



Later in the early 1800s, chapbooks, pictures join the letters that they begin with. And eventually, ABC books included text, words and also illustrations beginning with the featured letter.

Gradually, they become more and more playful and entertaining to entice children's learning with kid-friendly words and themes.

Often in alphabet books, **the letters dominate the pages; they are the main character of their story.**

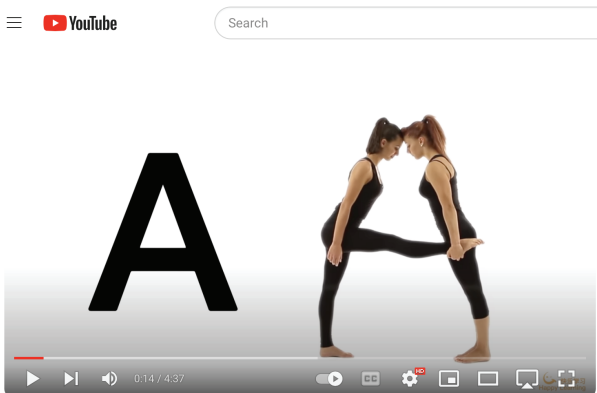
At times, they have taken on unique identities such as: anthropomorphic, Alphabet lore

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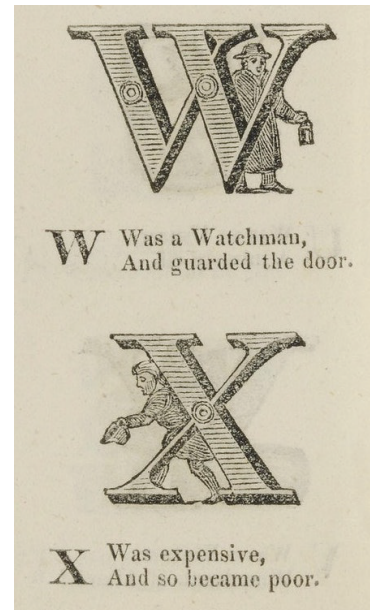


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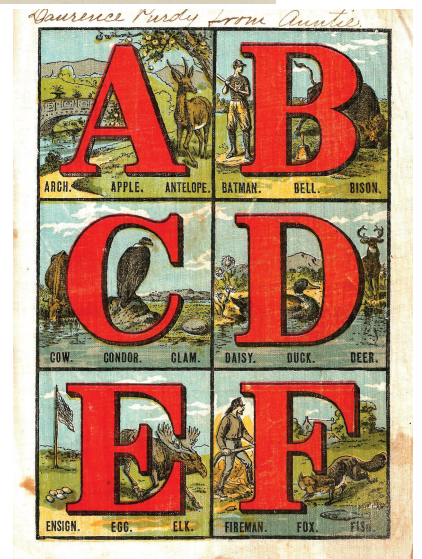
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Human Alphabet - ABC



W Was a Watchman,
And guarded the door.
X Was expensive,
And so became poor.



Lawrence Purdy from Auntie's
A ARCH. APPLE. ANTELOPE. BATMAN. BELL. BISON.
C COW. CONDOR. GLAM. DAISY. DUCK. DEER.
E ENSIGN. EGG. ELK. FIREMAN. FOX. FISH.



The Comical Hotch Potch, or The Alphabet turn'd Posture-Master (1782) — Source.