



2017 Sequoyah Book Awards Lessons + Activities

It's Sequoyah Book Award Week!

Get your students reading and involved in the third-oldest youth-choice literary award program in the nation. Your students can help determine the winners of the 2017 Sequoyah Book Award during voting next spring.

Day Three: Sequoyah Book Award Week focuses on the Children's Masterlist of books for grades 3-5



Visit bit.ly/1kC6na7 on the web for background on this Oklahoma honor—the third oldest youth-choice literary award in the nation. You'll also find masterlists, activities, and promotional materials to get your students reading and involved in selecting the next winning authors.

Who was Sequoyah?

Introducing your students to the Sequoyah reading program is the perfect opportunity to investigate a famous Oklahoman. Who was Sequoyah? Why is he important to history? Why do the students think this literary award was named after him?

• **Have students research Sequoyah using the Britannica School online reference resource**, free to all Oklahoma schools and libraries. To get free access to Britannica School and other reference databases from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, visit libraries.ok.gov/librarians/catalog-databases.

Reading and Thinking and Writing...

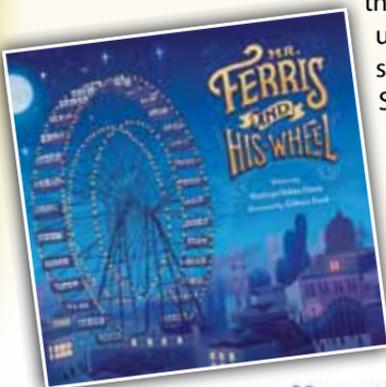
Helping students write a letter to the author of a book is a good way to help young readers think about the book and organize their thoughts.

- What did the reader like about the book?
- What was his favorite part?
- What questions would she like to ask the author?
- What character did the reader like the best? Why?

Teacher Vision [www.teachervision.com] has a downloadable form that students can use to write down their thoughts to help prepare to write a letter: bit.ly/2bKg2do

...and Talking

Use the questions on the Teacher Vision form to lead a discussion of a Sequoyah book that the class has read together. You can also use the activity to compose a class letter to the author. It's also a great way to demonstrate how to use the form and write a letter. After the activity, have students work on their own letters to the author of a Sequoyah book.



Visit nie.newsok.com/educators/curriculum/sequoyah-week-2016 for a lesson, facts, and activities related to *Mr. Ferris and His Wheel* by Kathryn Gibbs Davis.

Sequoyah Book Award Week continues tomorrow with promotional ideas, plus a bonus lesson plan on a special picture book!

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