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Activity One

Letter to the Governor

The Governor is the ruler of Chattana. He makes all orbs and keeps them charged up for the villagers to buy. The villagers find out that he is going to create a new law. This will raise the price of orbs by ten percent. They are going to have a peaceful March. This is to show him they don't agree with this new law.

Instead of holding a March, you are going to write him a letter. Write a letter below to say why it's a bad idea to raise the price of orbs. Make sure there are 2 paragraphs. Don't forget to write your name at the end!

Dear:

Paragraph 1

Paragraph 2

Signature:

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Activity Two

Blessings from Father Cham

Father Cham is a monk in *A Wish in the Dark*. Pong meets him when he is alone and hungry after he escapes Namwon. Pong lives with Father Cham for years. He learns from him and the other Monks. He lives a quiet and calm life at the temple. Father Cham keeps Pong safe and covers his prison tattoos with bracelets. For each bracelet Father Cham gives Pong, he also gives a blessing. We find out that Father Cham has blessed other people with his magic too.

Pick 10 people you know and write their name in the chart below. Beside each name, write a blessing for each person in the list.

A few of Father Cham's blessing are below to help you think of ideas.
May you never step in a snake's nest.
May you never get food poisoning from raw chicken.

Name	Blessing

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Activity Three

The Life of a Monk

In *A Wish in the Dark*, Pong meets a monk named Father Cham. Father Cham lives in Wat Singh temple with a group of other Monks. Pong doesn't know much about the life of a monk. However, he does know that the monks have shaved heads. They fast from noon until sunrise the next day. Monks get their food from other people in the village. Go on the Internet and research Monks. Find out about their lifestyle and what they wear. What are Monks allowed to do? What are they not allowed to do? Write what you learned in the space below.

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Activity Four

Colors and their Meaning

In *A Wish in The Dark*, the Governor is in charge of orbs. Some orbs cost more than other orbs. Violet orbs are the weakest. They can be found in The Mud House. Crimson is a red orb; it gives off good light and heat for cooking. Amber orbs are used to light up shops and power small machines. Jade orbs are used for big motors; they are the strongest. Gold orbs give off the brightest light and they never get hot. What do different colors mean to you? Sometimes the color red means anger. Sometimes when people say they are feeling blue, it means they are sad. Yellow can mean you are happy! Look at the list of colors below. Write down what each color means to you.

Red	angry
Blue	sad
Green	
Orange	
Purple	
Yellow	happy
Brown	

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Activity Six

Design A Map of the Mud House

The Mud House is a very important place in *A Wish in the Dark*. It is a safe space for the poor people of Chattana. It has a secret tunnel through Mark's kitchen. The entrance leads to an old burned down building.

It used to be an old government building and has six floors. Each one leads to a main hall on the ground floor. Each floor has lots of rooms that look like old offices. Strands of violet orbs hang throughout the Mud House to give it a small bit of light. Children play on the stairs between each floor.

Stairs lead to the roof of the Mud House. This is where Somkit has an office where he tries to power up the orbs. His office is a tiny room that looks like a shed on top of the Mud House.

Draw a map of the Mud House so Pong knows how to get around. Show how to get into the Mud House from the secret entrance. Show the stairs to each floor and how to get to Somkit's secret room on the roof. Label each area of the Mud House.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for the student to draw a map of the Mud House.