



Activity One - President Eisenhower

President Eisenhower is mentioned more than once in this novel. Eisenhower was a war hero and thirty-fourth President of the United States (1953 to 1961).

Eisenhower was a career military man who served as Supreme Commander of the Allied forces during the Second World War. Several years later he was elected for two terms as President of the United States.

Your task is to **write a one-page report** on the life of this extraordinary man. You may wish to consider the following:



- his early life (where was he born and raised; what were his parents like, etc.)
- personality (what did his friends say he was like?)
- personal life (i.e. hobbies)
- family life (wife, children)
- army career (i.e. World War II)
- presidency (i.e. accomplishments, challenges)
- later life, death.

Be sure to include your own personal thoughts about this man along with the facts of his life.

Consider this...

Although remembered for his leadership during World War II, Eisenhower was actually on the brink of retirement when war broke out. He was fifty-one years old and the war saved him from a forced retirement and a life with no savings and but a small pension to live on.



Activity Two

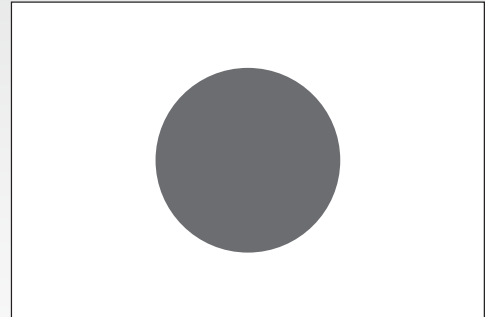
The Land of the Rising Sun

The country of Katie's ancestor's, Japan, is a small island country in east Asia. Japan is known as *The Land of the Rising Sun*, and comprises over 3,000 islands. Although it is a fairly small nation in land area, Japan has the world's tenth largest population.

Your task is to write a short report on this amazing country. Your research might contain some of the following topics:

- geography
- culture and recreation
- major religions
- industry / economy
- sports
- agriculture
- history
- government and politics

Your paper should be at least a page in length.



Consider this...

Popular sports in Japan include sumo wrestling, baseball and soccer. Many Japanese baseball players (including Ichiro Suzuki) have been very successful in the big leagues of North America.



Activity Three - Japanese Menu

Throughout the novel a number of Japanese menu items are mentioned. Some of the more popular Japanese dishes include:

- Mother and Child **Domburi**
- Gomaae
- Rice
- Gyoza - Japanese style dumplings
- Okonomiyaki (a mixture between pancake and pizza)
- Mushrooms
- Seaweed



And many other delectable dishes.

Your task

Your task is to prepare a seven course meal for three of your closest friends.

You should include the following:

- 1 or 2 appetizers
- main course (a variety of four or five food items)
- a drink
- a dessert

Remember all of the above items should be authentic Japanese foods. You should have a variety (i.e. don't have 4 rice dishes)

Along with the items you choose, include a brief description of the item (ingredients, etc.).

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Activity Four - The State of Georgia

Georgia – one of America’s most beautiful states. One of the original thirteen colonies, renowned for its spreading weeping willows, old mansions, white-tailed deer, alligators, pecans, peaches and poultry.

Your task is to design a travel brochure for this magnificent state.

The brochure should feature pertinent data, graphics and information that will attract readers to visit (or even relocate to) Georgia.

You may wish to consider some of the following:

- Tourist attractions (a nice variety for all tastes)
- Major cities
- Popular culture
- Sports and Recreation (i.e. golf courses)
- Transportation

Good luck and good reporting!



*Some sweet day when
blossoms fall
And all the world's a song,
I'll go back to Georgia,
'Cause that's where I belong.
(Hoagy Carmichael)*



Activity Five - Okefenokee Swamp

This activity can be done individually or in small groups.

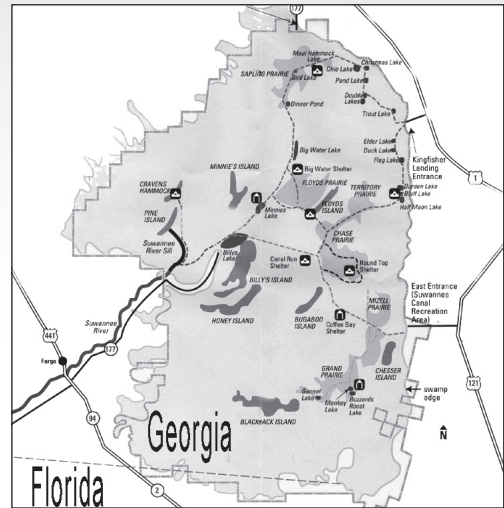
The **Okefenokee Swamp** is a shallow, 438,000 acre (1,770 km²), wetland straddling the Georgia-Florida border. The Okefenokee Swamp is home to many wading birds, such as herons, cranes and bitterns, and is famous for its amphibians and reptiles such as toads, frogs, turtles, lizards, snakes as well as American alligators. It is also home to the Florida black bear. The area is considered one of the *Seven Natural Wonders of Georgia*.

This area was made famous by Walt Kelly's comic strip, **Pogo**, whose characters make their home in the Okefenokee Swamp.

Write a one page report on the Okefenokee Swamp, including what you consider to be its most unusual and interesting characteristics. You may wish to consider the following in your report:

- Location and size
- Wildlife
- History
- Vegetation / plant life
- Tourism

You may include a picture or diagram.



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Activity Six - Lymphoma

This activity can be done individually or in small groups.

Katie's family learned first-hand the devastating results that lymphoma can have on a person – even one as young as Lynn. At one time it was called Hodgkin's Disease as it was discovered by Thomas Hodgkin in 1832. This type of cancer originates in the white blood cells. There are many types of lymphoma, yet altogether they account for about 5% of the cases of cancer in the United States.



This then is lymphoma in a nutshell.

Your task is to research the basic facts about this disease. You may wish to address some of the following issues:

- How does it attack the human body
- Is it curable / treatable?
- How does someone with lymphoma increase his/her odds of beating it?
- What are its symptoms?
- What age group does it most frequently attack?
- Is there any way of preventing the disease?



You are welcome to include other issues of interest as well.

Your task is to write a one page report on the disease.
