

Welcome to Fifth Grade!



One of the books you will be reading this summer is The Pinballs by Betsy Byars. The Pinballs is about three children who are sent to live in a foster home where they learn to care about each other and eventually learn to love themselves. This book takes place in the 1970's and it might be fun with the help of a parent or another adult to go onto YouTube and explore some of the television shows that are alluded to in this realistic fiction book. It will be interesting for you to see how different things were during the 1970's!

As you read the book, complete the following activity pages:

Page 2-4 Character Attributes Web: As you begin the book, place Post-It notes where you find details about the three main characters; Carlie, Harvey and Thomas J's. Place the Post-It notes where you identify their thoughts, feelings, actions, dialogue or their reactions to each other when they first meet each other. Use the evidence you marked with the Post-It notes to complete the Character Attributes Web on pages 2-4.

Check this box when you complete pages 2-4

Page 5-7 Character Attributes Web: Towards the end of the book, place Post-It notes where you find additional details about the three main characters; Carlie, Harvey and Thomas J's. Place the Post-It notes where you identify their thoughts, feelings, actions, dialogue or their reactions to each other as they resolve their conflicts and the story comes to a resolution. Use the evidence you marked with the Post-It notes to complete the Character Attributes Web on pages 5-7

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Enjoy reading The Pinballs by Betsy Byars!

If you have any questions, please email me at acosentino@ncboe.org

Looking forward to getting to know you...See you in September!

-Mrs. Cosentino

Dear Incoming Fifth Graders,

June 2018

All books are available through Amazon, Barnes and Noble as well as local libraries.

Every incoming fifth grader is required to read both of the following books:

****George Washington's Socks** by Elvira Woodruff

***The Pinballs** by Betsy Byars

* In addition, we recommend that you read one, two or all of the following books! There are some amazing titles on the list that we highly recommend to help keep those reading skills up to make sure you are ready for fifth grade!

The Fighting Ground-by Avi- Thirteen -year old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers that the real war he is fighting is with himself. (Historical Fiction)

Earthquake Terror by Peg Kehret - While camping with his family, Jonathan Palmer gets trapped by an earthquake and has to save himself and his paralyzed sister. (Realistic Fiction/Adventure)*a favorite of Mrs. Gareffa!

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Rodman Philbrick-Homer P. Figg escapes from his wretched foster home in Pine Swamp, Maine, and sets out to find his beloved older brother, Harold, who has been illegally sold into the Union Army. (Historical fiction)

Lost and Found by Andrew Clements – Twelve-year old identical twins Jay and Ray have long resented that everyone treats them as one person and so they hatch a plan to take advantage of a clerical error at their new school and pretend they are one. (Realistic Fiction) (**or any Andrew Clements book**)

Disappearing Acts by Betsey Byars - Herculeah Jones stumbles onto the trail of her friend Meat's long-lost father while she and Meat are investigating the disappearance of a dead body from the men's room of a comedy club.(Mystery)

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau- In the future, twelve-year old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city. When she finds fragments of an ancient parchment, she realizes that time is running out for the City of Ember. (Fantasy)(Kids Favorite!)

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech- After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left. (Newbery Medal Winner)

City of Orphans by Avi- In 1839 New York, thirteen-year-old Maks, a newsboy, teams up with Willa, a homeless girl, to clear his older sister Emma from charges that she stole from the brand new Waldorf Hotel, where she works.(Historical Fiction)

Mission Unstoppable: Genius Files by Dan Gutman-On a cross-country vacation with their parents, twins Coke and Pepsi, soon to be thirteen, fend off strange assassins as they try to come to terms with their being part of a top-secret government organization known as The Genius Files.(Adventure)

*****The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle**- by Don L. Wuffson-Brief factual stories about how various familiar things were invented, many by accident, from animal crackers to the zipper.

*****The Kid Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth** – by Kathleen Krull- This picture-book biography explains how Farnsworth held on to his dream to develop television and the scientific concepts behind it.

***Required Book**

**** Required Social Studies Book**

***** Non-fiction Title**

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Others' Reaction to Character

Lined writing area for Others' Reaction to Character.

Character's Thoughts

Lined writing area for Character's Thoughts.

Character's Words

Lined writing area for Character's Words.

Character's Feeling

Lined writing area for Character's Feeling.

Carlie at the Beginning of The Pinballs

Character's Actions

Lined writing area for Character's Actions.

Others' Reaction to Character

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Character's Thoughts

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Character's Words

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Carlie at the Resolution of The Pinballs

Character's Actions

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Others' Reaction to Character

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Character's Thoughts

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Character's Words

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Character's Feeling

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Harvey at the Resolution of The Pinballs

Character's Actions

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Others' Reaction to Character

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Thomas J at
the
Resolution of
The Pinballs

Character's Actions

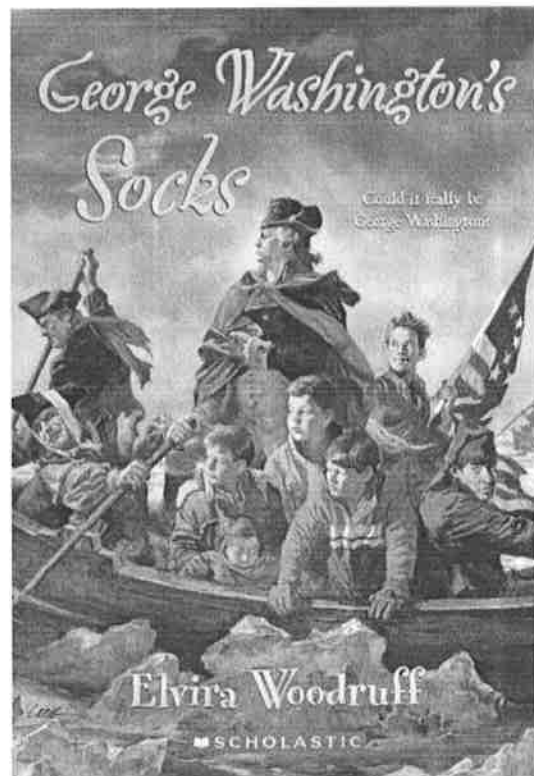
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Directions:

1. Choose one of these characters from the book *George Washington's Socks*: John Glover's Marbleheaders, Henry Knox, or Israel Gates.
2. On the next page, write at least three things about that character (based on what you read in the book).
3. Then, draw a picture of that character (based on how the character is described in the book).
4. Also, try to draw your character in the setting that is described in the book.

You can use my page about George Washington as an example.



George Washington

- Leader of the Continental Army
- A tall, imposing figure
- Had a strong and proud face
- Was very determined
- Led his army across the Delaware River on Dec. 25-26, 1776

