**Maurice Sendak**

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Have you ever heard of Maurice Sendak, a famous author and illustrator? Maurice Sendak made a positive impact on author’s lives today. He made it a dream for authors around the world to be like him. He showed never to give up on your dreams, he made one of the first picture books, and he inspired many authors today.

It's true, Maurice Sendak showed never to give up on your dreams. As a young boy Maurice went through a major sickness. That lasted a little while though this did not make Maurice give up on his dream of becoming a famous author. In Maurice’s later life he got cancer. Maurice survived having cancer but it made him very weak. This really did affect him in ways, because it made it harder to do daily things meaning like playing outside because as you k now he started to become weak slowly but, affectively. Although Maurice went through a lot of

sicknesses, Maurice never gave up on his dream of becoming a famous author and illustrator. Also another thing is that during a period in Maurice’s life his mother died so Maurice and his dad had to move. Three years went by and then his father died. After this Maurice only had Jenny which was his pet dog who he loved so much and would do anything for. Time passed about a couple months and Jenny died. This was the hardest time in Maurice’s life that he had to go through all by himself and he still continued his dream. These are ways that Maurice showed never to give up on your dream.

Second of all, Maurice Sendak made one of the first picture books. Maurice loved writing books for all ages from children to adults. Maurice made one of the first picture books. This was one of Maurice’s main accomplishments in his life. This accomplishment really helped Maurice be known as a famous author and illustrator. Later on Maurice was making costumes for opera, receiving National Medal of Arts form president Clinton, and writing many best sellers. This was all because he wrote one of the first picture books. This point in Maurice's life really made him start to be known and his books to be known as well. Maurice also loved writing books about his own personal life and that’s what made his books interesting to read. As said before Maurice won many awards like the Caldecott medal for his illustrations from where the wild things are, another Caldecott medal for outside over there, National Children’s Book Award again for Outside over There, and there are many more that he had won in his life. As I said before all of this was this one moment in his life that made him be known. As you know Maurice is known for being a famous author and illustrator and making one of the first picture books.

In addition, Maurice Sendak inspired many authors today. Maurice Sendak wrote for all ages because he wanted everyone to enjoy reading his books as much as other people. He made his books for all ages to read to read. This is showing authors and illustrators today that all ages should have books to read. Maurice also won eight awards total for all of his books and this encourages authors and illustrators today. Maurice also as mentioned before went through a lot of sicknesses and that did not stop him of continuing his dream to become a famous author and illustrator. This is showing authors and illustrators to never give up on your dreams. These are some reasons that Maurice Sendak inspires authors and illustrators today.

As you can see Maurice Sendak has made a positive impact on author’s lives today. He made an impact on author’s lives today because he showed never to give up on your dreams, he made one of the first picture books, and he inspired many authors today.