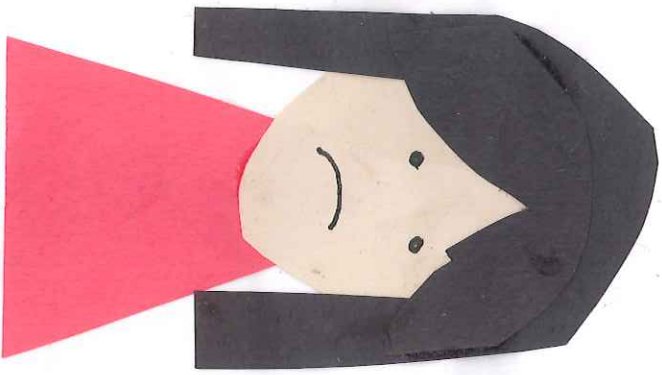


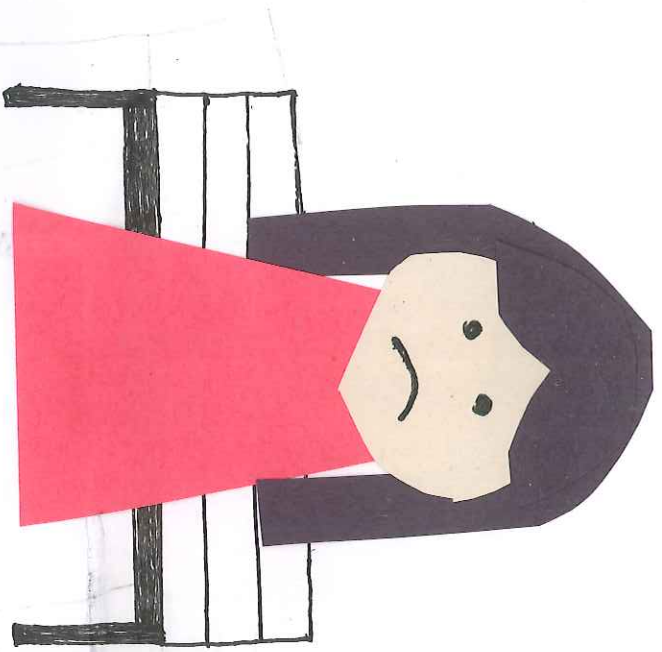
Suzy Is Sad



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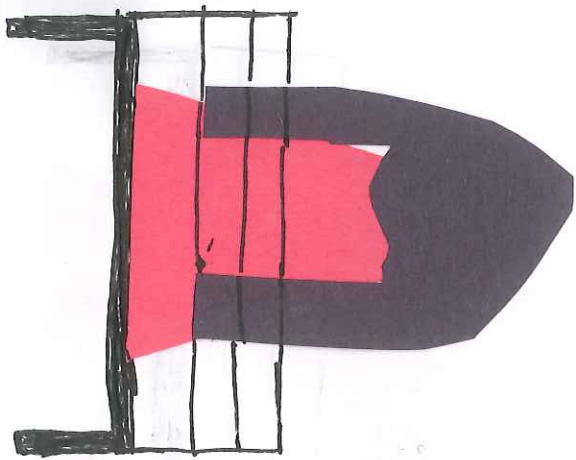
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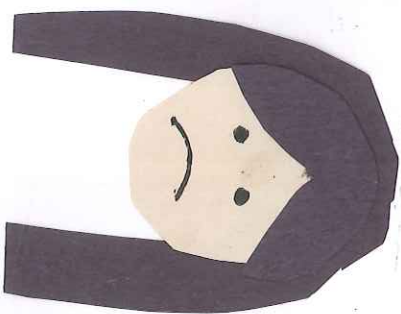
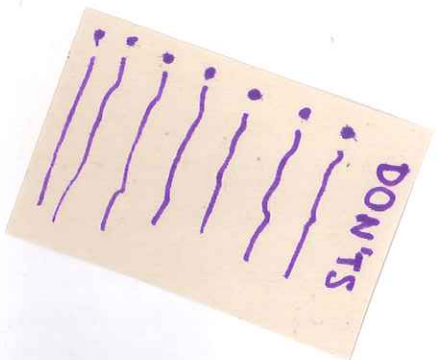
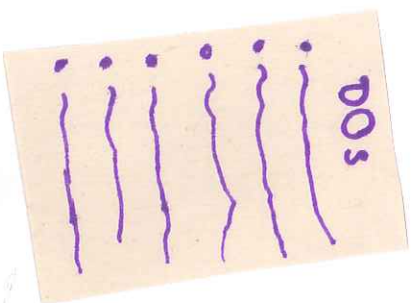


It's simply because

I don't know how to be glad!



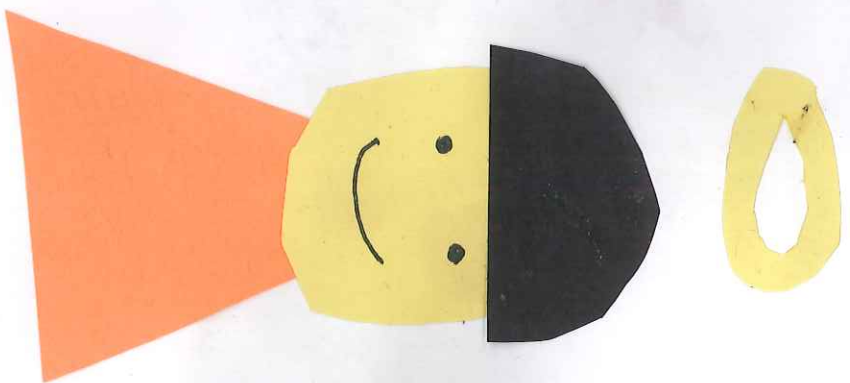
Suzy, why are you sad?



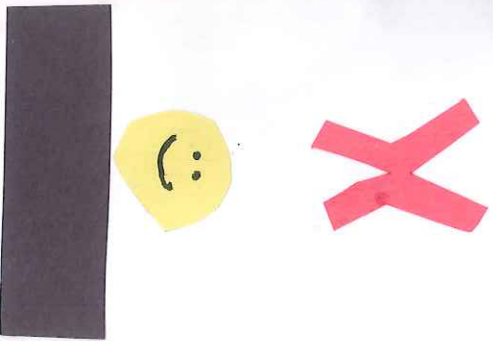
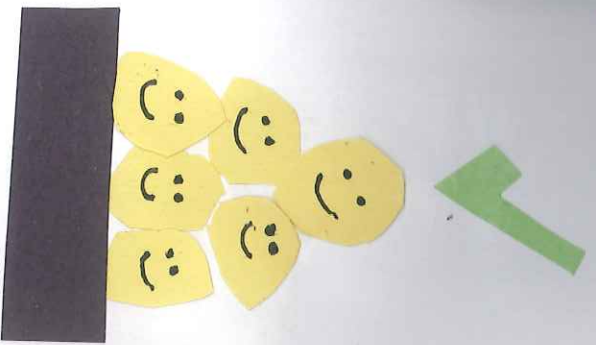
I'd like to be happy, really I would.
But it's so hard to tell
How you shouldn't and should!



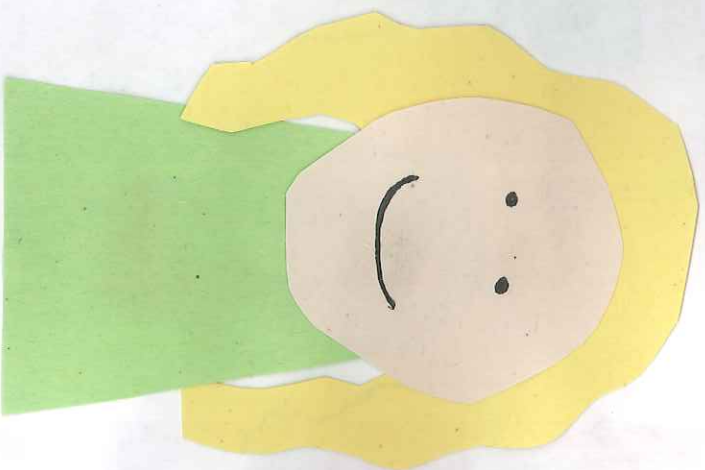
I've been thinking about it,
There's questions I've had.
Like can I be happy even if I act bad?



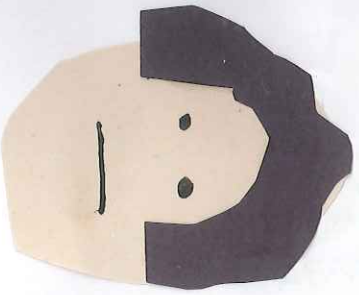
Suzy, you're silly, don't worry your head!
Of course you can't be happy if you act bad!
If you do what's right,
You have nothing to dread.
'Cause ethics makes sure you'll always be glad!



He's right, dear Suzy,
Here's the system to use:
Options that make the most people happy
Are the ones you should choose.



Now there's where I disagree,
My utilitarian friend.
Instead live by virtues,
Which you ought never bend.
It's only through those
That you'll truly be happy!
Any other version is comparatively tacky.



All three of you, you're right
About only one feature.

Ethics are important, so don't be a cheater.

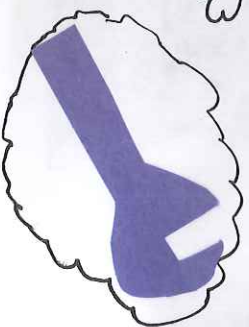
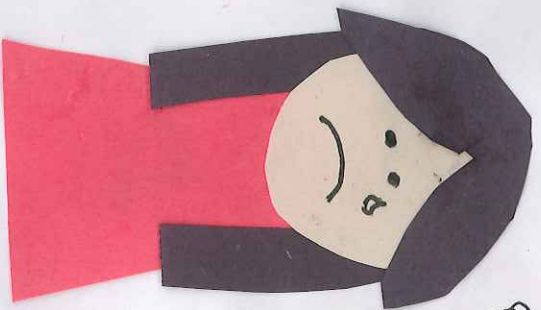
But they won't bring you joy,

You could get that through cruelty.

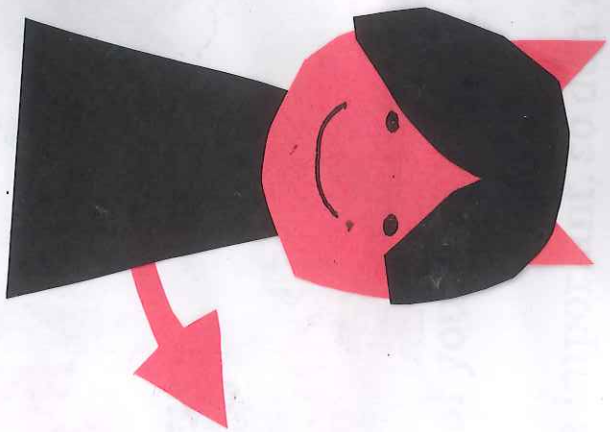
Happiness just doesn't matter

In light of your duty.

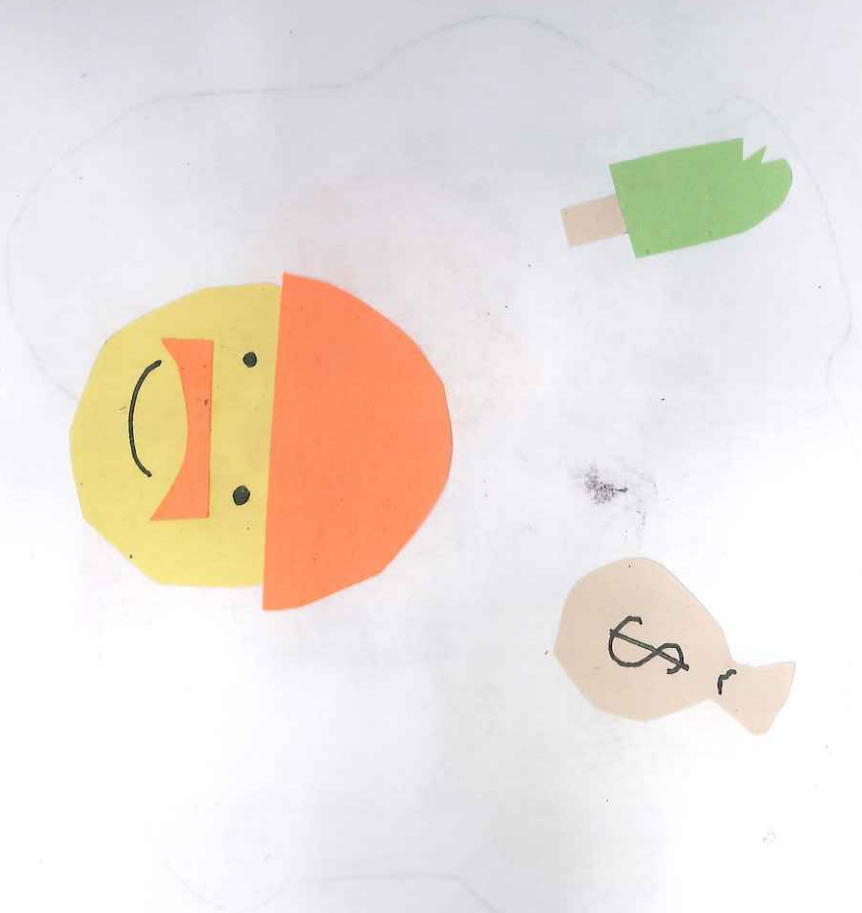
Now that's just depressing,
I really don't like it!
Maybe being good is more important,
But I'm sure you can delight in it.
And if I don't want to live by your rules?
My thoughts might be different,
I'm not just a tool.



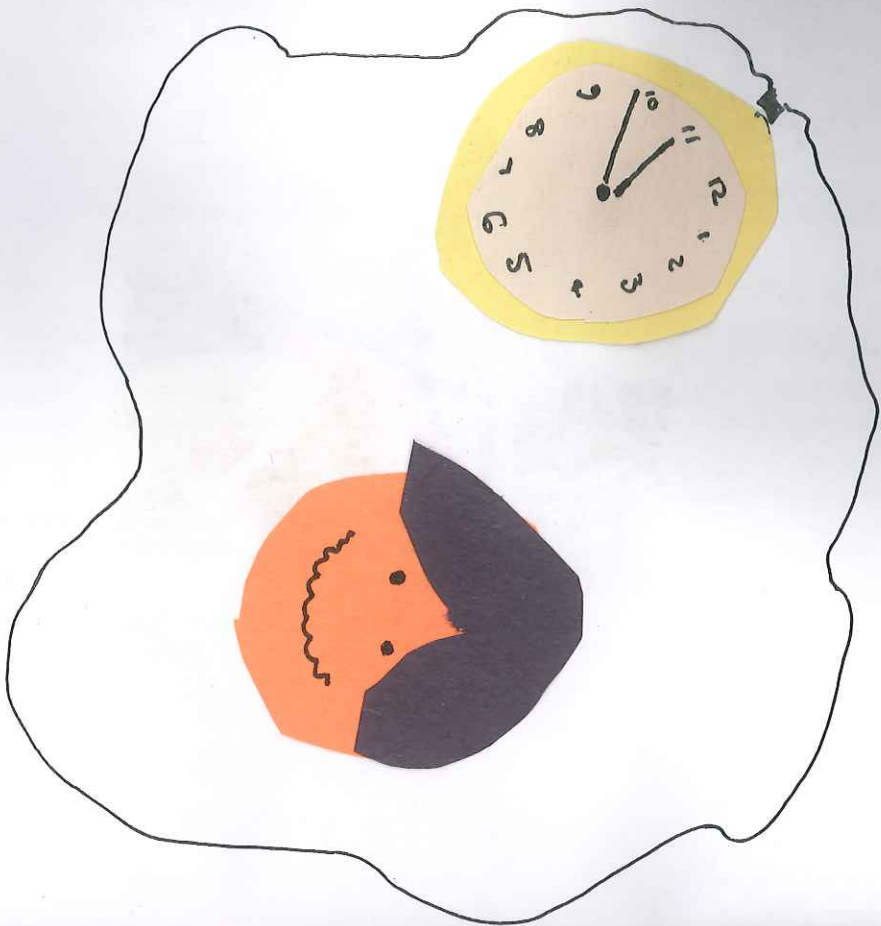
I think it's time for some different opinions.
Maybe others also dislike your dominion.



Suzy, quite right! You sure got them there.
Happiness consists of your values, not theirs.
Choose to be good, or bad to the bone.
As long as you justify the actions on your own.



Agreed, dear sir, I'll take a step more,
Happiness is pleasure,
And that pleasure is yours.
As the utilitarian said,
The actions don't matter.
It's whether or not
It makes your happiness fatter.

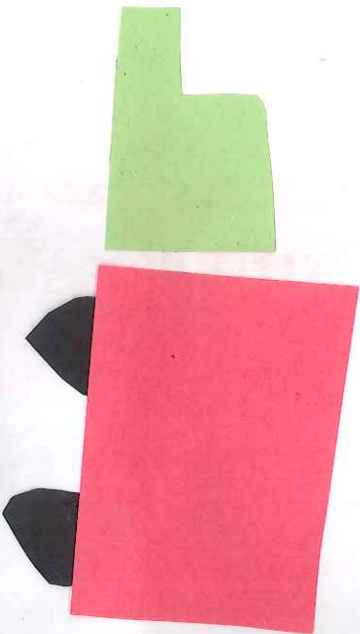


You're both so confident in personal power.
I wouldn't go so far- that happiness sours.
Bad deeds may work
In the short term, that's true,
But their happiness is brief
And you'll once again be blue.



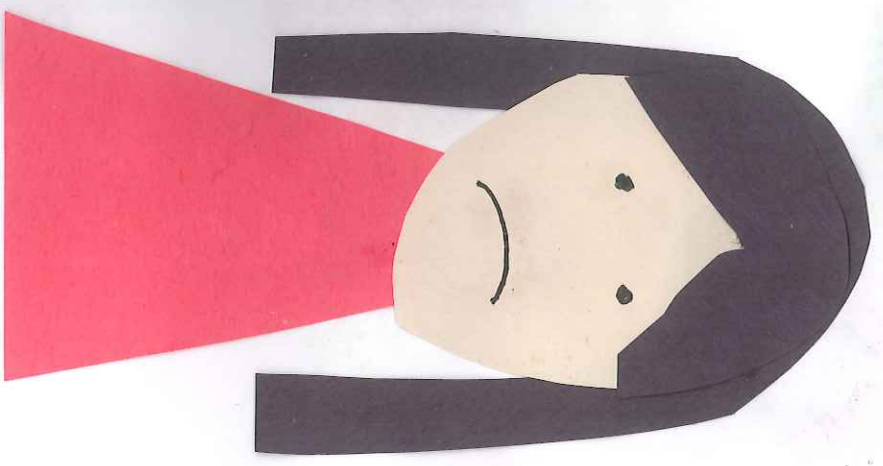
I see what you mean, I know I'd feel guilty
Putting my wants in front of others-
It seems very silly.
You all have such wonderful ideas,
You're each a bit right,
But none of these answers alone
Can solve my plight.

instead, here's my own answer,
if none of you mind.
In order to be happy, you don't need ethics at all.
Of course it is best if you do the right thing.
And not hurting others takes precedence,
don't you think?

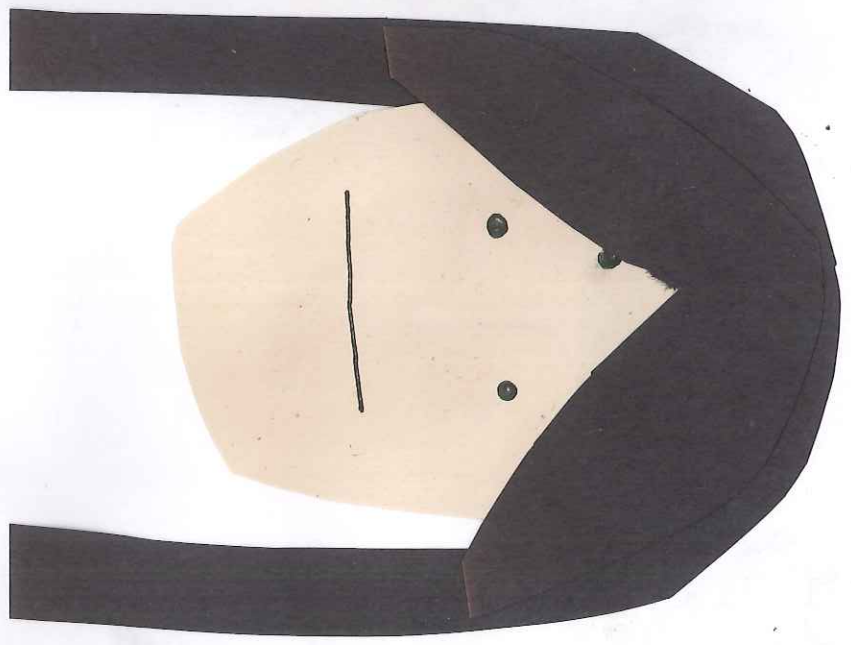


So maybe I can steal a toy truck or two,
Cut in line at the swings if it makes my joy accrue
But small actions like that, I'll draw the line there
My personal values tell me I should be fair.

Maybe that means I can't be happy all the while
But something about being ethical just...

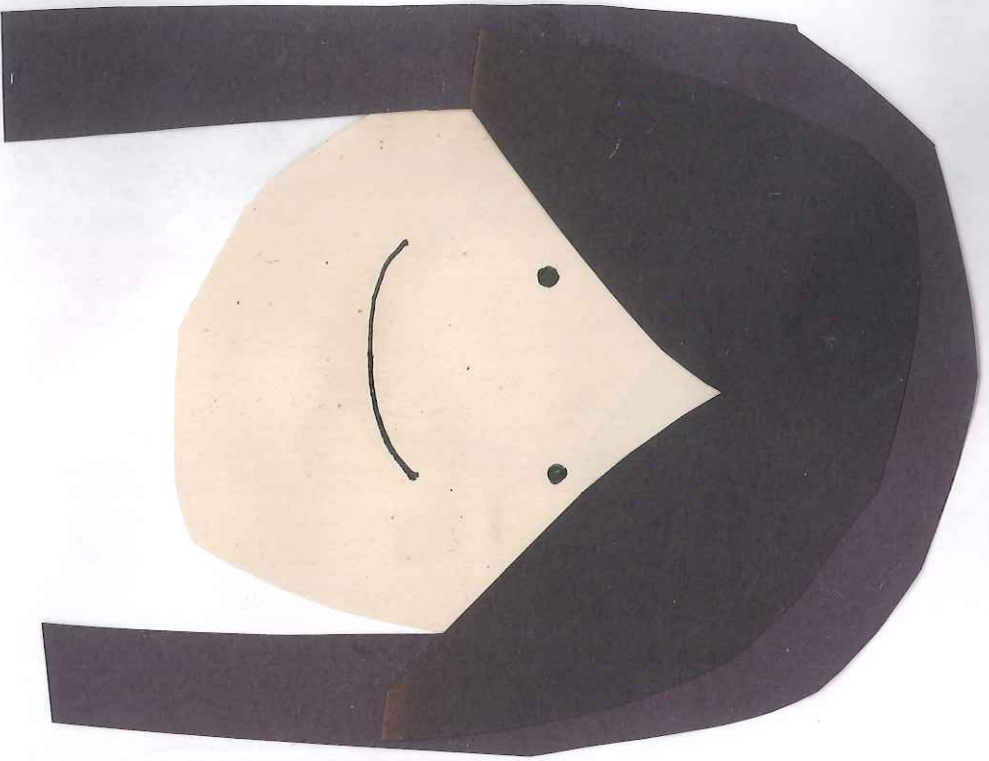


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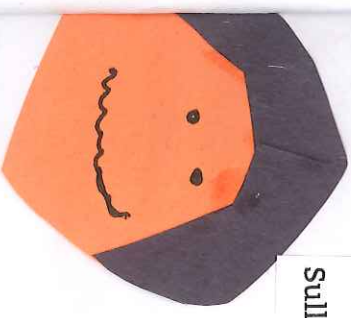


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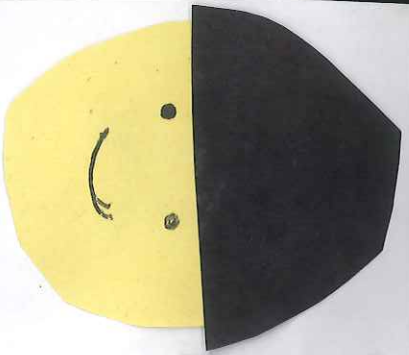
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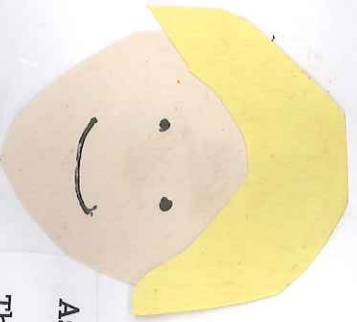


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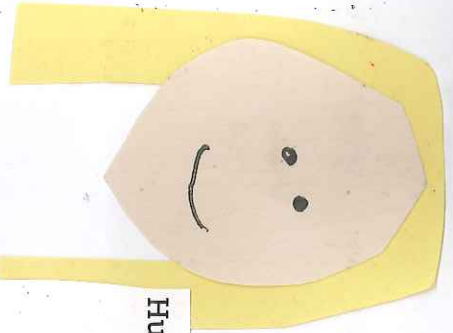


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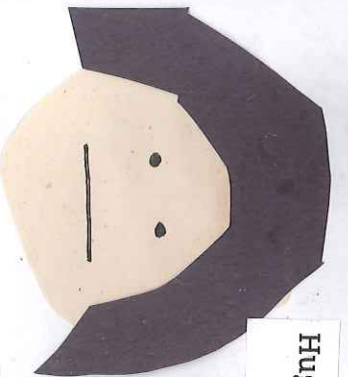
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