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# Activity One



## BEVERLY CLEARY

**Beverly Cleary is the author of Dear Mr. Henshaw and over 30 other books as well.**

Have you read other books by Beverly Cleary? Which ones?

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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 book about girl called Ramona in Ramona's World?

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Did you make the choice you did because the story is about an animal or a person?

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If your dream is to become a writer, what questions would you ask Beverly Cleary about her writing career, if given the chance?

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What kinds of tips would you expect to hear?

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Beverly Cleary's first job was as a librarian. What sounds interesting about that career? Would you be interested to find out more about it?

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Do you predict she will write another book? Why or why not?

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# Activity Two

## THE HISTORY OF YOUR SCHOOL

**Write the name of your school:** \_\_\_\_\_

How did the school get its name?

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How many years has your school been opened?

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What grades are found at the school?

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What major changes have happened in your school in the past few years?

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What changes would people like to see made?

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

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What is your favorite thing about this school?

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What is your least favorite thing about this school?

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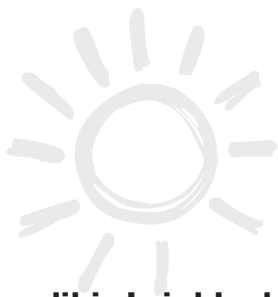
One day when you grow older and have children of your own, will you want your children to go to the same school as you? Explain your answer.

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# Activity Three

## MY PET DOG

**Bandit is Leigh's dog. Bandit used to live with Leigh but at the end of the book Leigh tells Dad to keep Bandit to keep him company on his long trips.**

Do you have a dog? If yes, what kind? If no, why don't you own a dog?

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What types of dogs are there?

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What do dogs do that is so special?

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What similarities and differences are there between cats and dogs? List them in the two columns below.

SIMILARITIES	DIFFERENCES

Based on your findings, which pet do you prefer?

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# Activity Four

## THE POSTAL SERVICE



When was the last time you received a letter? Who wrote to you?

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When was the last time you wrote a letter? To whom did you write?

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How far is the nearest post office? How often do you go there?

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What types of mail do you receive at your house? Who gets the most mail? Who gets the least mail?

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How much does it cost to mail a postcard? A letter? Is it the same price no matter where it goes?

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Do you know how much it is to mail a letter to another country in North America? How long would it take to mail a letter there? How could you find out?

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Are you interested in collecting stamps? Why or why not? Draw some stamps you remember seeing.

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# Activity Five

## YOUR FAVORITE AUTHOR

**Leigh's favorite author is Boyd Henshaw. Leigh knows a lot about his favorite author. How well do you know your favorite author?**

Who is your favorite author? Where is he or she from?

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Which genre of book does this author write?

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What is so special about this author?

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How many of his or her books have you read?

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Which book was your all-time favorite? Why was it your favorite?

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If you had the opportunity to sit down and chat with your favorite author, what 5 questions would you ask him or her (that you don't already know the answer to)?

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# Activity Six

## BUMPER STICKERS

Truckers see a lot of other vehicles, many of them with bumper stickers. If you had a car would you stick on a bumper sticker? if yes, what would it say? If no, why wouldn't you put a bumper sticker on your car?

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Where, when and how did bumper stickers begin?

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Are there any bumper stickers that you really like?

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What are your top three bumper stickers?

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Ask 3 girls in your class what's written on their favorite bumper sticker and write their answers below:

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Now ask 3 boys in your class what's written on their favorite bumper sticker and write their answers below:

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What do the bumper stickers have in common?

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What are their differences?

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