



# Activity One

## Movie Adaptation

Most movies are adapted from books. This means that someone turns a book into a screenplay. The format of a screenplay is very different than that of a book. It has notes on the scene, dialog, and cues for the actor.

Your task is to adapt a scene from the book into a movie. Research how a screenplay is formatted. Convert a scene of your choosing from *Freak the Mighty* into your screenplay. Then, design a movie poster for the upcoming movie.

Features of a movie poster:

- Large picture of an important part of the movie.
- Date it will be in theaters.
- Names of actors and director.
- Title of the movie.
- A catchy sentence or phrase to attract viewers.

What do you think is important to show on the poster? What does *Freak the Mighty* look like to you?

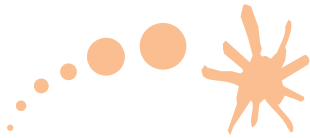


A scene from "The Mighty" (1998)



The movie poster for "The Mighty" (1998)

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# Activity Two

## Movie Review



In 1998, a movie adaptation called *The Mighty* was made. It starred Kieran Culkin as Freak and Elden Henson as Max. Watch the movie and write a review. A review is someone's opinion on something and can usually be found online or in a newspaper.

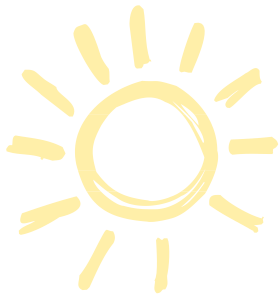
In 3-5 paragraphs, give a brief summary of the movie without giving away all of the surprises. Comment on different parts of the movie. Talk about the acting, the dialog, the story, any special effects, and the setting. Finally, talk about how the movie compares to the book as a whole.

A review should have:

- A summary of the movie.
- Names of the main actors.
- At least two things you liked about the movie.
- At least two things you didn't like about the movie.
- An overall opinion of the movie.
- A rating scale of the movie.

Remember, a review is your opinion and not a summary of the story.





# Activity Three

## A Bionic Body



When the boys go on an adventure one day, Freak shows Max a hospital. He calls it the Experimental Bionics Unit. Freak tells Max that this is where he will be cured. He thinks he will be cured with robotic parts to replace his broken body. Science today may not make bionic humans, but there are new advances that have helped save lives. They include hearing loss, heart conditions, artificial limbs and organs.

Pretend you are a doctor at Freak's hospital. You want to help others with new treatments. Create a brochure that tells people who are sick and need medical care about new medicine that exists today.

Your brochure should have a cover panel, written information and diagrams with labels. Aim to have at least three sections.

For example, if you write about artificial limbs, there should be a picture of how it works. It should also tell people about what health problem it solves. The end product should be neat, have accurate information and reassure patients.





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# Activity Four

## Anti-Bullying Ad



Both Freak and Max were stereotyped by their classmates, teachers and people in their town. They experienced bullying based on their looks and their backgrounds. The boys were bullied by different types of people like Blade and his gang, their classmates and adults. Often kids who are bullied feel there will be no end to it.

Bullying is a problem that is everywhere. We need to work toward erasing bullying. To make a difference, it is important to make everyone feel included. People should not be bullied based on their looks or beliefs. Your job is to make a 30-second anti-bullying advertisement and to encourage others to stand up to bullying. You can talk about why people may be bullied, how people can stick up for others, and how to avoid being a bully.

You have many different choices of how to show your ad. You can make it digitally with pictures, videos and sound clips. You could also speak in front of the class. It should have a clear anti-bullying message and encourage others to stop bullying. As a bonus, make a handout that your audience can read.





# Activity Five

## King Arthur and the Knights of Camelot



Freak tells Max about the stories of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. The boys go on quests like their favorite knights. Even Freak's mother is given a medieval nickname of Fair Gwen.

The knights of Camelot and King Arthur were people in Britain during the fifth and sixth centuries. Historians are unsure of whether or not King Arthur and his knights were real, but there are still many legends that were written about their quests and adventures.

Like Freak and Max, King Arthur led his knights on many adventures and these became famous stories. Research some of the legends of King Arthur and think about the following:

- Famous deeds of King Arthur and his knights.
- Where was Camelot? Where would it be today?
- Who is Guinevere?
- What is the Knight's Code?

You can present your information in a variety of ways. You may choose a written report (3-5 paragraphs), an informational poster, or an oral presentation (approx. 3 minutes).



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# Activity Six

## Map of the Neighborhood



Any great explorer knows where they are and where they need to go. In most adventures, a map shows the way to treasure. Since Freak and Max like to explore, it is important that they have a map of the area.

Draw a map of where Freak and Max live. You will need to add important places and events from the story. Some places to think about:

- Grim and Gram's house
- Freak's house
- The school
- The millpond
- The New Tenements
- Police station
- The sewer where the purse was found

A good map has labels and a title. There should also be a compass in a corner and a legend of what the map symbols mean.

