

INVESTIGATING BOOK TITLES & AUTHORS WEB TREK

A. INTRODUCTION

In this web trek, you will be investigating different titles by different authors, seeing what kinds of adventures, mysteries, science fiction, and mysteries there are, and what kinds of stories appeal to you personally. Use the web site below to read synopses of different titles, then follow the clues to locate the titles, plots, characters, and authors to answer the Student Questions. Use only the link below, and answer in complete sentences.

B. RESOURCES

Great Books for Upper Elementary Students:

<http://www.greatschools.net/cgi-bin/showarticle/678>

C. STUDENT QUESTIONS

1. In this book, a 12 year old girl and her brother run away from home. Where do they run to? A very famous art museum... Name the title of the book, and the name of the museum as well.
2. This author is German, and the book needed to be translated to English by Cornelia Funke. There's a secret waiting for Meggie in this tale... What happens when her father reads aloud? What is the title of this book, and who wrote it?
3. In this well-known novel, a 13 year old must learn how to survive in the wilderness. All he has to help him out is a special gift from his mother. What is that gift? What is the title of the book? Who wrote it? What is the protagonist's name?
4. This book was first published in 1969 and talks about racial issues, as well as friendship. Where and when was it set? Who wrote it? What's the title?
5. The main character in this novel is a 12 year old Native American, whose world suddenly changes when her island home is evacuated and her younger brother dies. How does she survive? What is she waiting for? What troubles does she come up against? And what is the title of her story?
6. Shakespeare figures as a prominent character in this fun tale, set back in time in... when? What is the plot of this novel by Gary Blackwood, and who is the protagonist?
7. Avalanches, blizzards, alpine adventures... and magical snowmen? You bet! What's the title of this book? Who wrote it?
8. You might notice that chef Emeril Lagasse wrote a recipe book for kids in these book selections -- but that's not the book we're looking for right now! Instead, we want some horrible recipes, some disgusting ingredients, some Boiled Slobbages, for instance. What book are we looking for, and who wrote it?
9. The author of this book writes for the New York Times, and was in New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina devastated the city. What is his book about? (Give details.) What is the book called, and who wrote it?
10. Which book would you most like to read from this list? Why Create a book list of 5 books that interest you, in order of interest. Then add one of your own favorite titles to this list, writing up a short synopsis and review.