



# PINOCCHIO!

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*FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS*



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## For Further Reading

- ✓ *Pinocchio* by Carlo Collodi: (Young Reader's Treasured Classics with over 80 Classic Illustrations) – English:

[https://www.amazon.com/Pinocchio-Carlo-Collodi-Treasured-Illustrations/dp/1948696401/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?crid=21UCJCD3O1DTI&keywords=pinocchio+book&qid=1675719777&s=books&srefix=pinocchio+book%2Cstripbooks-intl-ship%2C119&sr=1-3](https://www.amazon.com/Pinocchio-Carlo-Collodi-Treasured-Illustrations/dp/1948696401/ref=sr_1_3?crid=21UCJCD3O1DTI&keywords=pinocchio+book&qid=1675719777&s=books&srefix=pinocchio+book%2Cstripbooks-intl-ship%2C119&sr=1-3)

- ✓ *Le avventure di Pinocchio, storia di un burattino*: Versione originale e completa (Italian Edition) Paperback – 6 luglio 2019/ italiano

<https://www.ibs.it/avventure-di-pinocchio-storia-di-libro-carlo-collodi/e/9788809206489?queryId=e15cd915c338c606314f42a4de90763b>

- ✓ <https://www.fondazionecollodi.it/en>

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SCENE I

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*IN THE HOUSE OF  
GEPPETTO*



**Listen to the opening of the Opera:**  
*The music tells us that something is about to happen...*

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*something is about to be made, created!*



[https://youtube.com/clip/Ugkxu7qMpRw8yT8vn\\_067MPtXF9u3KjpHjf4](https://youtube.com/clip/Ugkxu7qMpRw8yT8vn_067MPtXF9u3KjpHjf4)






A stack of cut logs in a forest setting. The logs are stacked in a pile, with the ends of the logs visible, showing the wood grain. The background is a soft-focus forest scene with trees and a bright light source, possibly the sun, creating a hazy atmosphere.

# *The Libretto:*

## ***GEPETTO:***

**-Without a child – what is life? A sad reality.  
Without a child I could not live, this is the truth!  
And my little one, with a nice little nose,  
With a nice little eye, will be born from wood!  
Tok, tok, here is the little hand!  
Tok, tok, here is the little foot!  
Tok, tok, here is the little head!  
And this... (looking hard at the long nose of  
Pinocchio) this...  
What is this?  
Tok, tok, maybe the little hand.  
Tok, tok, maybe the little foot.  
Tok, tok, maybe the little head,  
(with admiration) but no, but certainly, this is  
The little nose!**

A close-up view of wooden floor planks, showing the natural grain and texture of the wood. The planks are arranged in a parallel pattern, creating a warm and rustic appearance.



***GEPETTO** IS CARVING THE WOOD ,HOLDING A GREAT HOPE WITHIN HIS HEART.*

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If you had a similar talent, would you like to carve from wood or sculpt from marble,  
a friend or companion for yourself? If yes, why? Or, why not?



## ***DUET GEPETTO AND THE CRICKET:***

***Cricket:*** A child of wood, what will you do with it?  
A child of wood, what, what,  
what will you call him? What will be his name?

***GEPETTO:*** What will I name him? (*dance with the puppet  
Pinocchio*)

This son, born from my heart,  
as beautiful as the sun!  
and my child, I will name him...  
I would name him... Let's see, let's see...





★ How do we know that **Pinocchio** is precious to **Geppetto**?

★ When the **Talking Cricket** asks what name he will give the marionette, how does **Geppetto** respond?



## PINOCCHIO PRONOUNCES HIS FIRST WORDS...

*PINOCCHIO:*  [https://youtube.com/clip/UgkxoWEjpO2I\\_jAej4niw\\_wXHGoA2y7E5\\_Eq](https://youtube.com/clip/UgkxoWEjpO2I_jAej4niw_wXHGoA2y7E5_Eq)

- I am Pinocchio, here I am!
  - In the little house of Papa,
  - With a Cricket that can talk,
  - I am really astonished, tra la la!
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- I'm cute, I'm handsome,
  - With a nose that's a little, a little long,
  - But what does that matter, it's good that way!
  - I am happy at home with Papa!
  - The world is full of wonders that are waiting for me out there!
  - I would like to discover them all in this world of Happiness!





\* \* What is the reaction of **Pinocchio** after **Geppetto** has finished making him?

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\* \* Do you think that **Pinocchio** is intelligent or aware? Or that he still has to develop these qualities?

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\* \* When **Pinocchio** says «*The world is full of miracles,*» do you think he understands how big the world is and how much there is to learn?

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# L'UNITA' D'ITALIA

***IN ITALY THERE WAS AN IMPORTANT MISSION TO FULFILL DURING THE YEARS FOLLOWING UNIFICATION***

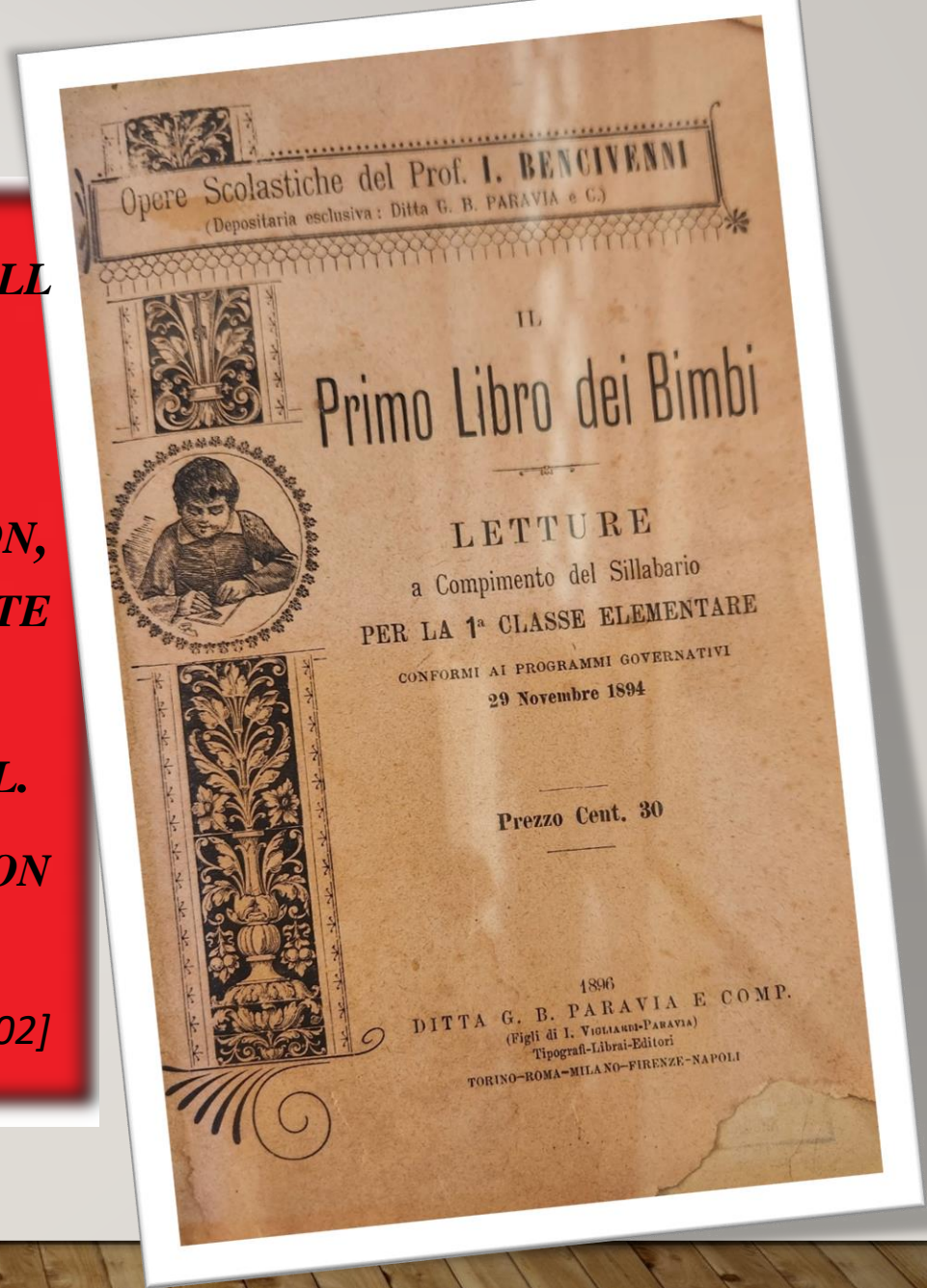
***(THE UNIFICATION OF ITALY TOOK PLACE IN 1861)***

***THE KINGDOM OF ITALY HAD JUST BECOME A NEW NATION, BUT ITS PEOPLE DID NOT KNOW HOW TO READ AND WRITE STANDARD ITALIAN.***

***THEY NEEDED TO BECOME LITERATE BY ATTENDING SCHOOL.***

***THE LAW OF 1877 MADE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MANDATORY THROUGHOUT ITALY.***

*[Italy, a Brief History, by Harry Hearder, 2002]*



# ***DUET PINOCCHIO AND THE CRICKET:***

***PINOCCHIO:*** I don't want to go to school! No, no I don't! Oh! No, no!

***Cricket:*** Your father sold his only jacket...

***PINOCCHIO:*** what does that matter to me! I don't wanna, leave me alone

I don't wanna go to school! Go away!

I won't go to school! NO, no, no, no I won't!

Oh, no, no!

***Cricket:*** Papa has sold his only jacket...

***PINOCCHIO:*** So what? I won't, You all leave me alone.

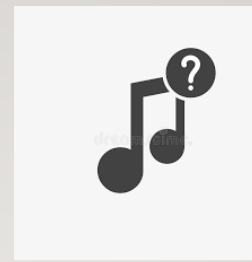
***Cricket:*** That was how he was able to buy the ABC book for you...

***PINOCCHIO:*** I don't want to, Go AWAY!





Geppetto and the Talking Cricket tell Pinocchio that he must go to school because there he will discover the world



\* Does Pinocchio believe them?

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Pinocchio is convinced to go to school when he realizes that Geppetto has sold his own jacket to buy his ABC school book for him (Pinocchio).

*When «The Adventures of Pinocchio» was written, in 1883, the new nation of Italy was struggling desperately to teach its people to read and write in their common language.*

\* In your opinion, was it easy or difficult to teach so many people Reading, Writing and Arithmetic? \_\_\_\_\_

\* In your opinion, why did Carlo Collodi, the author of the book, depict Pinocchio as a child who refused to go to school? \_\_\_\_\_

