

Summer Reading – Incoming third grade students

Directions: Incoming third grade students must read two books over the summer. One of the books will be teacher's choice and one student's choice. Complete the attached story map for the student's choice and return to your teacher the first day of school. This will be the first Reading grade and will be equal to a test grade. Points will be deducted for assignments turned in late. Grade appropriate content, effort, and neatness will count in the writing section. Happy reading!

Teacher's Choice: Incoming third grade students must read *Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume. The first week of school, teachers will do activities from the book as well as give a test. The test will include elements of setting, characters, plot, resolution, and your personal opinion about the book.

Student's Choice: Incoming third grade students must read one book from the list below and complete the following story map for the book they read. The story map worksheet must be submitted on the first day of school.

Story Map Instructions:

1. Write the title and author of the book.
2. Note the setting (the location and time frame in which the story takes place).
3. List the main characters and give a brief description of each one (ie: Nate the Great - a boy who enjoys solving mysteries, Nate- a boy who follows Oliver, Sludge - Oliver's dog).
4. Note the problem presented in the story (ie: Finding the missing beach bag).
5. Note the solution. What is the outcome of the story? How do the main characters solve the problem? I.e.: Nate and Oliver retrace their steps, look for clues, and interview characters until the beach bag is found.
6. Note your personal opinion. Would you recommend the book?
7. Draw a picture of one scene from the story.

Book Options:

Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary

I Survived (Series) by Lauren Tarshis

A to Z Mysteries (Series) by Ron Roy

Dear America (Series)

The Matchlock Gun by Walter D. Edmonds

Junie B. Jones (Series) by Barbara Park

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

The Skippack School by Marguerite de Angeli

Toliver's Secret by Esther Wood Brady

STORY MAP - THIRD GRADE

Student Name: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

Draw a scene from the book	
Setting	Characters
Problem	Solution

My Story: Daniel and the Lion's Den

Lesson Plan:

Daniel was a godly young man. He loved to pray. He talked to God three times a day. Daniel was living in a foreign country under King Darius, but God had blessed him. The king thought Daniel did a great job at his work. Daniel was successful. He was a leader in this new country. The King had appointed 120 satraps (rulers,princes) to lead his country. King Darius had appointed 3 administrators over the satraps, Daniel was one of the three. The king was planning to set Daniel as the head over the whole kingdom.

Some other men became jealous of Daniel. They didn't like Daniel. They didn't like the fact that the king praised Daniel. They watched Daniel's every move. They were trying to find something that he did wrong. They couldn't find anything bad to say about Daniel. The bad men came up with a new plan. (Read Daniel 6:5) They would have to find a way for Daniel to get into trouble for worshipping his God.

HA! HA! The men had a plan. They would trick the king into signing a new law that forbid anyone from praying to any God other than praying to the king. The king would be unable to change the law. Anyone that disobeyed the law would be thrown into a den of hungry lions. (Read Daniel 6:6-9) This plan had to work, because the men knew that Daniel would not stop praying to his God.

The men went before the king. He signed the law into effect for thirty days. According to his customs and laws, nothing or anyone could change the law. It was set in stone, unchangeable.

Now, Daniel had to make a choice. His freedom to worship God had been taken from him. According to King Darius' new law, Daniel could no longer pray to God. Once Daniel learned about the new law, he went home. He went to his upstairs room where the windows were opened to Jerusalem. He got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to God, 3 times a day just as he had done before. (Read Daniel 6:10)

The men watched Daniel, and once they observed him still praying, they went to the king. King Darius, remember the law that you signed that no one could pray to anyone, but to you, O king for 30 days. The decree according to the laws of the Medes and Persians, cannot be repealed. (changed)

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The king agreed with the men, stating that it could not be repealed. Then the men told the king about Daniel. (Read Daniel 6: 13) Daniel is still praying to his God. The king was very distressed and troubled. He liked Daniel. He was determined to not allow Daniel to be thrown into the den of very hungry lions. He attempted everything possible to save Daniel. At sundown, he had no choice, Daniel must be thrown into the Lion's den.

Those tricky men went before the king and reminded him that the law could not be changed. The king gave the order for Daniel to be thrown into the lion's den. King Darius knew that the only hope that Daniel had to live was for his God to rescue him from the mouths of the lions. (Read Daniel 6:16).

Daniel was thrown into the lion's den. A stone was placed over the mouth (opening of the den). The king sealed it with his own signet ring and the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation could not be changed. The king went back to his palace. He was so upset that he couldn't eat or sleep.

At the first signs of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. When he arrived at the den, he called to Daniel with anguish in his voice. (Read Daniel 6: 20-21) Has your Living God been able to save you from the mouths of the lions? Daniel replied. The king was so happy. He gave the orders to lift Daniel out of the den. God had sent an angel to close the lions' mouths, because Daniel was innocent and had done nothing wrong.

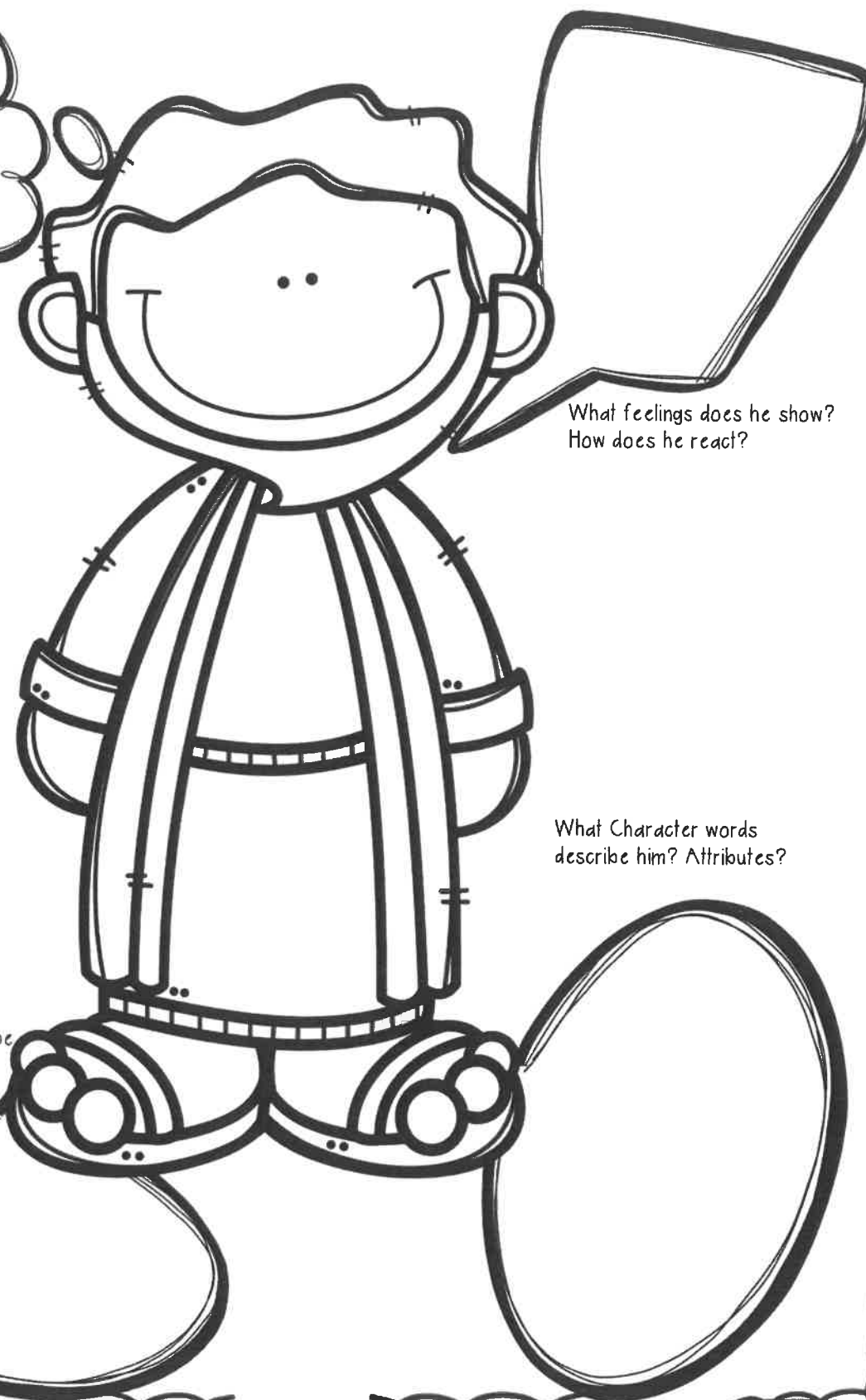
King Darius commanded that the men that had devised a plan against Daniel to be thrown into the lions' den. (Read Daniel 6:24)

King Darius established a new law. Everyone must fear the God of Daniel and show Him reverence. (Read Daniel 6:26-27)

Daniel was successful under the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian. God gave Daniel success. Daniel had made the right choice, but it had not been any easy choice.

Sometimes doing the right thing is not always easy to do. When your friends ask you to do something wrong, what do you say or do? God will always be with us when we face difficult choices. He rescues us in times of trouble.

CHARACTER OF DANIEL



What does he say? What was his message?

What feelings does he show? How does he react?

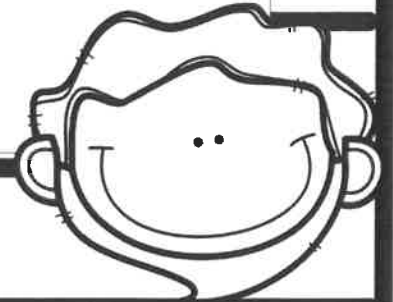
What Character words describe him? Attributes?

What does he do? Describe his actions.

MY STORY: THE STORY OF DANIEL

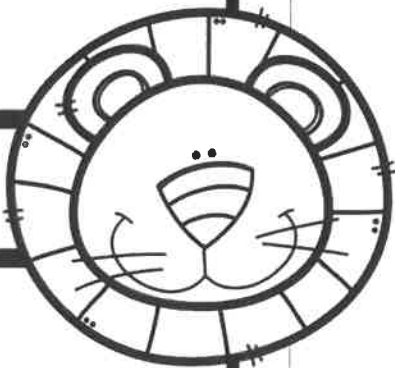
NAME:

I LEARNED ...



WHICH CHARACTER IN THE STORY IS MOST LIKE YOU?

WHY OR WHY NOT?



DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE STORY OF DANIEL

