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Author Organizer

Directions: After students take the “Who’s Your Literary Alter Ego?” quiz, have them research the life of the author they were most alike. This graphic organizer will help them organize their research.

Author	
Date of Birth	
Hometown	
Background: friends, family, education, social class, etc.	
Hobbies	
Literary Works: novels, plays, poems, short stories, etc.	
Famous Quotation	
Miscellaneous	
Why is this author your literary alter ego?	

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Fact vs. Opinion

EXAMPLE:**Fact:** Millions of Americans have pet dogs.**Opinion:** Dogs make the best pets.

Directions: Read the following sentences about the articles in this issue's Your World section. Then write **F** next to the sentences that are facts and **O** next to the sentences that are opinions.

- ___ 1. Carving initials into wet cement is a great way to leave your mark.
- ___ 2. Sidewalk poetry is a brilliant concept.
- ___ 3. The sidewalk poems were written by citizens of St. Paul.
- ___ 4. Aliens who see the giant bunny from space probably think earthlings are crazy.
- ___ 5. The pink-stuffed rabbit has become a popular destination for hikers.
- ___ 6. J. K. Rowling is by far the best literary alter ego to have.
- ___ 7. William Shakespeare wrote, "Love sought is good, but given unsought is better."
- ___ 8. "It does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live."
- ___ 9. The book series *The 39 Clues* is a true adventure.
- ___ 10. Football star Mark Bavaro tackles the literary world with his debut novel *Rough and Tumble*.

CHALLENGE!

Opinions often are based on facts. Because of this, an opinion can often be supported by facts. For example, "Sam is generous" is an opinion, but "Sam gave half of his cookie to Max" is a fact. This fact is an example of how Sam is generous. Support the opinion below with a fact from the story.

Opinion: Mark Bavaro is very talented.

Supporting Fact: _____

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Name That Sentence

There are four kinds of sentences:

1. **Declarative** sentences make statements.

Example: The capital of Ohio is Columbus.

2. **Interrogative** sentences ask questions.

Example: Did you know that Columbus is the capital of Ohio?

3. **Imperative** sentences give commands.

Example: Clean your room now.

4. **Exclamatory** sentences show emotion or surprise.

Example: That's my favorite song!

Directions: Read each of the following sentences from the Your World section of *Scope*. Then, label each sentence as declarative, interrogative, imperative, or exclamatory. (Hint: Some sentences may be more than one kind of sentence.)

1. Come on, admit it! _____
2. Bunny-fearing readers, beware! _____
3. The bunny lives on the side of a 5,000-foot-high mountain in Italy.

4. It's so huge, it's visible from space! _____
5. What is your idea of an adventure? _____
6. Motocross is a form of motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle racing.

7. Who better to write a book about football than a former tight end for the New York Giants?

8. Write a short story about your favorite sport or hobby. _____
9. Have you ever wanted to infiltrate a secret organization to solve a mystery—without the whole putting-yourself-in-harm's-way part? _____
10. Well, now you can! _____

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Your World Quiz

Directions: Read the Your World section in this issue, and answer the following questions.

1. In which country will you find a “seriously big bunny” on a mountaintop?

- (A) Germany
- (B) Austria
- (C) Italy
- (D) France

2. What is the bunny made of?

- (A) wool and straw
- (B) dirt and flowers
- (C) cake and icing
- (D) feathers and cotton

3. Which author from “Who’s Your Literary Alter Ego?” wrote about a boy traveling down the Mississippi River?

- (A) Mark Twain
- (B) Charlotte Brontë
- (C) William Shakespeare
- (D) J. K. Rowling

4. Which of the authors from “Who’s Your Literary Alter Ego?” was born in the 16th century?

- (A) Mark Twain
- (B) Charlotte Brontë
- (C) William Shakespeare
- (D) J. K. Rowling

5. What will Corbin Bleu celebrate in February?

- (A) the release of his movie, *Free Style*.
- (B) his 25th birthday
- (C) the debut of the TV show *High School Musical*
- (D) all of the above

6. What is the movie *Free Style* about?

- (A) swimming
- (B) sailing
- (C) motocross
- (D) race-car driving

7. Choose the best synonym for the word **vivid** in the following sentence:

*With **vivid** depictions of passes and plays, his writing is a touchdown!*

- (A) dull
- (B) lively
- (C) bright
- (D) picturesque

8. Which of the following authors inspired Mark Bavaro?

- (A) Ernest Hemingway
- (B) Charles Dickens
- (C) Mark Twain
- (D) William Shakespeare

9. What is the reader’s job in reading The 39 Clues series?

10. What does Mark Bavaro like about Charles Dickens’s writing?

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Reading Between the Lines

To infer something is to draw a conclusion by looking at the facts. The trick is to look carefully at the information you have. In this activity, you will make inferences from dialogue in *Inkheart*.

Directions: Read the dialogue below, and answer the corresponding questions.

1. MEGGIE: Maybe you'll find it.

MO: Find what?

MEGGIE: That book you're always looking for. You don't think I've noticed?

We never leave a bookstore until you've checked every shelf. (*Scene 1*)

What does this dialogue say about Meggie, Mo, and their relationship?

2. DUSTFINGER: Has your father ever read you a bedtime story, Meggie?

MEGGIE: No.

DUSTFINGER: Maybe you should ask him why. (*Scene 4*)

Why do you think Dustfinger asks Meggie this? Do you think Mo has a secret?

3. MO: The first and last time it happened I was your age, reading *The Jungle Book* aloud.

Suddenly, a mongoose appeared and ran out my window.

ELINOR: Rikki-tikki-tavi!

MO: After that, I never read aloud again—until you were 3, Meggie. I figured the mongoose was my childhood imagination, so I opened *Inkheart*. That was the night we lost your mother. (*Scene 5*)

What do you think happened to Meggie's mother?

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Start to Finish

Directions: Put your sequencing skills to the test by placing the events below from *Inkheart* in chronological order on the timeline.

EVENTS

- The Black Jackets throw Mo, Meggie, and Elinor into a cage.
- Dustfinger finds Mo at the bookshop and asks Mo to send him home.
- Mo, Meggie, and Elinor find Fenoglio, the author of *Inkheart*.
- Mo reads treasure out of *1001 Arabian Nights*.
- Fenoglio writes new text for *Inkheart* that makes the characters with bad intentions return home.
- Meggie finds out that her dad can read characters out of books.
- Mo and Meggie drive to Italy to their aunt Elinor’s house.

TIMELINE

Beginning: Mo and Meggie go to a bookshop.

_____ 1.

_____ 3.

_____ 5.

_____ 7.

2. _____

4. _____

6. _____

End: Meggie, Mo, and Resa are reunited.

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Three Problems, Three Solutions

Directions: In the play *Inkheart*, Mo and Meggie encounter many problems. In this activity, you will describe how three of these problems are solved.

1. Capricorn threatens to kill Elinor and lock Meggie in the dungeon for all eternity, unless Mo reads *1001 Arabian Nights* aloud.

2. Mo and Dustfinger need to find a copy of *Inkheart*.

3. Meggie has to read the killer out of *Inkheart* or Capricorn will kill her mother.

YOUR TURN!

Find a problem from the play and explain how it gets solved.

Problem: _____

Solution: _____

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What's the Big Idea?

The themes of a story can be powerful enough to move or inspire you. A theme is the big idea or overall message you take away from the story. In this activity, you will choose a theme from *Inkheart* and explain why it's important to you.

Directions: Follow the instructions in the box below.

STEP 1: What are some of the themes in the play *Inkheart*?

1. Good triumphs over evil.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

STEP 2: Pick one of the themes from your list above and use it to complete the sentence below.

1. The most important theme of *Inkheart* is _____

STEP 3: Describe four ways this theme is illustrated in the play.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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Demi's Debut Quiz

Directions: Read "Demi's Debut" about singer-actress Demi Lovato, and answer the following questions.

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| <p>1. Demi is a native of which state?
 (A) California
 (B) Wisconsin
 (C) Texas
 (D) New York</p> | <p>junior high.
 (C) Demi started working on <i>Sonny With a Chance</i>.
 (D) Demi toured with the Jonas Brothers.</p> | <p>8. What advice does Demi have for teens?
 (A) "Believing in yourself is the only way."
 (B) "To be a bully is to be a coward."
 (C) "Love yourself and your confidence will follow."
 (D) all of the above</p> |
| <p>2. How does Demi feel about playing the lead character in <i>Sonny With a Chance</i>?
 (A) confident
 (B) nervous
 (C) overwhelmed
 (D) all of the above</p> | <p>5. Which of the following statements is a FACT?
 (A) Demi is a really talented singer.
 (B) Being bullied stinks.
 (C) Demi's solo album debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard Top 100.
 (D) Finding your confidence isn't easy.</p> | <p>9. What did Demi realize that made her feel better about herself?

 _____</p> |
| <p>3. Why did Demi decide to be homeschooled?
 (A) She didn't have time for school with her acting and singing career taking off.
 (B) She thought she'd get a better education at home.
 (C) She was being bullied at school and didn't want to put up with it anymore.
 (D) all of the above</p> | <p>6. Which adjectives best describe Demi right now?
 (A) successful and confident
 (B) talented and goofy
 (C) expressive and tough
 (D) opinionated and busy</p> | <p>10. What books does Demi recommend as "must-reads"?

 _____</p> |
| <p>4. Which of the following events happened first in Demi's life?
 (A) She starred in <i>Camp Rock</i>.
 (B) Demi was bullied in</p> | <p>7. Which of the following sentences misuses the word who or whom?
 (A) Demi portrays a girl from Wisconsin who moves to Los Angeles.
 (B) Who is Demi Lovato?
 (C) Demi Lovato is a singer, whom I admire.
 (D) Who did Demi tour with this summer?</p> | |

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Latin Matchup

Many words in the English language come from Latin. If you know the meaning of the Latin root, or base of a word, you can figure out a word's meaning.

Directions: In this activity, you will match the Latin ROOT to its MEANING. Hint: Think about the meaning of the example word to help you guess the meaning of the root. The first one is done for you.

<u>ROOT</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
acu , as in <i>acute</i>	sleep
deca , as in <i>decade</i>	carry
gam , as in <i>monogamy</i>	marriage
geo , as in <i>geology</i>	poison
hypn , as in <i>hypnosis</i>	sharp
meter , as in <i>thermometer</i>	city
micro , as in <i>microscope</i>	small
poli , as in <i>metropolis</i>	measure
port , as in <i>transportation</i>	ten
tox , as in <i>toxic</i>	earth

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