

The Boy and the Rat

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ACTIVITIES	Junior Stories 2:7						
REMEMBERING - What are the facts							
1. Make a list (or draw pictures with labels) of the characters in the story. Write down words from the story that tell you something about them.							
UNDERSTANDING - Show that you understand the story							
2. Why did the boy choose that particular rat? 3. Draw pictures with labels to show you understand what happened in the classroom.							
APPLYING - Using what you know from the story							
4. Make a poster with lots of tips for kids who want to keep secret pets. <i>Remember a poster should have an eye-catching title, information, and drawings.</i> 5. Write a short poem or rap song about the Boy and the Rat.							
ANALYSING - Breaking down the story to show how it works							
6. 	You are looking through a window at the most important event in this story. Draw what you see. Explain what is happening. Give a reason why you think this is the most important event.						
7. Make a STORY WEB showing all the following: CHARACTERS, SETTING, PROBLEM, FEELINGS, ACTION, OUTCOME							
CREATING - Coming up with new ideas							
8. Design a piece of clothing so that you could take your pet with you everywhere you go. (It doesn't have to be a rat!) <i>Label your drawings or write descriptions to explain your interesting ideas.</i>							
EVALUATING - Sorting out the good from the bad							
9. Make a list of the good things (Yellow Hat thinking) and the bad things (Black Hat thinking) about having a pet.							
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10. Give this story a rating out of 10 depending on how much you enjoyed it. Write down a reason for giving the rating you did.							
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