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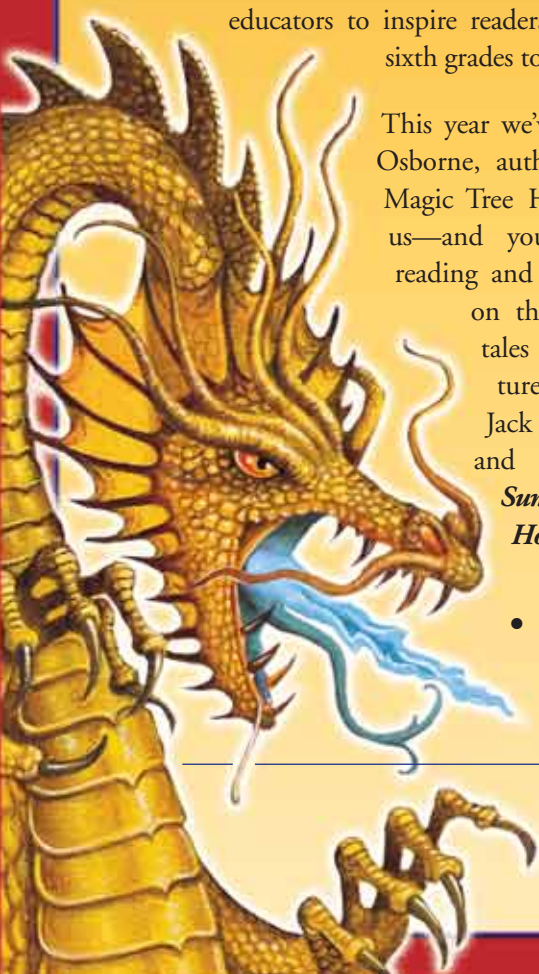
SUMMER READING

IN THE

MAGIC TREE HOUSE[®]

TRAVEL THROUGH TIME AND AROUND THE WORLD WITH
JACK & ANNIE AND THEIR MAGIC TREE HOUSE

Dear Educator, Now in its eleventh year, our Summer Reading Program is an ongoing commitment to the communities we serve. Once again, we're partnering with educators to inspire readers in the first through sixth grades to earn free books.



This year we've invited Mary Pope Osborne, author of the bestselling Magic Tree House books, to help us—and you—foster a love of reading and its rewards. Drawing on the popular time-travel tales featuring the adventures of brother and sister Jack and Annie, the fun and exciting activities of *Summer in the Magic Tree House* are designed to:

- Encourage kids to develop their own reading preferences.

- Examine various genres and the difference between fiction and non-fiction.
- Nurture vocabulary and analytical skills.
- Motivate students to extend their reading through the summer.

Everything you need to help your students participate—and earn free books!—is included in this package.* Students can pick the titles they want to read and proceed at their own pace.

We hope you'll begin using the kit and related materials as the school year winds down. By encouraging kids to continue reading once school is out, the program offers an effective way to build on the good work you've done all year long.

Enjoy your summer—but first invite your students to climb into *Summer in the Magic Tree House!*

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BOOKSELLERS



1 FIND YOUR FAVORITES

Identifying Authors and Illustrators

Concepts Covered: Students learn to identify an author's or an illustrator's particular style and choose their favorites. This activity will go hand in hand with the author/illustrator study you conducted during the school year.

1. Using the questions on Activity Sheet 1, ask your students to think about what makes their favorites so special.
2. Ask older students to imagine the title of their favorite author's next book. Have them compose the opening of this book in the style of the author and share their ideas with the class.



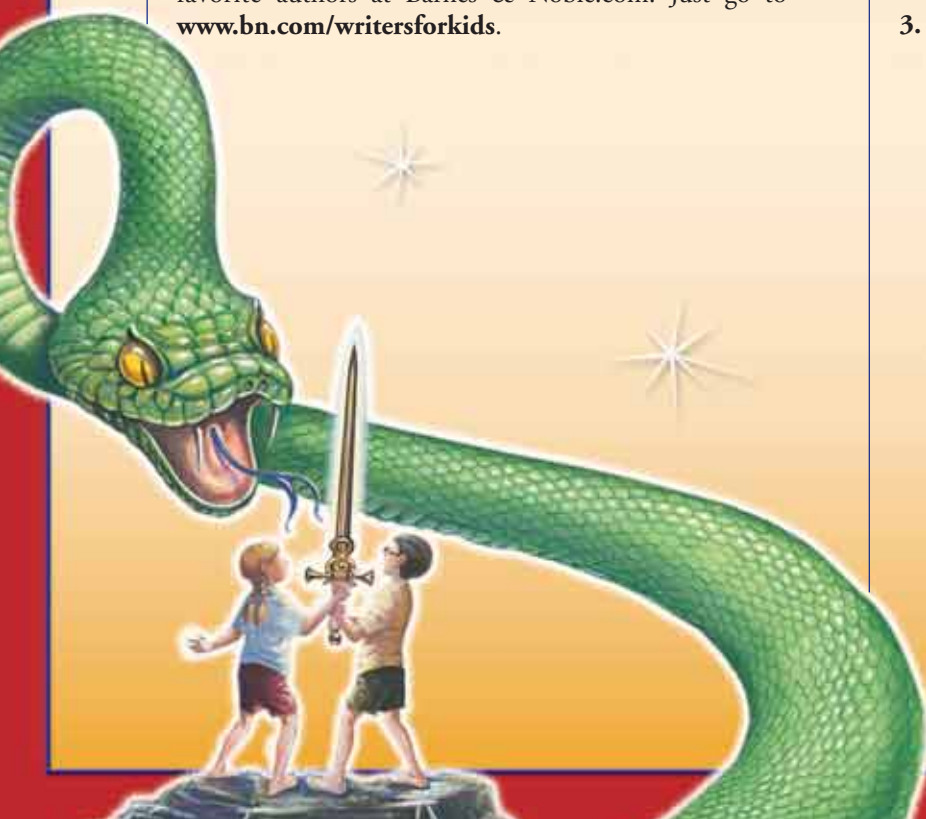
You can learn more about many of your students' favorite authors at Barnes & Noble.com. Just go to www.bn.com/writersforkids.

2 FICTION AND NON-FICTION

Exploring Different Kinds of Books

Concepts Covered: Students explore different genres and learn the difference between fiction and non-fiction. This activity will complement the genre study you conducted during the school year.

1. Reintroduce genres to your class —mysteries, thrillers, biographies, fantasy, history, humor. Which are fiction? Which are non-fiction? Discuss the characteristics of each genre and ask students to pick their favorites.
2. Ask your students to consider Mary Pope Osborne's favorite books. Can they guess the books' genres from their titles alone? Discuss which types of books students like and which new genres they might like to explore.
3. **Bonus Activity:** Your students can "produce" a TV or radio commercial, or write an ad for a newspaper or magazine, describing their favorite genre. Let them decide which program or publication would reach the most receptive audience, then perform their skits or post their ads on a bulletin board.



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?



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We want to make it easy for you to keep kids reading.
Here are some other ways Barnes & Noble
can help you introduce books to kids.

Educator Discounts

Throughout the year, you can save 20% on classroom purchases at our stores. And during our special Educator Appreciation Weeks, you'll save 25% on both classroom and personal purchases. Stop in and apply for an Educator's Discount Card at any Barnes & Noble bookstore.

Reading Lists

If you have a summer or fall reading list, bring it to your local Barnes & Noble. We'll keep a copy on file to help your students and their parents find what they need.

Field Trips

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Find Your Favorites

Identifying Authors and Illustrators

When Mary Pope Osborne was a child, some of her favorite books were *The Long Winter* by Laura Ingalls Wilder, *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett, and *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame.

Identifying your own favorite authors and illustrators is an important part of exploring the world of books. Answer the questions below to focus on why you like this person's work.

1. Who is your favorite author or illustrator?

2. What was the first book you read by this person?

3. Who recommended this book or read it to you?

4. What other books have you read by your favorite author or illustrator?

5. What additional books by him or her do you plan to read this summer?

6. What makes this person's book(s) so special to you?

7. Can you always identify this person's art or story style?

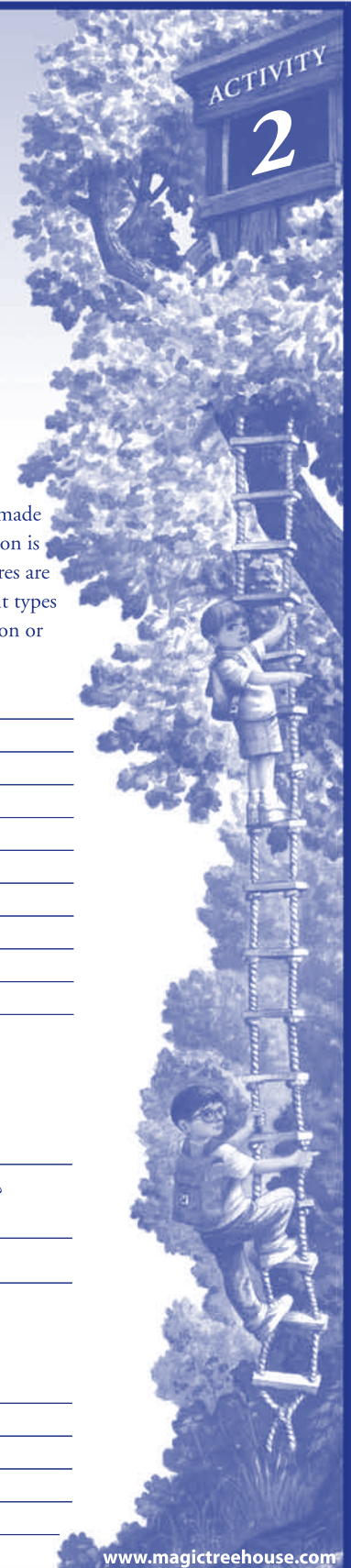
8. What makes it so easy to recognize?

9. What else would you like this person to write or draw?

10. Does anything else you've read share similar qualities?



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Fiction and Non-Fiction

Exploring Different Kinds of Books

It's important to understand the difference between fiction and non-fiction. Fiction is a story made up from the writer's imagination, even though it can include real people and events. Non-fiction is written entirely from factual information. While Jack and Annie's Magic Tree House adventures are fiction, the Magic Tree House Field Guides are non-fiction. There are a number of different types (or genres) of books you can read. Use the check boxes to mark which types of books are fiction or non-fiction. Then list an example of each from your own reading.

	Fiction	Non-Fiction	Book Titles
Mystery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Humor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Biography	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Diary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Fantasy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
History	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Nature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Tall Tale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Reference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

A series of books is a set of titles with the same characters, events, or setting. Books in a series are usually about the same size and length.

Name a series of fiction books:

Name a series of non-fiction books:

What do you like most about series books?

What do you like least about series books?

You should read different types of books just as you should eat a well-balanced diet. Have fun this summer by exploring different genres. Start your reading list here.

- Biography _____
- Humor _____
- History _____
- Mystery _____
- Series _____



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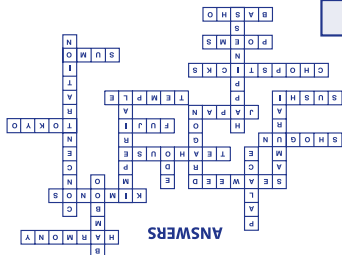
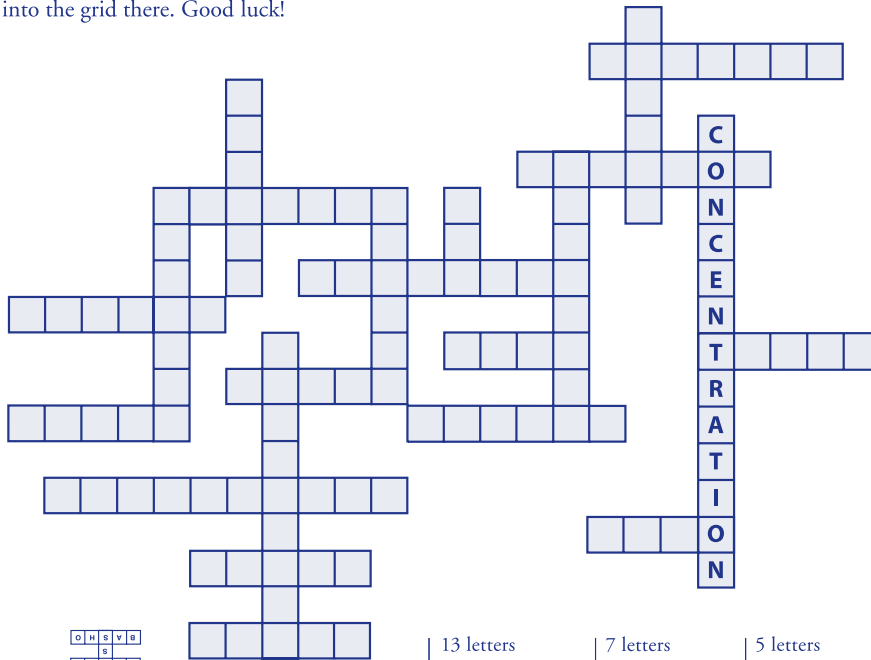
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Dragon of the Red Dawn Word Fit Puzzle

The words at the bottom of the page are grouped by the number of letters they contain. Each word will fit either horizontally or vertically on the word fit puzzle. Use only one letter per box.

Start by finding a place for all the words with a unique number of letters.
 For example, CONCENTRATION is the only 13-letter word.

Now, fill in the rest of the puzzle using the letters already on the grid as clues. For instance, the first "O" in CONCENTRATION is the sixth letter of a seven-letter word—and there is only one word that fits into the grid there. Good luck!



13 letters
CONCENTRATION

10 letters
CHOPSTICKS

9 letters
HAPPINESS

8 letters
**IMPERIAL
 TEAHOUSE**

7 letters
**HARMONY
 KIMONOS
 SAMURAI
 SEAWEED**

6 letters
**BAMBOO
 DRAGON
 PALACE
 SHOGUN
 TEMPLE**

5 letters
**BASHO
 JAPAN
 POEMS
 SUSHI
 TOKYO**

4 letters
**FUJI
 SUMO**

3 letters
EDO

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Blizzard of the Blue Moon Decoder

Use the following letter decoder to decipher some information about this mission.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
♂	∨	L	*	□	△	⊞	⋈	♂	⊞	⊞	⊞	⊞	♂	♀	♀	+	⊞	⊞	♂	♀	♀	+	⊞	♂	+

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ANSWERS
 JACK AND ANNIE ARE SENT TO NEW YORK CITY.
 THEY VISIT A CASTLE IN CENTRAL PARK.
 MAGIC WILL BE NEEDED TO SAVE A UNICORN.