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Activity One

Christopher Paul Curtis

Christopher Paul Curtis is the author of Bud, Not Buddy and many other books as well. What other books have you read written by Christopher Paul Curtis?

Would you be more interested in reading a story about a boy a decade or two ago, or almost a century ago? Explain your choice.

Christopher Paul Curtis likes to write his novels based on experiences he has had, and people who has know. If you could give him the guidelines for his next novel, what would you recommend based on what is happening in your life now?

Write three questions you would like to ask Christopher Paul Curtis, if you had the opportunity of meeting him.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

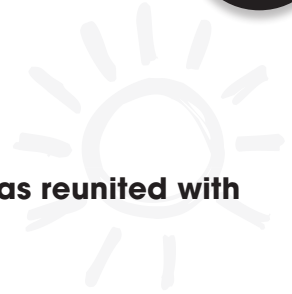
If you were an illustrator, what scene from Bud, Not Buddy would you be most interested in illustrating? Why? Answer and sketch the scene below.

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Activity Three

Foster Care



Bud Caldwell lived with a number of different foster families before he was reunited with his grandfather.

What do you know about foster care?

Who can use the services in foster care?

What's the difference between voluntary and involuntary foster care?

What are the requirements for being a foster parent?

Do you know anyone who is living in a foster home? Who and how did you meet this person?

What different types of care can be given in the foster care system?

Would you ever consider being a foster parent? Why or why not?

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Activity Four

Trains

During his adventure at Hooverville, Bud was planning to go with Bugs and they would jump onto a train going west. This is called train hopping; others also may call it freight hopping. This is a very dangerous method of transportation. Luckily, for him, Bud didn't make it on board and he found an alternate way of getting to Flint.

What do you know about trains?

When did trains first appear in the United States?

How many years did it take the workers to build a transcontinental route?

Who uses trains today? Have you been on a train trip? If so, where and how long was the trip? Did you enjoy this method of transportation? Why or why not?

Have you taken a commuter train into the city? What's the difference in the types of trains available?

Choose a destination you would like to visit. Check online if traveling between where you live and your chosen destination is possible. Is it? Is it a direct trip or you may have to change trains?

How much would your trip, round-trip, cost you? What if your whole family went?

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Activity Five

Famous People

In the book, **Bud, Not Buddy**, Bud makes many references to famous people. Choose one of the following famous people and do a mini-research on this person:

Paul Bunyan

Paul Robison

J. Edgar Hoover

Jackie Robinson

John Brown

Who did you choose and why did you choose this person?

What do you know about this person before you start your research?

What would you like to discover about this person? Write five possible questions. Find a book, encyclopedia or on the Internet and look for the answers.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

After your reading, write your answers below.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____
