

## Additional Ideas for the Listening Center

- Books on tape often do not last long enough for center time and therefore usually need an extension activity.
- Do not allow students to use headphones at the listening center and ensure that students play the story quietly to prompt students to focus.
- You may want to provide audio books that relate to a theme you are exploring in class or books by an author you are reading in class.
- After the students have listened to a story, they can
  - create a story map of the beginning, middle, and end of the story.
  - draw and write their favorite part of the story.
  - draw a make-believe and real-life picture based on the story.
  - write facts they learned during the story, especially appropriate for nonfiction.
  - record their own reading and listen to it.