

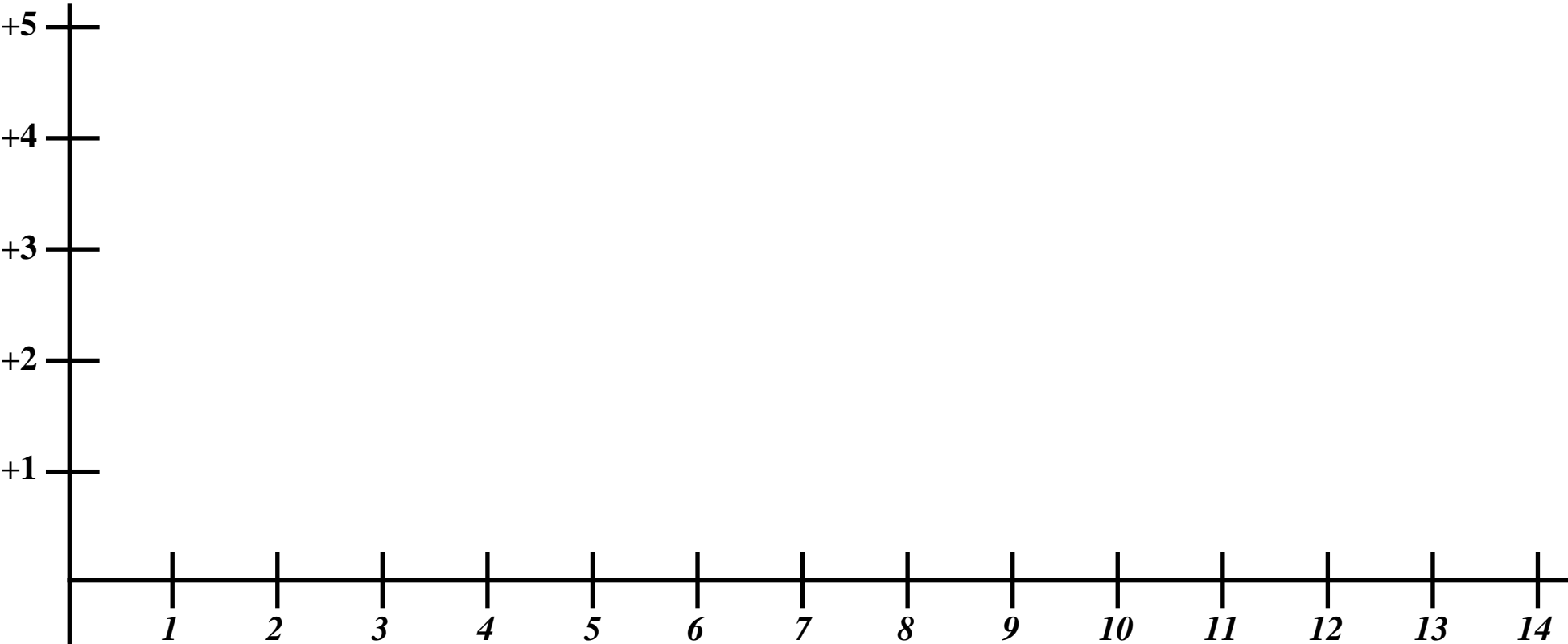
Life Maps/Loves & Hates

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A fun prewriting activity to support narrative writing is to create student life maps. Students take an inventory of the highs and lows in their lives and map them artistically on graph paper. There is a sample color life map on p. 52 of the Write Source 2000 student handbook. Mock up one of your own life to demonstrate to your students the steps. (For most of us, this will require intervals more than one year apart in order to fit on a sheet of graph paper!) If students are willing to share these, they make a great bulletin board display at this time of year since you have successfully built a community on your team.

(Use the attached life map worksheet to organize your students' work.)

Another twist on this life map idea is in Linda Rief's book called Vision & Voice: Extending the Literacy Curriculum. She asks students to make a list of loves and hates. From that list they draw an illustrated, graduated bar graph of loves and hates, being as specific as possible. Attached is a student sample.

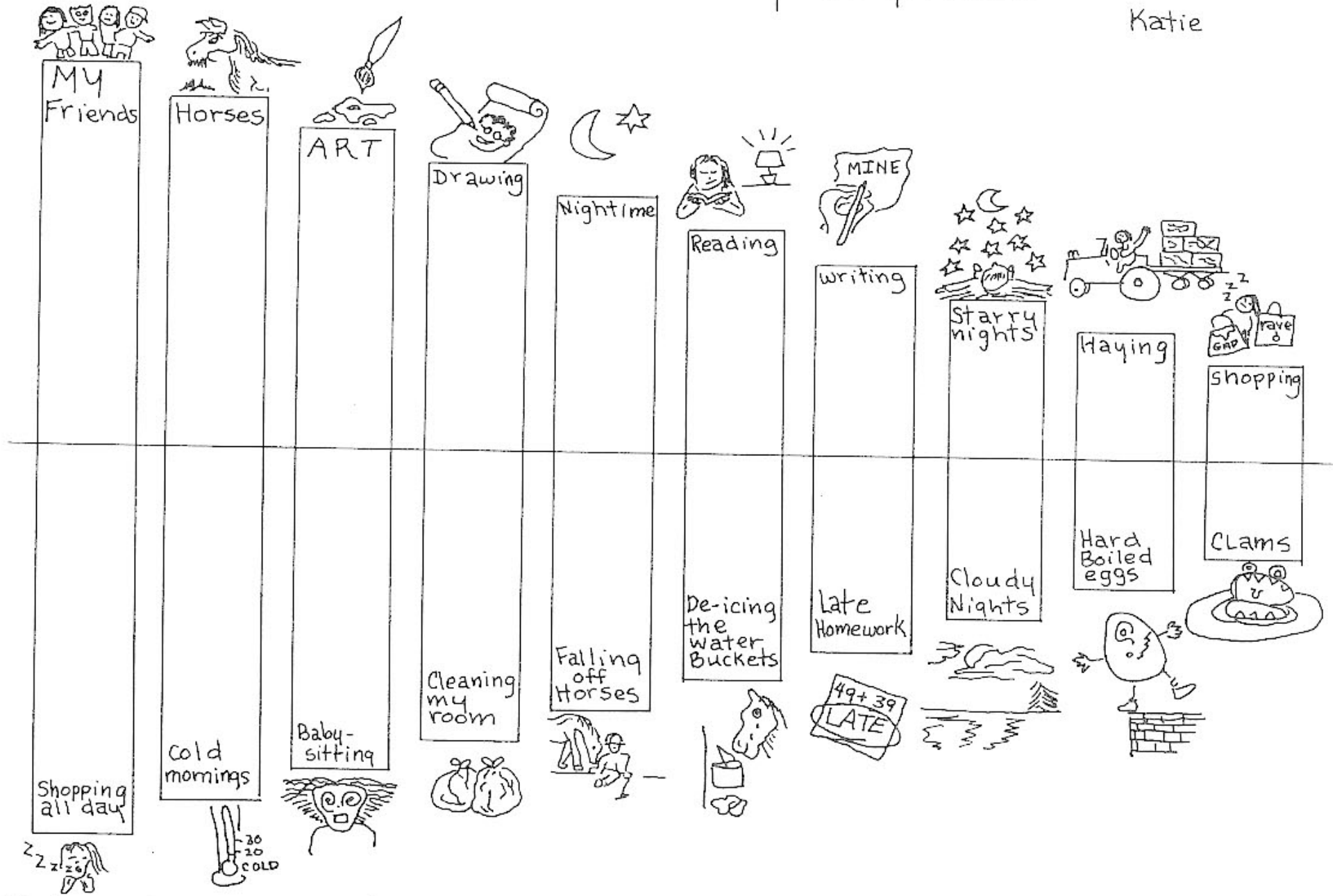


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Things I ♥ the Most

My ♥'s & Hates

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Things I hate the most