

Shredderman: Secret Identity

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Booktalks:

http://nancykeane.com/booktalks/vandraanen_secret.htm

Author Information

<http://www.randomhouse.com/kids/vandraanen>

This website includes: a biography of the author and the illustrator, meet the characters section, fun for superheroes, resources and activities which include a crossword puzzle, 20 questions quiz, word jumble and a page of math story problems.

Illustrator Information

<http://mrbiggs.com/>

Chapter 1

Questions:

1. Who is Bubba Bixby?
2. Does Bubba Bixby remind you of someone?
3. When dealing with Bubba, how do the students in the class feel?

Journal Topic:

What makes Bubba Bixby so mean in your own opinion?

Vocabulary:

Assertive- is to interact with people while standing up for your rights. pg. 2

Putrid- a label of calling an object smelly or stinky

Chapter 2

Questions:

1. What does Mr. Green like?
2. Would a waterfall and its sounds help relax you during a test?
3. Do you think you would like Mr. Green as a teacher?
4. What would you report on if that was your project?

Journal Topic:

What could your teacher do to make test taking more relaxing?

Vocabulary

Ecosystem- refers to the combined physical and biological components of an environment.pg 8

Igloos- or snowhouse, is a type of shelter built out of snow, originally built by the Inuit. *Iglu* is the Inuit word for a house or home built out of any material.pg 8

Chapter 3

Questions:

1. Why would Nolan's Father be a good help with this project?
2. What would be a good way to hide a camera but still take pictures?

Vocabulary

Camouflage- used to avoid detection. pg 19

Chapter 4

Questions:

1. Who were the kids giving Nolan a hard time?
2. Who is the one who stands up for him when they get their test back?
3. What did Mr. Green write on the bottom of Nolan's test?

Journal Writing:

Do you feel think Nolan should stand up for himself more? When should someone stand up for themselves?

Vocabulary:

Salute- action used to display respect.pg 35

Chapter 5

Questions:

1. What did Nolan catch Bubba doing on camera?
2. What did Nolan create for himself?
3. Would you ever want to be a superhero and why?

Journal Writing:

What Secret Identity would you create for yourself?

Vocabulary:

Gecko- small to average sized lizards belonging to the family Gekkonidae, found in warm climates throughout the world. Geckos are unique among lizards in their vocalizations, making chirping sounds in social interactions with other geckos. Pg. 43

Identity- person's self-affiliation (or categorization by others) as a member of a cultural group. Pg 45

Chapter 6

Questions:

1. What does Nolan create for himself on the computer?
2. What were some Bubba Jokes that were on the website?

Journal Writing:

Describe a time when you have done something silly like Nolan putting ice cream in the microwave.

Vocabulary:

Operation- an objective that must be accomplished

Chapter 7

Questions:

1. Would you consider Nolan to be more of a news reporter or a spy?
2. Do you think Nolan will get caught taking pictures of Bubba?

Journal Writing:

What would you say about Bubba?

Vocabulary:

Dumbmunks: followers of Bubba

Chapter 8

Questions:

1. What new additions did Nolan put on his website?
2. Is Nolan taking it too far with trying to get Bubba caught?

Journal Writing:

What is your favorite website and why?

Vocabulary:

Download: p. 67

Cyberspace: p. 69

Chapter 9

Questions:

1. How would you spread the news about the shredderman.com?
2. What does Nolan do to the kids who tell him to “slow down nerd?”

3. Why does Nolan climb to the roof?

Journal Writing:

Write your own Shredderman.com saying to add to Nolan's confetti.

Vocabulary:

Confetti- small pieces of paper that is thrown at a celebration or some sort of event.

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Chapter 10

Questions:

1. What gives Nolan trouble when he is climbing up?
2. Was climbing to the roof a smart move for Nolan?

Journal Writing:

Describe a safer way for Nolan to be able to distribute the flyers.

Chapter 11

Questions:

1. Who was the first to read Nolan's flier?
2. Would you pick up a piece of paper and read it if it was on the ground?
3. What do you think is going to happen to Bubba when he goes to the office?

Vocabulary:

Cyber-virus- an infection on a computer hard drive that would cause damage and further destroy the computer. Pg. 96

Chapter 12

Questions:

1. Why do you think Nolan cares about wondering if it's a bad thing that moms do stuff for their superheroes?
2. Did you expect that everyone would say positive things about the website?
3. What did Nolan say at the end of every response as Shredderman?

Journal Writing:

If you came across the Shredderman website, what would you say about it?

Vocabulary:

Spacey- when an individual is either not focused and has no motivation to become focused, often can be associated with day dreaming. Pg. 105

Chapter 13

Questions:

1. Why did Mr. Green give Miriam, Ian and Danielle another green sheet?
2. Why would some kids think that Mr. Green was Shredderman?

Journal Writing:

What game would you love to improve in when you go out for recess? Why?

Chapter 14

Questions:

1. Why was Mr. Green not mad at Nolan for creating Shredderman?
2. Do you think Mr. Green knew long before the book told us he knew that Nolan was Shredderman?

3. What does Mr. Green offer to Nolan so that no will know it was him that created Shredderman?

Chapter 15

Questions:

1. Do you think Nolan felt bad for Bubba now?
2. On which topic did Nolan decide to do his research project?

Chapter 16

Questions:

1. Did Bubba change when he came back to school?
2. Did more people stand up to Bubba though?
3. Do you think Shredderman inspired everyone to stand up for themselves or do you think it was Nolan?

Other Works by Wendelin Van Draanen:

Shredderman: Meet the Gecko

Shredderman: Attack of the Tagger

Shredderman: Enemy Spy

Additional Websites:

Shredderman Website

<http://www.randomhouse.com/kids/vandraanen/shredderman/>

Book Discussion Guide with questions, activities, and related websites.

<http://www.state.lib.la.us/empowerlibrary/SHREDDERMAN%20SECRET%20IDENTITY.pdf>

Activity Guide

<http://www.liveoakmedia.com/client/guides/97613.pdf>

Discussion Questions and Craft Ideas

<http://readingtokids.org/Books/BookView.php?pag=3&bookID=00000592>