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Create a Brochure

Imagine that Camp Green Lake is a typical camp. The people who run the camp would probably want to advertise in some way. Keeping in mind what Camp Green Lake is really like, design a brochure to advertise the camp. Your brochure could be realistic and serious, telling parents what their children will experience if sentenced to Camp Green Lake. It could be persuasive, trying to encourage judges throughout Texas to send boys to the camp. It could be humorous, a parody of a fun summer camp.

Most real camp brochures include information about location, organized activities, skills that campers will learn, sleeping/eating/bathing facilities, and any special features. A good brochure should be very informative and colorful.

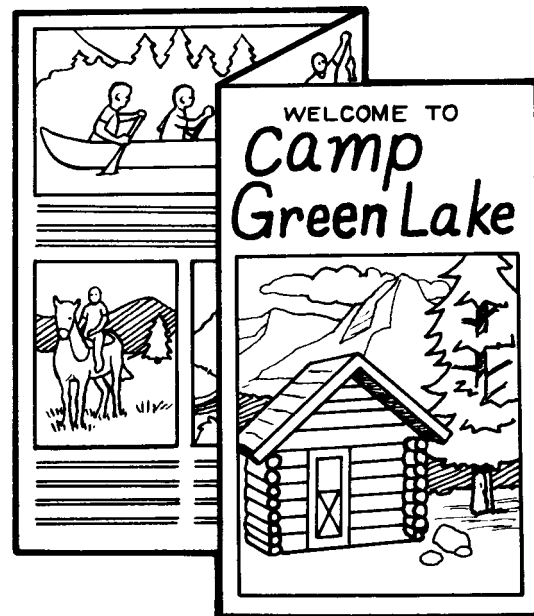
It might help you get ideas for content, layout, and design if you look at some real brochures. A variety of brochures from hotels, parks, camps, and amusement parks are available through your school and public libraries, local chamber of commerce, or state tourism bureau. These can often be ordered on the Internet.

Materials

- variety of heavy 8 ½" x 11" paper (white or colored)
- construction paper
- markers
- rulers
- scissors
- glue
- magazines (to cut pictures from)
- any other creative supplies

Instructions

1. Take one piece of heavy paper for your brochure. Turn paper horizontally so paper is longest from left to right.
2. Fold left ⅓ of paper forward towards the middle.
3. Fold right ⅓ of paper backwards toward the middle.
4. Now that you have your brochure, start writing, drawing, and pasting pictures. Create pictures by cutting them from magazines, drawing, and/or using construction paper.
5. Display the brochures on a class bulletin board.



Who's on Trial?

Have you ever been in a courtroom or watched a movie about someone accused of a crime? This is an important part of our society, the process of trying people accused of crimes and giving appropriate punishment for those found guilty.

As American citizens, we are guaranteed certain rights and protections under the law if we are accused of a crime. We are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. We have the right to a trial by a jury of our peers. We have the right to be represented by a lawyer. We also have the right to remain silent if what we are being asked might be used against us to prove we are guilty (“taking the 5th”—exercising your 5th Amendment privileges).

In a criminal trial, you will usually find the following people:

Judge—He or she oversees the entire trial. The judge makes sure everyone follows the rules in court. If someone is found guilty, the judge is often the one who decides the punishment.

Jury—This is made up of 12 people who will hear all the evidence and then decide if the defendant is guilty or innocent.

Defendant—This is the person accused of the crime.

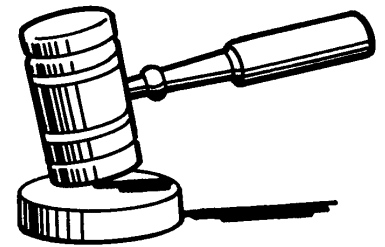
Defense attorney—This is the lawyer who tries to prove that the defendant is not guilty. If guilt is obvious, the defense attorney will try to convince the jury that there was a good reason for the crime or that the defendant is insane.

Prosecutor—This is the lawyer who tries to prove the defendant is guilty.

Witness(es)—Both the Defense Attorney and the Prosecutor ask the witnesses questions in the hopes of persuading the jury to believe what they want to prove. The defense attorney and the prosecutor ask the witnesses questions which they must answer honestly.

Use this information to conduct a mock trial of scenarios below, based on events in *Holes*. The entire class should participate, using the roles listed above. Think about the following when planning:

- What witnesses will each lawyer call to testify?
- What questions will each lawyer ask the witnesses? (Remember, both lawyers have the right to ask all of the witnesses questions.)
- What evidence will be presented? (weapons, clothing, pictures, diagrams, or anything else that will prove their case)
- Will the defendant testify?
- If guilty, what would be an appropriate punishment?



Choose one of these scenarios or come up with your own:

1. The Warden is charged with neglect and abuse of the boys in her custody.
2. Zero is charged with stealing Clyde Livingston's shoes.
3. Zero is charged with assaulting Mr. Pendanski.