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# Activity One

**Beverly Cleary is the author of Ramona Quimby, Age 8 and over 30 other books as well.**

What other books have you read that were written by Beverly Cleary?

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Which book would interest you more: a book about a mouse called Ralph in The Mouse and the Motorcycle, or a boy called Leigh in Dear Mr. Henshaw?

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Did you make your choice because the story is about an **animal**, or because it is about a **person**?

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If you wanted to become an author, what **questions** would you ask Beverly Cleary about her writing career?

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What sort of **tips** would you expect to hear from the Beverly Cleary?

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Beverly Cleary's first job was as a **librarian**. What would you like to find out about having a career as a librarian?

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# Activity Two

In the novel, Ramona Quimby, Age 8, much of the story takes place at Ramona's new school. Your school is a very important place. How much do you know about it? If you do not know the answers to any of the questions below, you will have to do some research.

What is the name of your school? How did your school get its name?

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How many years has your school been open? \_\_\_\_\_

What grades are found at your school? \_\_\_\_\_

Think about any **major changes** that have happened at your school in the past few years. What are they?

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If you had the power to change **one thing** at your school, what would that be?

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What do you **most** like about your school?

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What do you like **least** about your school?

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One day when you grow older and have children of your own, will you want your children to go to the same school as you? Explain your answer.

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# Activity Three

Picky-picky is Ramona's cat. He sleeps all the time, even when Ramona was sick. Would you like to have a cat? Why or why not?

**Research:** Find out the names of some different types (or breeds) of cats. List at least **three**.

What do cats do that is so special?

What similarities and differences are there between cats and dogs?

Similarities	Differences
 A line drawing of a dog sitting down, facing forward. It has floppy ears and a spotted pattern on its body.	 A line drawing of a cat lying down, facing forward. It has a striped pattern on its body and whiskers.

Based on your findings, which pet is better for you? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Activity Four

**Mrs. Kemp is Ramona's babysitter after school because Ramona isn't old enough to stay home alone. Being able to stay home alone happens around the same age as one would take a babysitting class.**

Have you ever thought of one day taking a babysitting class?

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Find out where there is a babysitting class given in your community

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How old do you have to be to take the class? \_\_\_\_\_

When are the classes given? \_\_\_\_\_

Give **three** good reasons why boys should take a babysitting class

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

If you wanted to let the adults you know to be aware that you can babysit for them, what information could you write down in the space below?

Remember that this information is like a mini **business card**. It should only be given out to adults who are pre-approved by your parents.

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# Activity Five

**Ramona is in Grade Three. She is working out the challenge of learning how to write using CURSIVE LETTERS.**



When did you learn to write cursive?

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Which letters are the **easiest** ones for you to write?

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Which letters are the **hardest** ones to write?

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What **tips** could you give younger children who are just learning to write cursive letters?

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**Research:** Where does cursive writing come from?

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Using your best cursive handwriting, write the alphabet in **lowercase** and **capital** letters:

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# Activity Six

Ramona loved the **SLOGAN** in the commercial about the man with an upset stomach. He says, "I can't believe I ate the whole thing!"

For years, Ramona will think of that product whenever she has an upset stomach. Slogans are created purposely to **STAY IN OUR MINDS**. Why? You might forget the name of product, but you probably won't forget a well written slogan.

**Research:** Where, when and how did the slogan trend begin?

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Are there any slogans you remember but don't like?

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What are your **three** favorite slogans?

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Ask **three girls** in your class what their favorite slogan is. Write them below.

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Now ask **three boys** in your class what their favorite slogan is. Write them below.

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What do these slogans have in common? What are their differences?

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