

Activities you can explore...



3 DRAGON OF THE RED DAWN

Word Fit Puzzle

Concepts Covered: Students test their vocabulary and pattern recognition in a fun activity that builds on skills you've been teaching throughout the school year.



First, have students sort the words—all of which are from Jack and Annie's *Dragon of the Red Dawn* adventure—by the number of letters they contain. Then have them use them to complete the word fit puzzle.

4 BLIZZARD OF THE BLUE MOON

Decoder

Concepts Covered: Students test their analytical abilities, applying reasoning skills you've been fostering throughout the year.



1. Discuss the nature and uses of codes. Have students decipher the coded information about Jack and Annie's *Blizzard of the Blue Moon* mission.
2. Ask students what types of information a code might be used to disguise. Then ask them to encode their own secret messages for the rest of the class to solve.

5 THE READING JOURNAL

Participating in the Summer Reading Program

1. Discuss with your students the kinds of books they might enjoy reading over the summer. You know better than anyone which titles will best meet the needs of your class.
2. Explain to your students that Barnes & Noble started its Summer Reading Program to offer kids a real reward for reading—a chance to earn free books.
3. Distribute *Summer in the Magic Tree House* tear-off forms. The rest is simple—students enter the names of their books as they read them. When they've read eight books, they can return the completed form to any Barnes & Noble bookstore to get a free book (see form for details). Parent/guardian signatures are required.



For Extra Credit

1. Your students might want to talk more about authors and illustrators. What would they expect to see at a writer's desk? In an artist's studio?
2. Try making the traditional "What I Did on My Summer Vacation" essay more fun by getting your students to plan a summertime Magic Tree House adventure for Jack and Annie. Where and to what time period would they like to imagine Jack and Annie traveling?

