

# More Student Activities for the Nominated Books

Ideas and Activities Created by Karen Antikajian

1. Use Nancy Polette's "Never Ever Report" to give information about owls, trucks and machines, or Samurai Warriors.
2. Use the form provided to write a character cinquain for any one of the characters in the six books.
3. Alternative: Write an acrostic poem for one of the characters in the books.
4. Give a book talk or commercial about your favorite of the six books. Try to convince others to read it.
5. Choose two of the books and compare the author's style of writing.
6. Choose two of the books and compare the illustrator's style.
7. Write a riddle about something that happened in one of the books or about one of the characters and see if others can guess the answer.
8. Use some of the character pages in the appendix to give information about one of the characters or compare two of the characters.
9. Make up a new title for one of the books and see if others can guess which book it is.
10. Choose one of the books and answer at least five of the nine questions on the Musing and Perusing Sheet.
11. Work with a partner or by yourself and fill out the Choose Four sheet.
12. Compare two of the books using the Choose Two sheet.
13. Make up a proverb or a saying for four of the books. See if others can guess which books they are.
14. Work with others to decide how to act out a scene from one of the books or form a tableau (like statues but not unnatural) of one of the scenes. One at a time each of you will unfreeze and talk to the audience to explain who you are, what you are doing and how you feel about it.
15. Use the Four Parts of a Story page to draw and tell about one of the books. If your favorite part is the same as the beginning, middle, or end, then choose your second favorite part to draw. It should be different from the other parts of the page.
16. Choose two of the books and write headlines for them. A headline is a short, attention-grabbing sentence that often uses alliteration. It often tells just a little bit about the most interesting part of the story that makes the reader wonder "why?"
17. Choose four of the characters. Pretend they have invited you to their birthday parties. What present will you take to each one? Write the character's name, name the present and describe it in detail, and tell why you chose this particular present. Do this for each character.