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Activity One

Book Pyramid

To make a book pyramid you will need the following materials:

- 1 book with a very strong plot that you've already read
- 1 large piece of white drawing paper
- Colored markers or crayons

To make the book pyramid, follow the directions below:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

1. Write in the name of the main character.

2. Write in two words describing the main character.

3. Write in three words describing the setting.

4. Write in four words stating the story problem.

5. Write in five words describing one event in the story.

6. Write in six words describing a second event.

7. Write in seven words describing a third event.

8. Write in eight words describing the solution to the problem.

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Activity Two

Meet the Authors and Illustrators

Here's your chance to read about some of today's most favorite children's authors and illustrators.

Go to <http://www.rif.org/readingplanet/bookzone/content/default.msp> on the internet. You will see a list of authors and illustrators on the left hand side of the page.

Choose one person who you have heard about before and click on his/her name. The folks at "Reading is Fundamental" (RIF) have asked this person several questions. Read the questions and answers and then write a summary of what you've learned on the form below.

Share your information with your teacher and classmates.

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Activity Three

The World's Spookiest Book List



Do you like to be scared silly? Most kids enjoy a good, spooky book.

Go to http://www.rif.org/readingplanet/bookzone/content/spooky_booklist.msp on the internet. There you will find the World's Spookiest Book List. The books are divided by readers' ages. Read over the list until you find a book title that interests you. Then read the short summary that is provided.

On the form below, write a paragraph about why you think you would like to read this particular book. Be sure to use some describing words and to list any questions you have about the book.

A large rectangular box with rounded corners and a thick black border, containing ten horizontal lines for writing a paragraph.

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Activity Four

The Super Sorter

Do you ever have a hard time choosing just the right book to read?
The Super Sorter will help you!

Go to <http://www.rif.org/readingplanet/gamestation/supersorter/default.msp> on the internet. You'll see "Super Sorter" at the top of the page. Read the first paragraph and click on "start" when you are ready for the robot to help you choose what kinds of books to read (note - the robot talks, so keep the sound on low!). Click "start" and follow the directions. When you have finished, write a paragraph that tells the kinds of book the robot recommended on the form below.

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Activity Five

Books into Movies

Have you ever read a book that you thought would make a great movie?
Many movie producers have, too!

Go to <http://www.kidsreads.com/features/books2movies.asp> on the internet. There you will find "Books into Movies" listed by month. Read through the summaries of the movies until you find one that is about a book you've read or a movie that you've seen. Use the form below to write a well-developed paragraph telling about the book or movie. If you've read the book and seen the movie, be sure to include anything that was changed from the book to the movie!

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Activity Six

New in Paperback

Sometimes you may see a hardback book in a store that is too expensive to buy. Don't worry! Most books come out in paperback after a few months and cost much less. Go to http://www.kidsreads.com/features/NIP_index.asp on the internet. There you will find a list of books that have recently (within the last month) come out in paperback. Pretend that you have \$100 to spend for books. Read through the summaries of the books and choose as many as you can afford. (To find the price, just click on the "buy from amazon.com" button.) Keep track of the money you spend and record which books you would like to buy and why on the form below. Who knows, perhaps you'll come into some money very soon!

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