The Black Cat
One Pager Project

A one-pager is a collage of illustrations and written analyses on a single page that together create an aesthetically pleasing and detailed interpretation of a subject or piece of literature.

Directions:

Share your unique understanding of the text on one page by imaginatively blending your written ideas with colorful images from the story. You should spend at least 30 minutes reading and/or brainstorming ideas before you begin decorating your page. It's recommended you begin with pencil first for your design so it's easy to make changes before finalizing your work in ink or color.
Use a standard size piece of blank paper (8.5 x 11) or a template may be provided for you.
Your page can be horizontal or vertical.

PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE

Below is a list of what should be included on your page:

- Write the title of the short story and the author's name
- Describe an example of symbolism in the story
- Analyze one theme from the story
- Explain one example of conflict from the story
- Include either a personal reflection about your thoughts and reactions to the story or a fact about the author and why it is significant (at least 2 sentences)
- Choose **four** or more of the following literary elements to incorporate as it applies to the short story specifically: *irony*, *characterization, mood, tone, genre, point of view, climax, resolution, foreshadowing, suspense, allusion, imagery, setting, or any example of figurative language*
- Draw a minimum of **four** illustrations that are directly related to the text in some way
- You must fill your entire page
- Your page must be colored

PREVIEW

Grading Rubric

Overall Appearance	Your page is detailed and neat. Images are clear and text is easy to read. The overall appearance is creative and aesthetically pleasing.	10 Points
Information	Your explanations and references are accurate. You include all the required components from the directions.	10 Points
Analysis	You demonstrate you understand the literature through your examples and commentaries. The literary elements you choose are insightful and depict important ideas from the story.	10 Points
Writing Conventions	You use proper grammar, punctuation, spelling, and usage. Effective word choice demonstrates a strong understanding of context and purpose.	10 Points
Graphics	You choose illustrations that highlight meaningful parts of the story. The graphic elements are neat, colored, and incorporated seamlessly into the work.	10 Points

NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE
PREVIEW

50 Points

NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE

THE BLACK CAT

BY EDGAR ALLAN POE

The author, Poe, was reportedly an uncontrollable drunk. Many still believe he died of alcohol, although the reasons are still unknown. This connection is important as the narrator suffers from alcoholism which leads to his demise.

The narrator's wife is innocent, gentle, and kind. Her character loves animals, and owned birds, goldfish, dogs, cats, rabbits, and a monkey.

"who has not, a hundred times, found himself committing a vile or a silly action, for no other reason than because he knows he should not?"

The narrator has an internal conflict and desire to do wrong, on the basis that is corrupt.

On the night of Pluto's murder, the house burns down. This foreshadows the collapse of the narrator's stability and mental state. It suggests that supernatural justice will come.

The POV is first person. The unnamed narrator is on death row about to be executed. Readers know he's done something horribly wrong from the start which builds suspense. The THEME is that alcohol can be a catalyst for perverse, violent behavior. The narrator transforms from animal lover into cruel tyrant.

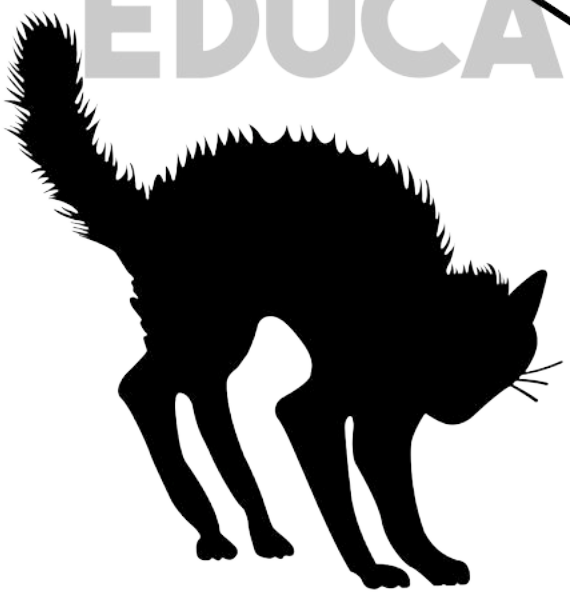
It is ironic that the cat helps the police catch the killer. The narrator was confident he would get away with the crime, but unexpectedly the cat is still alive and reveals the truth.

The new cat that appears symbolizes the narrator's unavoidable guilt for killing Pluto.

PREVIEW NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE

PREVIEW
NOT FOR
EDUCATIONAL USE

PREVIEW
NOT FOR
EDUCATIONAL USE



PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE

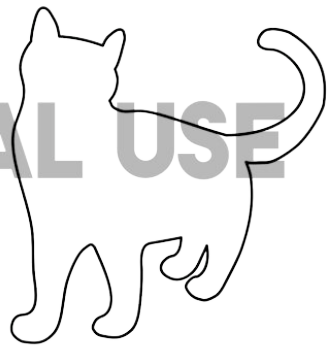
PREVIEW
NOT FOR
EDUCATIONAL USE

PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE
PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE

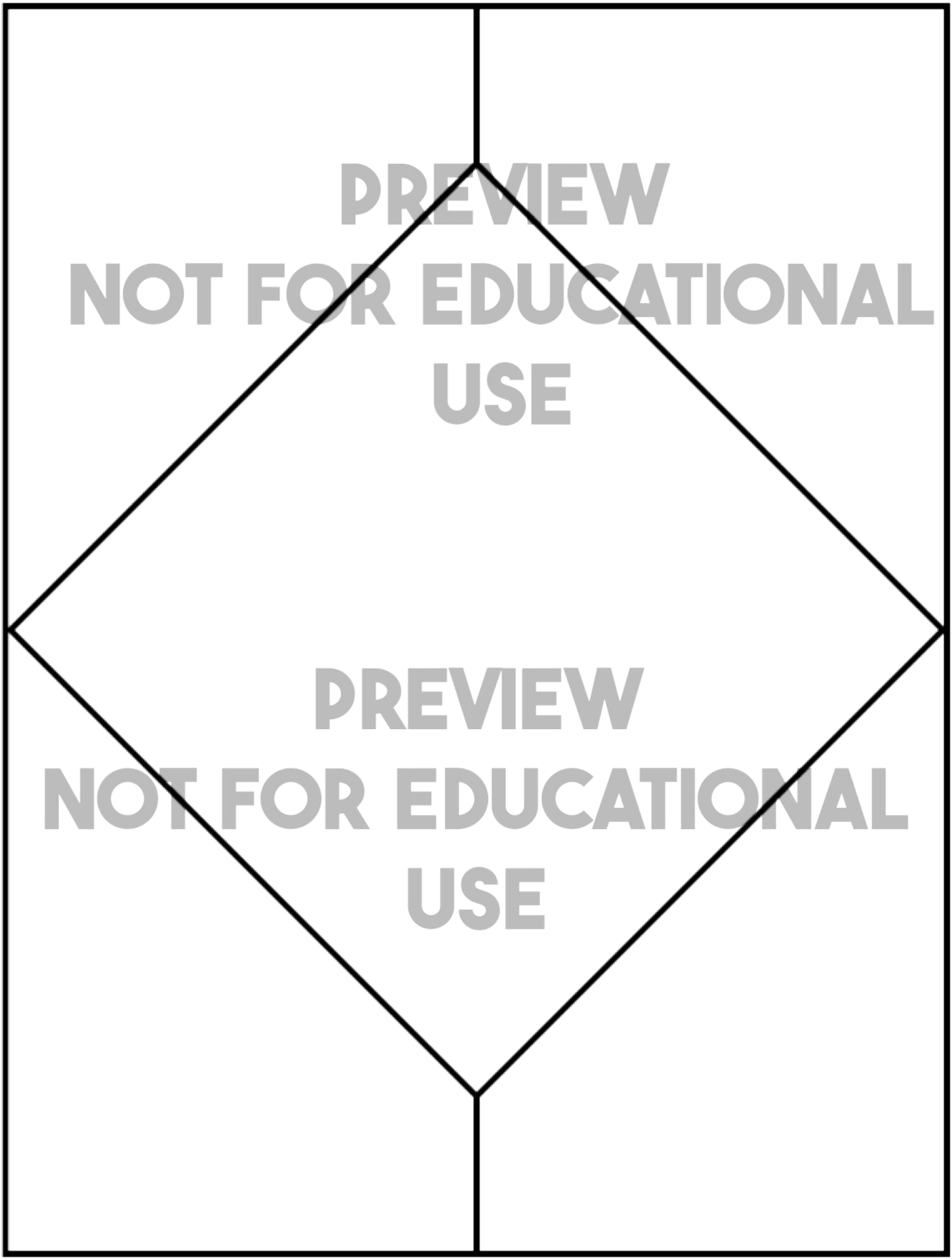
PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE

PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE

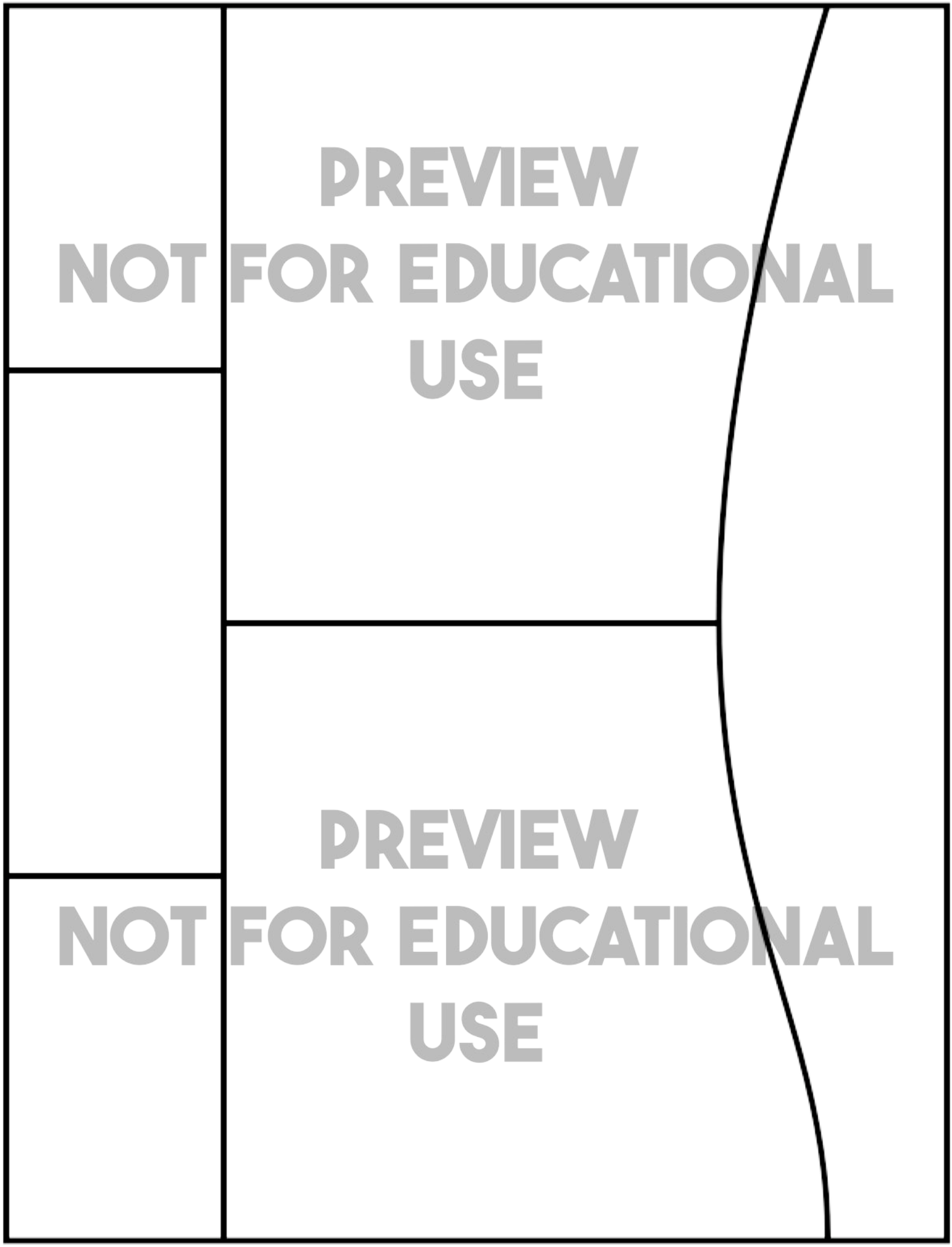
PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE



PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE
PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE

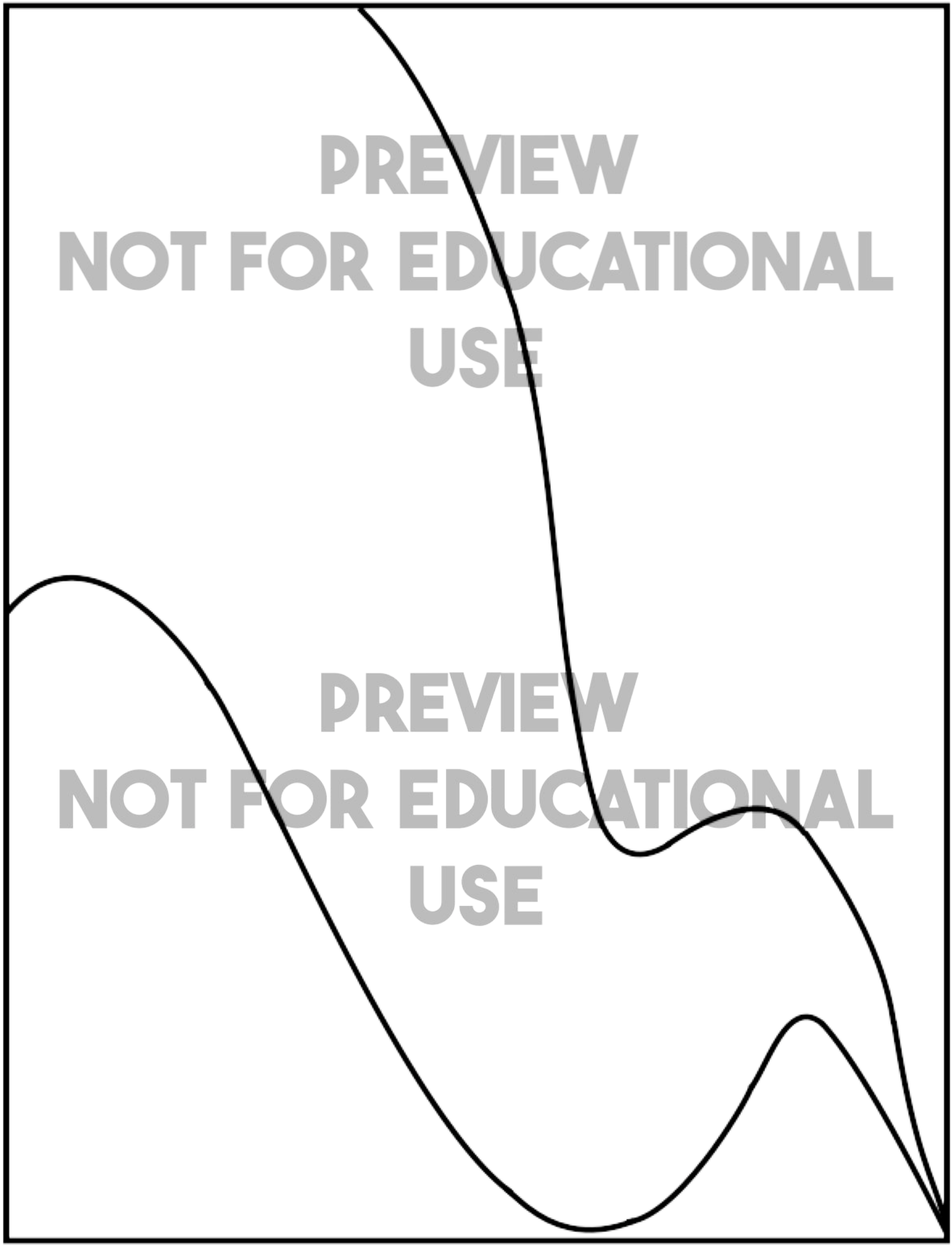

PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE
PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE

PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE
PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE
PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE


PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL
USE
PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL
USE

PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE

PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE


PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE
PREVIEW
NOT FOR EDUCATIONAL USE