dy cause I'm Pied.




The Mayor (a soprano) realizes at the end of the opera that it's time to make changes in the town and sings this song. She sings on a “treble clef” line.



Mayor



Here in Hame - lin, Here in Hame - lin, We are gon-na make some chan - ges so let's pitch right in! Here in Hame- lin, We'll make Hame - lin a much bet - ter place than it has ev - er been!

## Musical Terms

A clef is a symbol placed at the beginning of a staff (see above) to indicate the pitch of written notes. Different instruments and voices use different clefs. The most widely known are the “**treble clef**”  and the “**bass clef**” . Other musical terms and symbols are in the music above. Can you identify them?

 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
*mp* \_\_\_\_\_

*F* Forte - loud \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

# Word Search

H J W I N M O N E Y S R  
U M P U N I B L R X A T  
X L O R Y T L U A T J A  
W O L R I C E E S M K X  
E S I M O R P G M D C C  
R B C B N E M G R A H U  
P I E D P I P E R I H U  
W J M N S J T K L R T X  
O L A P Y U X D A O C Y  
O R N T L M R N A Y X F  
D D N F W E P L E A B G  
S O J F N Q T H S M P T

CHILDREN  
INTEGRITY  
NYMPH  
PROMISE

FLUTE  
MAYOR  
PIED PIPER  
RATS

HAMELIN  
MONEY  
POLICEMAN  
WOODS

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## WORD GAME

How many new words can you make from the letters in the word **RATS**?

\_\_\_\_\_

*(light in the night sky)*

\_\_\_\_\_

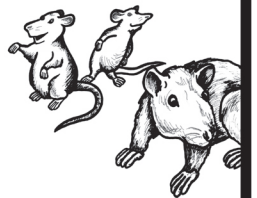
*(music, dance, painting, etc.)*

\_\_\_\_\_

*(black gooey globs)*

\_\_\_\_\_

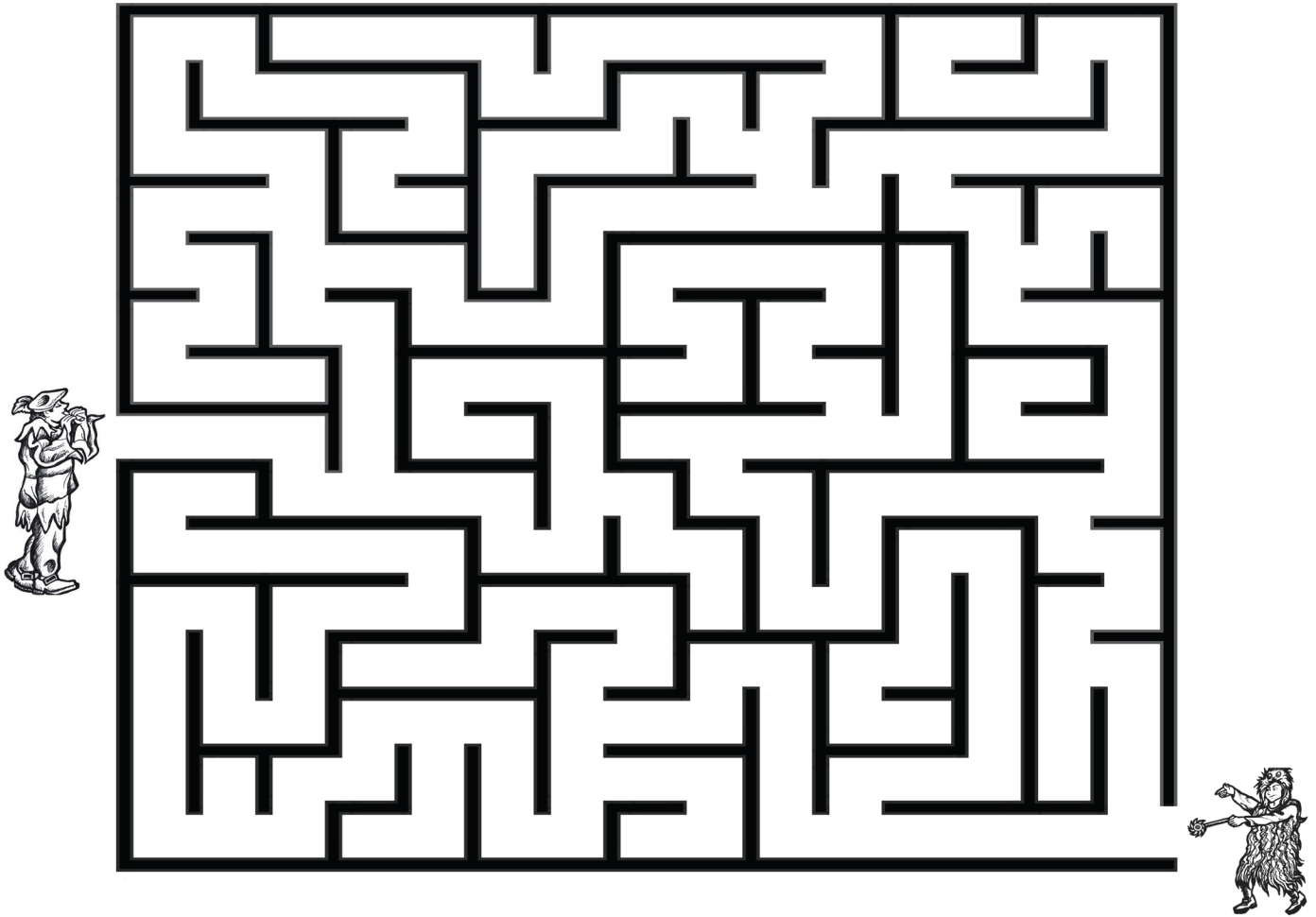
*(Russian ruler)*





# Maze

Help the Pied Piper find his way back to the woods.



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## Integrity

“Wonderful things happen when you keep your promise, you feel joy”, said the Mayor. Here are a few things you may do to be a person of integrity. Can you think of others?

**BE KIND**

**DO NOT BULLY**

**PROTECT THE EARTH**

**BE HONEST**

**BE GENEROUS**

**TELL THE TRUTH**

**BE FAITHFUL**

**DO THE RIGHT THING**

**OBEY RULES**

# Opera Etiquette

The opera is a special treat.  
Be sure your clothes are clean and neat.

Learn a bit about the show.  
Read the story before you go.

Get there early, take a seat.  
Pick foods that make no noise to eat.

Sit quietly, don't talk or cough.  
Turn your cell phone dial to "Off".

Text messaging you should not send  
Until the show has reached the end.

No photographing of the show,  
And taping is a real no-no.

Stay in your seat 'til you allow  
The singers to take their final bow.

Let the performers feel real proud,  
Applaud or yell "Bravo!" real loud!

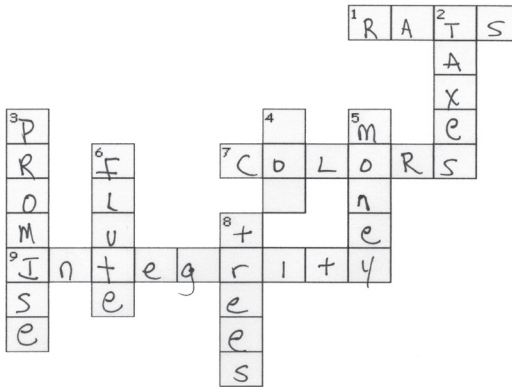
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What character is this?

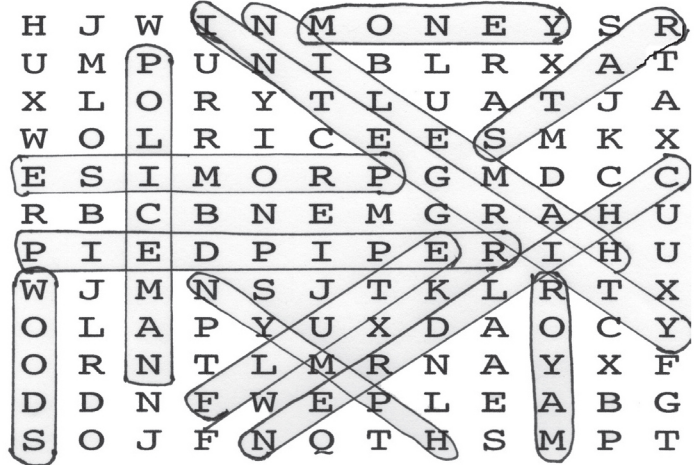


# Solutions

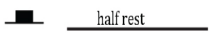
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## Musical Terms- page 6



half rest



half note



quarter rest



eighth notes



quarter note



mezzo piano (soft)



Forte - loud



repeat



fermata (hold/pause)

## Word Game- page 7

star

(light in the night sky)

arts

(music, dance, painting, etc.)

tars

(black gooey globs)

tsar

(Russian ruler)

## REBUS - page 9



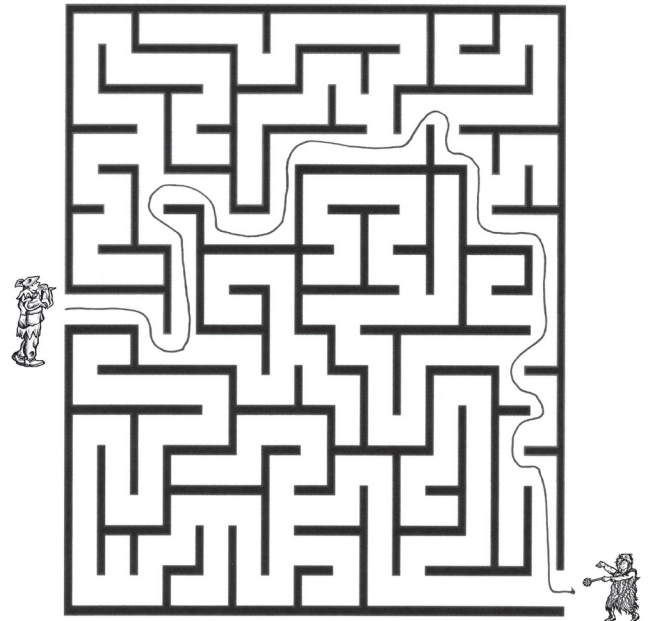
Pied



Piper

## Maze- page 8

Help the Pied Piper find his way back to the woods.





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fun  
for  
everyone*

