

***Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* Internet Activity**

based on the book by Gary D. Schmidt

Directions: Use your online research skills to find resources to assist you in answering the questions.

1. The setting of the story is... _____

Name several other geographic locations in the United States that are similar to Malaga.

The island of Malaga is part of an archipelago. What is an archipelago?

Use a search engine to look up Phippsburg, Maine. Compare its stats to your town.

Which is older? _____

Which community has a larger total area? _____

Which community has more people? _____

2. Granite is mentioned repeatedly in the story.

What is it? _____

How was it formed? _____

How is it used today? _____

Name a rock or mineral commonly found in your community or region.

3. Reverend Buckminster requires Turner to translate the Aeneid from Latin to English.

Who wrote it? _____

How many centuries ago was it written? _____

What is the name of the main character? _____

4. The leaders of Phippsburg force the people of Malaga to leave their homes.

What is eminent domain? _____

Does this still happen today? Are people forced from their homes and property? _____

For what reasons can the government take a person's home and property in your state?

5. First Aid Turner gets hit in the face and punches Willis in the nose. Both end up with bloody noses. What should you do for someone who has a bloody nose?

Both Rev. Buckminster and Lizzie suffer concussions. When should you get help for someone who has a head injury?

6. In Chapter 12, Turner finally meets eye to eye with a whale. Use the clues in the story and Internet based cetation info to identify what species of whale he observed. Some of the clues are: long fins which they smack on the water, black and white, behemoths, travel in pods off the coast of Maine.

7. Reverend Eaton makes clam chowder. Find a recipe and determine the quantity of fresh clams needed to make a batch of chowder for your whole class or family.

8. How accurate was the author's description of the events surrounding the mass eviction?

9. How did the author choose the main characters' names?

10. Listen to these loon calls. Do you hear laughter? _____

Extras:

Sarah Burke wrote a review of the novel. Do you agree with her or disagree with her? Why?

Write a biography of Lizzie Bright or Turner Buckminster - Use the resources at Biography Maker, references in the book, and your imagination.

Personal Narrative Essay - help injured

Conduct a debate. Role play the opposing sides of the development issues exposed in the story or a current development issue in your community, region or state.

Make a crossword puzzle based on the book.

Make a flag for the community

Write a Point of view essay

"Books can ignite fires in your mind, because they carry ideas for kindling and art for matches." Reverend Buckminster