

From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

WebQuest Description: This webquest has been designed as a supplemental activity to deepen student understanding and develop an appreciation for things Claudia and James Kincaid encountered in the book *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*. First students will take a virtual tour of The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Students will develop critical thinking skills as they compare and contrast the artifacts that were mentioned in the *Mixed-Up Files* and the artifacts that were and are presently in The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Students will learn more about the famous artist, Michelangelo. They will also develop a deeper appreciation for Michelangelo's masterpiece "The Sistene Chapel." After they view, the piece online, they will create a masterpiece of their own in the same fashion as Michelangelo did when he created The Sistene Chapel. Students will identify key vocabulary throughout the book by testing their memory during fun interactive vocabulary internet games.

Grade Level: 3-5

Curriculum: English / Language Arts

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Introduction

Dear Students, Your adventure is about to begin. Just like Claudia and James, you will explore a museum, gather information, and solve unanswered questions. Your adventure will end with a feeling of deeper understanding and, hopefully, a desire to adventure more into the wonderful world of knowledge. I know you will find this scavenger hunt as fascinating as Claudia and James found their adventure at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Along your journey, put yourself in Claudia and James' shoes. Claudia wanted her family to appreciate her. She wanted this journey to make her different. How has this adventure affected you? Do you feel different? It is my hope you are filled with a sense of understanding and appreciation for Claudia and James' adventure as well as your own. With kind regards, Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

Tasks

1. Students will begin the *Mixed Up Files* scavenger hunt by first visiting the Metropolitan Museum of Art. They will locate three artifacts that are similar to artifacts Claudia and Jamie saw while they stayed at The Met.
2. Students will search "Kids Museum" within the Metropolitan Museum website. Once there, they will search "The Mixed Up Files Issue." Students will download, read the issue and answer questions pertaining to the article. Download the questions in the Resource section of Process.
3. Students will visit a website where they can view Michelangelo's angel sculpture.
4. Students will visit a website and view the famous masterpiece "The Sistene Chapel."
5. Students will create a masterpiece of their own. They will tape a 8-1/2 x 11 piece of white construction paper to the underside of their desk. Lying on their backs, on the floor, they will create a favorite scene from the novel *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*.
6. Students will create a vocabulary wordsearch.
7. Students will visit a website where they can play interactive vocabulary games.

Process

* The whole class will read "From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler."

* Students will complete the webquest activities after they have finished the last chapter in the novel.

WEBQUEST ACTIVITIES

1. Students will visit <http://www.metmuseum.org> While exploring the various galleries, students will document three artifacts that are similar to the artifacts mentioned in the novel.
2. Students will enter the "Kids Museum" within the Metropolitan Museum of Art. <http://metmuseum.org/learnfor%20kids> From there, they will complete a search for "The Mixed-Up Files Issue." Students will download this article. Students will read "The Mixed Up Files Issue" and answer accompanying questions. Download the questions and print. See Resources below.
3. Students will visit <http://www.bluffton.edu/~sullivanm/italy/bologna/arca/arca.html> and view a picture of the angel statue Michelangelo created.
4. Students will visit <http://wga.hu/tours/sistina> and view a picture of the famous "Sistene Chapel."

5. Students will create a masterpiece of their own. Students will tape a piece of 8-1/2 x 11 white construction paper to the underside of their desk. They will lie on their backs, on the floor, and create a favorite scene from the novel.

6. Students will visit <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp>
Using 15 vocabulary words (gathered during the reading of the novel), students will create a word search. Students will print their word searches and complete.

7. Students will visit <http://www.quia.com/custom/3227main.html>
They will choose a vocabulary game of their choice to play.

Evaluation

PRINT Rubric in Resources and hand in when you have completed the following tasks: Upon completion, hand in your answers to the issue of "The Mixed-Up Files" found on The Metropolitan Museum Art website. Upon completion, please hand in your finished masterpiece. Your entire piece of paper needs to be colored using colored pencils. If you want to outline any of your masterpiece with a black thin marker, that is your choice. Please print a copy of your wordsearch. After you print your wordsearch, locate your 15 vocabulary words using a highlighter. Upon completion, please hand in the wordsearch.

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Conclusion

Dear Students,

You have reached the end of this webquest journey. How do you feel? Have you added The Metropolitan Museum of Art to your bucket list? Would like to visit the Vatican in Italy and gaze up at Michelangelo's Sistene Chapel (nothing, but actually being there can capture it's true beauty)? Do you feel that you have developed a deeper appreciation for things that you have read in the Mixed-up Files, now that you were able to explore them deeper through this webquest? I hope you enjoyed this exploration and remember this journey for years to come. My hope for Claudia is the same for you; I hope you leave here feeling different. It's a feeling that lives deep inside of you and makes you feel a little bit better about yourself.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

Teacher Page

This webquest activity is one in many that I have created to enhance a literature circle project using the novel From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. My hope is this webquest lights a spark of interest in another area of learning; such as visiting a museum, travel, art, technology or just a simple life long love of learning. If you're interested in any of my other activities, please feel free to drop me a line at my school email address: kamoser@exeter.k12.pa.us

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