

WINDSOCK BOOK PROJECT

Genre: Historical Fiction

Due: February 28

You will design and create a windsock based on your historic fiction book. On the **top** of the windsock, include the title of the book (underlined) and the author. On the **bottom** portion, include your name. In the **middle** section, you will include a picture or pictures of something from the book (setting, characters, an event, etc.). These can be drawn or print out from the internet, but should be creative and colorful!

Include the following information on the strips of the windsock:

Strip 1: Glue

Strip 2: Setting

- Where does the story take place? When? Include any details to help the reader learn about the time period and how it relates to the story.

Strip 3: Main Character(s)

- Tell all about the main character(s): who they were, and any important facts or details about them. Are they related? Did anyone do anything really interesting, special, heroic?

Strip 4: Other Character(s)

- Tell all about other important characters: who they were, and any important facts or details about them. Are they related? Did anyone do anything really interesting, special, heroic?

Strip 5: Main Event or Problem/Solution

- Choose a problem or main event from the story and the solution to the problem.

Strip 6: Main Event or Problem/Solution

- Choose a problem or main event from the story and the solution to the problem.

Strip 7: Main Event or Problem/Solution

- Choose a problem or main event from the story and the solution to the problem.

Strip 8: Theme/Life Lesson

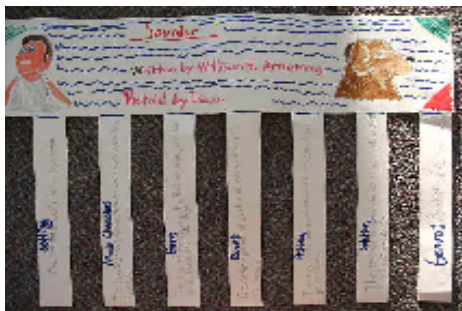
- Was there a special theme or message that you took from the book? Did you learn anything new or interesting? (Refer to our theme posters in the classroom for some ideas)

Each strip should be neatly written or typed and at least 1 paragraph in length (5-7 sentences). The more information and details you can provide on each strip means a stronger project overall! If you choose to handwrite the information on each strip, be sure to do so as neatly as possible, in ink.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Use 12" x 18" white construction paper. (You can use another color, but you will have to type/write/draw everything on white paper and glue it onto the windsock)
2. Measure down 4" from the top of the paper and draw a line to separate the top portion from the bottom strips. Each strip should measure 1.5 inches and the space between should measure .75 (3/4) of an inch. After measuring the strips, cut them out carefully from the bottom-up, without going past the line you drew earlier.
3. Label each strip with the category heading (setting, main characters, other characters, main events, problem or solution, theme/message).
 - Neatly write or type (and glue on) all information sideways on the strips, saving the first strip for glue.
4. Form a circle with the first strip glued under the last strip.
5. Punch two holes for string on the top, tie string or yarn together. (Supplies are available at school, if needed)

As always, take pride in your work & create a masterpiece you will be proud of!



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1. Windsock is neatly constructed on a 12x18" piece of construction paper and follows the guidelines provided.

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2. Top portion includes: the title of the book, the author, your name, and a picture or pictures of something from the book

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3. The information on your strips is at least 1 paragraph in length and is typed or neatly handwritten.

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4. Strip 2 includes important information about the setting.

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5. Strip 3 includes important information about the main character(s).

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6. Strip 4 includes important information about other characters.

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7. Strips 5-7 include important and relevant information about the main events or problems and solutions.

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8. Strip 8 includes your interpretation of the book's theme or message.

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9. The information on your strips uses correct grammar, spelling, capitalization & punctuation.

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10. The overall project is colorful and creative and shows a good understanding of the book read.

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TOTAL POINTS: _____/100

Comments:

Historical Fiction Books

Auch, Mary Frozen Summer - In 1816, twelve-year-old Mem's new home in the wilderness of western New York is disrupted when the birth of another baby causes "spells" that disconnects her mother from reality.

Avi. Crispin and the Cross of Lead. Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life mummer who helps him discover a powerful secret about his past.

Beatty, Patricia Charley Skedaddle - When the horrors of the battlefield repulse and terrify him, Charley flees to the mountains to hide from the Union Army he has deserted and from the Confederates who would arrest him as a spy.

Bird, E. J. Chuck Wagon Stew - Nine fun-filled exaggerated tales of the Old West filled with zany characters and a train robbery or two.

Bird, E. J. The Blizzard of 1896 - Ten stories of lively characters who survived the blizzard of 1896.

Bawden, Nina Carrie's War - Thirty years elapse before Carrie returns to the Welsh mining village where she was sent as an evacuee in WW II. During her visit, she is relieved of her past guilt concerning a curse and a fire at Druid's Bottom.

Branford, Henrietta Fire, Bed & Bone - In 1381 England, a hunting dog tells what happens to his beloved master and family when they are arrested on suspicion of being part of the peasants' rebellion led by Wat Tyler and the preacher John Ball.

Brink, Carol Ryrie Caddie Woodlawn - A young girl's friendship with Indians prevents serious trouble in Wisconsin in the 1800's.

Burch, Robert Christmas With Ida Early - Ida, who keeps house for the Suttons, keeps things lively at Christmas despite the dreary depression years in Georgia.

Burnett, Frances A Little Princess - A little girl from India enters a London boarding school and although she undergoes many changes, she remains a "princess" throughout.

Burnett, Frances Secret Garden - Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely Yorkshire house and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

Carrick, Carol Elephant in the Dark - Will is assigned to care for Toong the elephant after her owner, a traveling showman, leaves her in the barn behind Will's father's store for the winter. Set in the early 1800's.

Choldenko Jennifer. Al Capone Does My Shirts. Twelve-year-old Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

Clark, Ann Nolan Little Navajo Bluebird - The story of a young Navajo girl and her family in the early days of the west.

Clark, Clara Nellie Bishop - Thirteen-year-old Nellie struggles to survive her abusive parents and the rough world of a 1800's Pennsylvania canal town.

Clemens, Samuel Tom Sawyer - A young man's adventures with his friends in a small town along the Mississippi.

Collier, James My Brother Sam is Dead - Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins rebel forces while the rest of the family try to stay neutral in a Tory town.

Cornelissen, Cornelia Soft Rain : A Story of the Cherokee Trail of Tears - Soft Rain, a nine-year-old Cherokee girl, is forced to relocate along with her family from North Carolina to the West on the march now called the Trail of Tears.

Curtis, Christopher The Watsons go to Birmingham-1963- Fourth-grader Kenny Watson tells about his African American family who travel from their home in Flint Michigan to Birmingham where Kenny's cute little sister escapes when a bomb goes

off in church.

Cushman, Karen Ballad of Lucy Whipple - Lucy recounts her new England family's move to a California gold rush town.

Cushman, Karen. **Rodzina**. A twelve-year-old Polish American girl is boarded onto an orphan train in Chicago with fears about traveling to the West and a life of unpaid slavery.

Dagliesh, Alice Courage of Sarah Noble - True story of an eight year old girl in the unexplored Connecticut frontier cooking for her father while he builds a house.

DeAngeli, Marguerite Door in the Wall - A crippled boy in fourteenth century England proves his courage and earns recognition from the king.

DeAngeli, Marguerite Copper Toed Boots - Relates the summer adventures of a young boy living in nineteenth century Michigan and how he acquired a dog and a pair of copper toed boots.

DeFelice, Cynthia Weasel- Alone in the frontier wilderness in the winter of 1839, eleven-year-old Nathan runs into a renegade killer known as Weasel.

Dodge, Mary Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates - A Dutch boy and girl work toward two goals: finding a doctor to restore their father's memory and winning the competition for silver skates.

Dorris, Michael. **Morning Girl**. Morning Girl, who loves the day, and her younger brother Star Boy, who loves the night, take turns describing their life on an island in pre-Columbian America; in Morning Girl's last narrative, she witnesses the arrival of the first Europeans to her world.

Edmonds, Walter Matchlock Gun - In 1756, during the French and Indian War, ten-year-old Edward is determined to protect his family with an ancient, much too-heavy gun his father had given him.

Erdrich, Louise. **Birchbark House**. Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

Ericson, Stig Dan Henry in the Wild West - A boy's adventures in the west during the pioneer days in 1876.

Fleischman, Paul Bull Run - Northerners, Southerners, generals, dreaming boys and worried sisters describe the glory, the horror and the disillusionment of the first battle of the Civil War.

Fleischman, Sid The Whipping Boy - Jemmy, an orphan, becomes the designated whipping boy for a nasty prince, but eventually the two run away together.

Fleischman, Sid Jim Ugly - Jim Ugly is part timber wolf, a proud and aloof one-man dog. When that man is killed, his son Jake makes an uneasy truce with the dog. Set in the West in the late 1800's.

Forbes, Esther Johnny Tremain - In Boston in 1773, a young man has a tragic accident that changes his life during the American Revolution.

Fritz, Jean The Cabin Faced West - Based on a true story of pioneer girl Ann Hamilton.

Garfield, Leon. **Smith**. Moments after he steals a document from a man's pocket, an illiterate young pickpocket in eighteenth-century London witnesses the man's murder by two men who want the document.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Nory Ryan's Song**. When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.

Giff, Patricia Lily's Crossing - In 1944, Lily must deal with a lie she told which may cost a young Hungarian refugee his life.

Gipson, Fred Savage Sam - When fifteen-year-old Travis, his little brother and a neighbor girl are captured by Apache raiders, it is up to Savage Sam, son of legendary Ol Yeller, to track down the raiders and help the children escape.

Gregory, Kristiana Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie - In her diary, thirteen-year-old Hattie chronicles her family's 1847 journey on the Oregon Trail.

Gregory, Kristiana Jimmy Spoon and the Pony Express- A Pony Express rider faces dangers from thieves, angry Indian tribes, wild animals and natural disasters as he rides 50 miles a day.

Griffin, Peni Switching Well - Story of two girls, one living in 1891, the other in 1991, who make a wish on the same day and switch places thus becoming outsiders in societies unprepared to receive them.

Gross, Virginia The Day it Rained Forever: Story of the Johnstown Flood - A young girl's mother is caught in the flood that swept away hundreds of people. Amidst the tragedy, an infant is found.

Gross, Virginia The President is Dead: Story of the Kennedy Assassination - Story of a little boy who has a front row seat to a national tragedy.

Gutman, Bill Across the Wild River - Tragedy strikes a family crossing a river.

Hamm, Diane J. Bunkhouse Journal - A sixteen-year-old boy spends the winter of 1911 on a Wyoming ranch.

Harrell, Beatrice Longwalker's Journey - In 1831, ten-year-old Minko and his father endure terrible hardships on their journey from Mississippi to Oklahoma where Minko receives the name Longwalker.

Hathaway, Barbara. Missy Violet & Me. During the early 1900s, eleven-year-old Viney spends her summer working for the local midwife and learns firsthand about birth, death, and "catchin' babies."

Hermann, Spring Seeing Lessons : The Story of Abigail Carter and America's First School for Blind People - When ten-year-old Abby attends the newly established school for the blind in Boston in 1832, she proves that blind people can learn and be independent.

Hermes, Patricia Calling Me Home - Twelve-year-old Abbie struggles to accept her father's desire to make a new home for his family on the Nebraska prairies of the late 1850's.

Hesse, Karen Letters from Rifka - A young girl fleeing Russian oppression in 1919 journeys to the United States and faces many dangers, humiliations and trials.

Holland, Isabele The Journey Home - Maggie and Annie are orphans headed west to join a family that will adopt and care for them.

Holm, Jennifer. Penny from Heaven. As she turns twelve during the summer of 1953, Penny gains new insights into herself and her Italian-American family while also learning a secret about her father's death.

Hooks, William Pioneer Cat - A young pioneer girl smuggles a cat aboard the wagon train taking her family west.

Houston, Gloria Littlejim - Set in the Appalachian mountains during the early 1900's, twelve-year-old Littlejim is thought as a no-account boy, interested in books and learning, not hunting or farm work.

Houston, Gloria Bright Freedom's Song - In the years before the Civil War, Bright discovers that her parents are providing a safe house for the Underground Rail Road and helps save a runaway slave named Marcus.

Howard, Ellen The Gate in the Wall - In nineteenth century England, ten-year-old Emma, used to poverty and working long hours, finds her life completely changed when she gets a job on a canal boat carrying cargoes between several northern towns.

Hunt, Irene Across Five Aprils - The children of a Southern Illinois family are torn between loyalties during the Civil War.

Innocenti, Roberto Rose Blanche - Story of a young German child who tries to help the people behind the barbed wire during the war.

Irwin, Hadley Jim Dandy - Following the Civil War, twelve-year-old Caleb and his horse Dandy follow Custer and witness the brutal Indian Wars.

Karr, Kathleen The Cave - As drought and the Depression threaten her South Dakota farm with ruin, twelve-year-old Christine discovers a vast, unexplored cave and a valuable secret.

Kissinger, Rosemary Quanah Parker, Comanche Chief - The story of a young Comanche warrior born to an Indian father and a white mother, Quanah lived to become one of the greatest Indian chiefs in history.

Lawler, Laurie Addie Across the Prairie - Addie and her family begin a new life on the Dakota prairie.

Lawler, Laurie Addie's Dakota Winter - Ten-year-old Addie is stranded alone during a Dakota blizzard.

Leighton, Maxinne An Ellis Island Christmas - The story of a young Polish girl who is sailing across the ocean to get to Ellis Island where her father will be waiting for her.

Levine, Ellen. Catch a Tiger by the Toe. In the Bronx, during the McCarthy era, twelve-year-old Jamie keeps a terrible secret about her family, but when the truth is exposed, her parents lose their jobs and she is fired from the school newspaper.

Lindquist, Susan Summer Soldiers - After his father goes off to war during the summer of 1918, eleven-year-old Joe and his friends contend with the town bullies and they try to figure out the meaning of courage.

Love, D. Anne Bess's Log Cabin Quilt - With her dad away on the Oregon Trail, and her mom sick with fever, it is up to Beth to help save the farm by winning a quilt contest.

Love, D. Anne Dakota Spring - Two children deal with a formal grandmother, an injured father and a prairie tornado.

Love, D. Anne Three Against the Tide - During the Civil War, twelve-year-old Susanna must lead her brothers on a difficult journey in hopes of being reunited with their father.

Lowry, Lois. Number the Stars. In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

MacLachlan, Patricia Sarah, Plain and Tall - In a simple story evoking a strong sense of family, Sarah answers Jacob's ad for a mail-order bride and agrees to a trial visit on his frontier farm. Jacob's children hope Sarah will stay, though she misses her Maine home on the sea.

Maguire, Gregory The Good Liar - Now an old man living in the United States, Marcel recalls his childhood in German-occupied France especially the summer that he and his older brother befriended a young German soldier.

Martin, Susan I Sailed with Columbus - The adventures of fourteen-year-old Diego as he sets sail one August morning aboard the Santa Maria with Christopher Columbus.

McCaughrean, Geraldine. Stop the Train! - Despite the opposition of the owner of the Red Rock Runner railroad in 1893, the new settlers of Florence, Oklahoma, are determined to build a real town.

Mochizuki, Ken Baseball Saved Us - A boy and other Japanese Americans in an internment camp after the Pearl Harbor attack, play baseball to ease boredom and regain dignity.

Montgomery, L. M. Anne of Green Gables - Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on Prince Edward Island and makes an indelible impression on everyone around her.

Morrow, Honore On to Oregon - John was never any help to his family on the Oregon trail, but now he finds himself their only hope.

Moskin, Marietta Day of the Blizzard - Katie is sent on an errand and is caught in one of the nation's severest snowstorms and fights to get back home.

Myers, Anna Red Dirt Jessie - A farm can be a lonely place when it's filled with grief and worry. After Jessie's little sister dies, her father just about gives up on life. Set in Oklahoma in the great depression.

Nixon, Joan A Family Apart - Set of four books about six children sent on the Orphan Train to live with strangers. Separated, they struggle to keep in touch.

Paulsen, Gary Mr. Tucket - Fourteen-year-old Francis Tucket is on the Oregon Trail when he is captured by Pawnees. Wild horses and a one-armed man help.

Paulsen, Gary Tucket's Ride - When fifteen-year-old Francis and two children lose their way on the Oregon Trail, they face capture at the hands of outlaws.

Park, Linda Sue. Kite Fighters. In Korea in 1473, eleven-year-old Young-sup overcomes his rivalry with his older brother Kee-sup and combines his kite-flying skill with Kee-sup's kite-making skill in an attempt to win the New Year kite-fighting competition for the emperor.

Paterson, Katherine. Lyddie. Impoverished Vermont farm girl Lyddie Worthen is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts, in the 1840s.

Peck, Richard. The Ghost Belonged to Me. Set at the turn of the 20th Century in the Midwest, a quartet of delightful characters, including the incomparable Blossom Culp, share adventures from exploding steamboats to "exorcizing" a ghost.

Prince, Alison Night Landings - English farm children awakened by the sound of an airplane landing at night find a runaway in a hayloft and suspect smugglers.

Propp, Vera When the Soldiers Were Gone - After the German occupation of the Netherlands, Benjamin leaves the Christian family with whom he had been living and reunites with his real parents who returned from hiding.

Pryor, Bonnie Thomas - In the early years of the Revolutionary War, eleven-year-old Thomas and his family escape a bloody massacre at Wyoming Valley and endure innumerable hardships as they try to make their way to Philadelphia.

Putnam, Alice Westering - About to cross the prairie with his family by wagon train, Jason is suddenly adopted by a scruffy stray dog. The dog is one problem after another and Jason fears his father will make him leave the dog behind.

Rappaport, Doreen Trouble at the Mines - Mother Jones, a union organizer, visits the mining region near Arnot, Pennsylvania, to lead the strike for better pay and working conditions. Sandin's visual depiction of the 1899 setting enhances the text.

Roberts, Willo D. Jo and the Bandit - A humorous story set in Texas just after the Civil War. Jo and her brothers are arriving by stagecoach when it is held up by five bandits.

Robinet, Harriette Mississippi Chariot - Shortening Bread Jackson tries to help his innocent father who is serving on a chain gang in racially tense 1936 Mississippi.

Robinet, Harriette Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule - Born with a withered leg and hand, Pascal joins other former slaves in search for a farm and the freedom which it promises.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. **Esperanza Rising**. Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.

Sachs, Marilyn **A Pocket Full of Seeds** - During World War II in occupied France, a young Jewish girl returns from an overnight visit with a friend to find her family has disappeared.

Sidney, Margaret **Five Little Peppers and How they Grew** - A fatherless family, happy in spite of its impoverished condition, is befriended by a very rich gentleman.

Sirof, Harriet **Bring Back Yesterday** - After her parents die in a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Lisa travels back and forth in time from her aunt's house to Shakespearean England.

Speare, Elizabeth George. **The Witch of Blackbird Pond**. In 1687 in Connecticut, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft.

Speare, Elizabeth G. **Sign of the Beaver** - Set in the 1700's wilderness, thirteen-year-old Matt is left alone to guard their newly built cabin. When a renegade white stranger steals his gun, Matt realizes he must find a way to survive in the forests.

Stewart, Elisabeth **On the Long Trail Home** - During the forced march of the Cherokees from their ancestral lands in 1838-39, a young girl, Meli must escape from the soldiers.

Stolz, Mary **Bartholomew Fair** - In 1598 six people, including Queen Elizabeth attend London's Bartholomew Fair and come away with unforgettable experiences.

Taylor, Mildred **Mississippi Bridge** - Jeremy Simms, a ten-year-old white boy watches a bus driver roughly order black passengers off the bus to make room for whites ending in a terrifying and shocking drama.

Taylor, Theodore **The Cay** - A newly-blind boy becomes dependent on an old, stubborn black West Indian man after a German torpedo sinks the ship he was sailing on.

Tripp, Valerie **Meet Molly: An American Girl** - While her father is away fighting World War II, Molly finds her life full of changes including eating vegetables from the victory garden and a ruined Halloween.

Van Leeuwen, Jean **Hannah of Fairfield** - Nine-year-old Hannah faces great challenges from saving the life of a baby lamb to helping send her brother Ben to join the colonial soldiers in the American Revolutionary War.

Whelan, Gloria **Farewell to the Island** - In 1816, sixteen-year-old Mary O'Shea accepts her married sister's invitation to visit her in London and experiences much of the world beyond her beloved family farm on Mackinac Island.

Whitesel, Cheryl Aylward. **Blue Fingers: A Ninja's Tale**. Having failed apprenticeship as a dye maker, Koji is captured and forced to train as a ninja, where he remains disloyal until he discovers samurai have burned his former village

Wilder, Laura I. **Little House on the Prairie** - A family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to build a new home where they meet neighboring Indians, build a well and fight a prairie fire.

Wisler, G. Clifton **Jericho's Journey** - On a trip from Tennessee to Texas, twelve-year-old Jericho encounters a snowstorm, making him wonder if he is brave enough to survive.

Woodruff, Elvira **Dear Levi: Letters from the Overland Trail** - In 1851, twelve-year-old Austin Ives writes to his brother as she seeks a new life at the end of a difficult journey on the Oregon Trail.

Woodruff, Elvira **Dear Austin: Letters from the Underground Rail Road** - In 1853, in letters to his older brother, eleven-year-old Levi describes his experiences with the Underground Rail Road.

