

Frindle

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Literature Unit



CHAPTER 1

Nick

Where does Nick go to school? _____

Describe how Nick turned Miss Deaver's room into a tropical island. Be very detailed!

Draw the tropical island in the classroom in the box below.

"Lincoln Elementary needed a good *jolt* once in a while, and Nick was just the guy to deliver it. What does *jolt* mean?"

What was the great blackbird discovery?

CHAPTER 2

Mrs. Granger



Why was 5th grade different from all the other grades?

Draw a picture of Mrs. Granger in the box to the right using details from this chapter.

What was your consequence if Mrs. Granger caught you chewing gum?

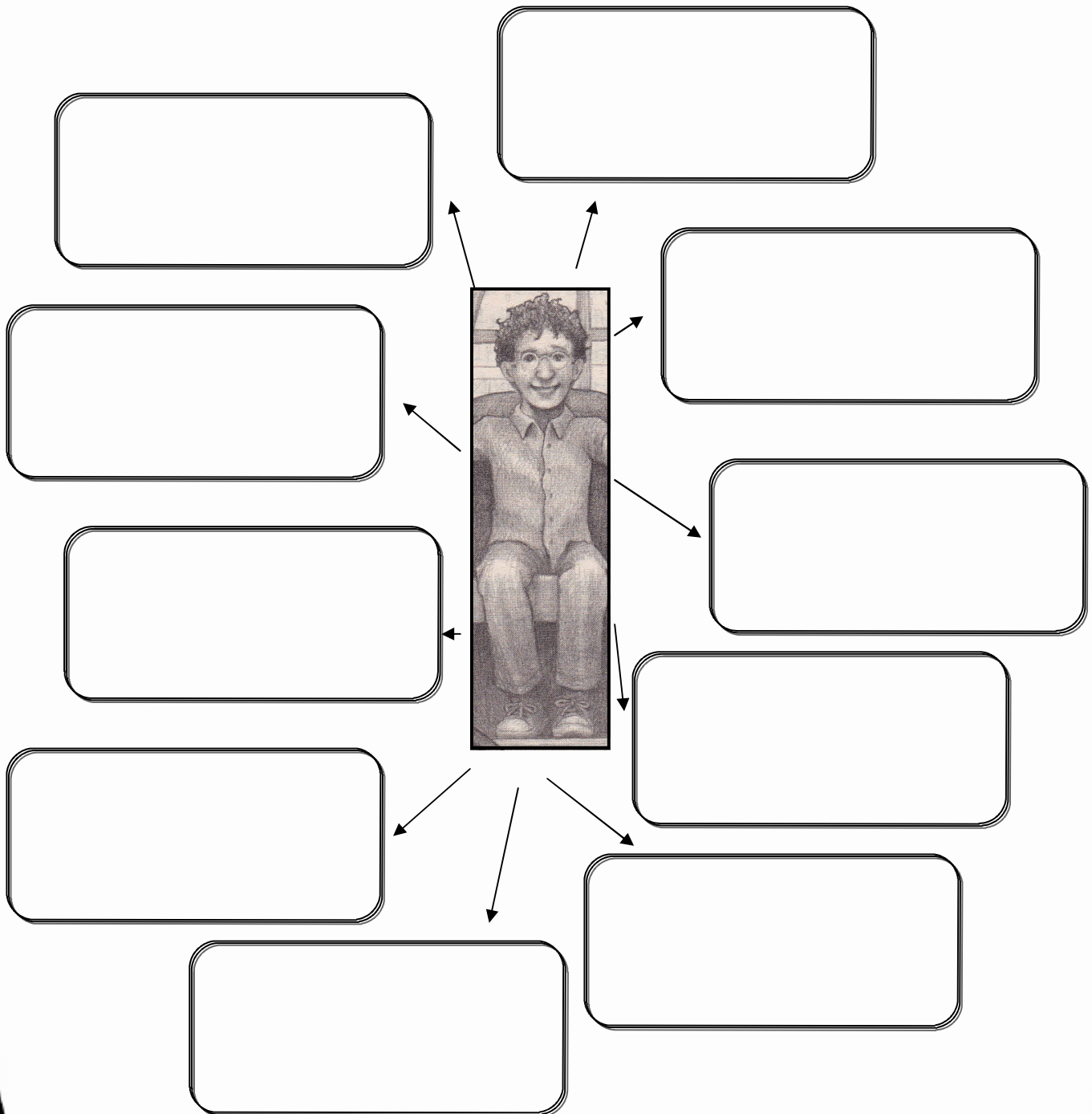
What does Mrs. Granger love and almost worship? _____

What does Mrs. Granger's letter home to families say?

Do you think the reputation Mrs. Granger has earned at the school will prove to be true for Nick? Why or why not?

Nick Character Map

Fill in each square with a characteristic of Nick.

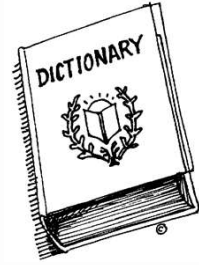


A central illustration of a young boy with curly hair and glasses, sitting on a wooden crate. Ten arrows radiate from this central image to ten empty rectangular boxes arranged around it. The boxes are intended for students to write characteristics of the character Nick.

Diagram showing a central image of a boy (Nick) surrounded by ten empty rectangular boxes for characteristics. Arrows point from the central image to each box.

CHAPTER 3

The Question



What types of things did Mrs. Granger do on the first day of school in her classroom?

What were three of the words on the vocabulary pretest? Write down the definitions for these words. Look them up in the dictionary if you don't know them. (This is what Mrs. Granger would expect!)

Word 1: _____

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What was Nick an expert on doing? What were some ways he did this?

How does Nick end up writing an essay as homework on the first day of school?

What nickname has been given to Mrs. Granger? _____



CHAPTER 4

Word Detective

What was the rule at Nick's house? _____

How did the letter James wrote from college make the rule the law in Nick's household?

Write down five words from the "Words and Their Origins" section of the dictionary. Write a synonym for each word.

Word

Synonym

Take the Words and their Synonyms from above and put them in alphabetical order to the right.

What do you think Nick's plan might be?

CHAPTER 5

The Report

Why did the school day seem to fly by for Nick?

How long did it take Nick to be in front of the room giving his report after class started? _____

Describe what Nick did to try and get Mrs. Granger back. Did it work? Why or why not?

What question does Nick ask after his report?

How does Mrs. Granger answer this question?



CHAPTER 6

The Big Idea

What three things happened later that day?

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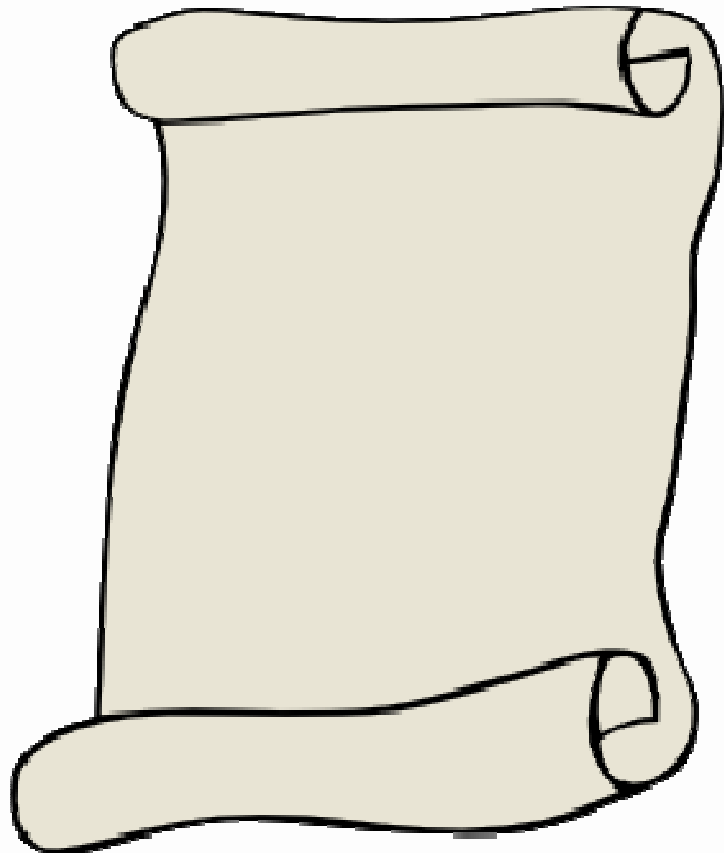
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How does Nick put his plan into place?



What is the new word for pen? _____

Write the oath the six 5th graders signed on the parchment to the right.



CHAPTER 7

Word Wars

How did Nick launch his new word in school?



How does Mrs. Granger react to this new word?

How was Nick brave when he talked to Mrs. Granger?

Think of as many words as you can that can be spelled with just the letters F-R-I-N-D-L-E. Write them within the word FRINDLE below.

FRINDLE

CHAPTER 8

Mightier than the Sword



Sketch the 5th grade class picture below.



Write the note posted by Mrs. Granger
on the paper to the right.

How did the students react to the posted
sign?

How did eighty kids come to stay after
school?



What's another nickname for Mrs. Granger? _____

CHAPTER 9

Chess

Who is Mrs. Margaret Chatham?

Why did Mrs. Chatham visit Nick's home?



How do Nick's parents react to Mrs. Chatham's story?

Nick tells his parents that he has not been disrespectful. Do you agree with this? Why or why not?

How is Nick comparing the word war to a game of chess?

CHAPTER 10

Freedom of the Press

Who is Judy Morgan?

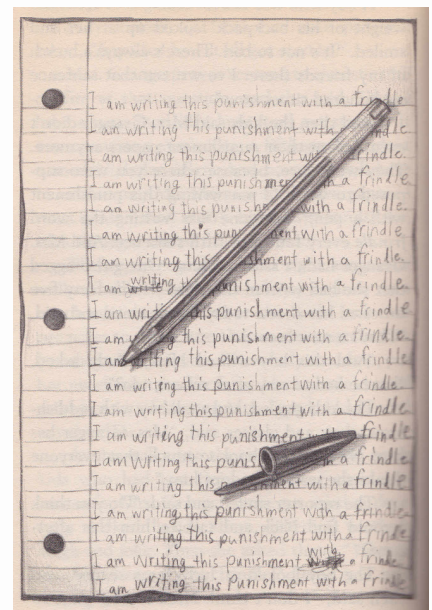
Why is Mrs. Freed annoyed when Judy Morgan visits?

How does Mrs. Chatham respond to Judy's questions?

How does Mrs. Granger respond to Judy's questions?

Who do you think the kids are that Judy talks to after school? Why?

Who do you think sends the envelope to Judy? Why?



CHAPTER 11

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

What is the headline in *The Westfield Gazette* on Thursday morning?

How does Judy influence the way people look at the story by her writing?

Next to each newspaper below, write a quote from the newspaper.



The Westfield Gazette

The story of the frindle appears in *The Westfield Gazette*, making public Nick's idea. Create your own *Westfield Gazette* including the article that made Nick famous along with the class picture and other pictures important to the story. Create some new articles that might appear in this newspaper. You should also includes ads, a table of contents, pictures, classifieds, and anything else you might find in this newspaper. Make sure to edit your work and check for grammar and spelling errors. Share your newspaper with your class.

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Detailed Written Parts	Written Parts were not detailed at all	There was some detail, but very little	There was a lot of detail in the written parts	Written Parts were very detailed		
Spelling	16 or more spelling errors	Less than 15 spelling errors	Less than 10 spelling errors	Less than 5 spelling errors		
Grammar	16 or more errors in grammar	Less than 15 errors in grammar	Less than 10 errors in grammar	Less than 5 errors in grammar		
Colorful, Detailed Pictures	Pictures were not colored	Pictures were colored, but not detailed.	Pictures were colored and showed some detail	Pictures were neatly colored and very detailed		
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Final Grade

CHAPTER 12

Airwaves

Why does being a hero have a price?



Why were Nick's parents secretly pleased with Nick?

Who is Bud Lawrence?

Color his investment below!

Who is Alice Lunderson?



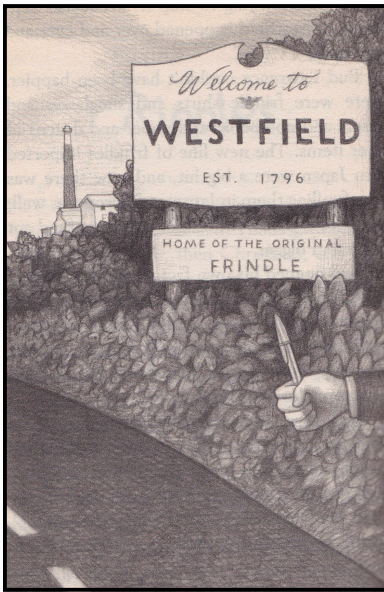
How did frindle go from "small town" to "nationwide"?

What did Bud propose to Tom?

CHAPTER 13

Ripples

How did frindle become just an ordinary word at Lincoln Elementary?



How did Bud Lawrence continue to profit from frindles?

How did Nick help to create new jobs in Westfield?

Why did everyone in the 5th grade get one word wrong on their spelling test every week?

CHAPTER 14

Inside Nick

What new idea did Nick have? Do you think it would work? Why or why not?

Why did Nick keep this new idea to himself?

What changes did Nick's parents and Mrs. Granger notice about him?

How does Mrs. Granger help Nick feel better about himself?

What happened to the word *frindle* over the next few years?

CHAPTER 15

And the winner is...

What two important things happened to Nick ten years later?

What does Mrs. Granger send to Nick?

What does Nick do for Mrs. Granger?

Do you like the way this story ended? Why or why not?





Review Test

Pick the best answer!

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Frindle Collage

Create a collage that shows in order main events that occurred in the Frindle. Use magazines, objects or your own artistic skills to create the collage. Here is a sample outline.

Setting	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Conclusion
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Neatness	Project not neat.	Project showed little neatness.	Project showed some neatness.	Project showed much neatness.		
Pictures	Pictures or objects do not relate to Frindle.	Pictures or objects slightly relate to Frindle.	Pictures or objects relate somewhat to Frindle.	Pictures or objects relate to Frindle.		
Grammar and Spelling	More than 10 errors	6-10 errors	1-5 errors	No errors		
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