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Activity One

Katherine Paterson

Katherine Paterson is the author of Bridge to Terabithia and she has written many other books as well. What other books have you read that were written by Katherine Paterson?

Would you be more interested in reading a story about a boy or a story about a girl? Explain your choice.

The inspiration for Bridge to Terabithia came from a real life experience in which the author's son was dealing with the sudden and unexpected death of his friend. If you could give her some guidelines for her next novel, what would you recommend based on what is happening in your life at the moment?

Write three questions you would want to ask Katherine Paterson if you had the opportunity of meeting her.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

If you were a professional illustrator, what scene from Bridge to Terabithia would you most want to illustrate? Why? Answer and illustrate it below.



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Activity Two

The State of Virginia

The setting of the novel, Bridge to Terabithia, is that of rural Virginia. The fictional town of Lark Creek is outside of Washington D.C. in the geographical region of Appalachia. What do you know about this area? Investigate this area and collect as much information about it as you can. Include three additional points of interest about Virginia. Record your findings in the chart below.

The State of Virginia	
Location	
Population	
Capital City	
Languages Spoken	
Climate	
Wildlife	
Vegetation	
Physical Features (mountains, lakes, etc.)	
Industry	
Major Tourist Attractions	
First Point of Interest	
Second Point of Interest	
Third Point of Interest	

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Activity Four

Setting

The novel, *Bridge to Terabithia* takes place in two very different worlds - the small town of Lark Creek, Virginia, and the imaginary, magical kingdom of Terabithia. Look back through the novel for words, phrases and other descriptions of each place. Record them in a chart below.

Lark Creek	Terabithia

What do you notice about these two places? What **similarities** are there between them?
