

FRANKENSTEIN DOESN'T PLANT PETUNIAS



GRAPHIC NOVEL TEACHING GUIDE

Dear Teachers,
We're delighted to share these activities for the *Frankenstein Doesn't Plant Petunias* graphic novel. **The Adventures of the Bailey School Kids** are continuing in a fun way. We hope this guide makes reading and writing even more exciting for your class. Enclosed you'll find:

Discussion guides

Writing lessons

Ready-to-use printables

Common Core standards

Enjoy,

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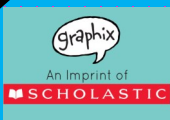
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Pre-reading Activities

Welcome to Bailey Elementary

- ◆ Ask students, "Where would you like to go on a school trip?" Make a bar graph of all the responses. Which response was the most popular? Discuss if it would be an appropriate school trip. If possible, visit that place.
- ◆ Ask students if they've ever been to a museum. Ask students what they might see in a museum. Show pictures of different museums. If possible, visit one virtually or in person.
- ◆ Let students keep a journal of things they see, things they like, and things they dislike about a museum trip (real or virtual via <https://www.purewow.com/family/virtual-museum-tours-for-kids>).
- ◆ Discuss children's museums and visit one if possible. On a blank paper, let students design their own museum.

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VOCABULARY WORDS

Try these activities with the words below:

Let kids put their words in spelling boxes by drawing a rectangle and putting the word in it. Now, separate each syllable inside the boxes. Remind students that every box must have a vowel.

Have students draw pictures to illustrate some of the vocabulary words. Use those pictures to make a mobile or collage.

Let kids use words to create monsters from the shapes.

Chapter one:

Shelley museum ancient lightning exhibit
brooch ogre elementary



Chapter two and three

boring curator assistant figured scary reports
scientist secret experiments create creation monster ridiculous
Frankenstein castle blower chemistry refrigerator

Chapter four:

wander postpone candles flashlights dinosaurs fascinating
imagination assistant nervous greenhouse

Chapter five:

wrecked losing beautiful ceiling collapsed privacy petunias
formula experiment



Name:

Blank white box for writing the student's name.

Museum Research



Name four museums.				
Name one thing found in each museum above or an interesting fact about them.				
Where is each museum above located? Name the city and country.				

WHICH ONE WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT MOST? WHY?

USE THE BACK, IF NEEDED. E/LA Common Core Standards for Reading Grade 3 RI.3.5 Answers will vary.

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Chapter 1

In *Frankenstein Doesn't Plant Petunias*, Eddie hopes there will be a bat exhibit at the Shelly Museum. Find out about bats in the next paragraphs.

Some people are afraid of bats, but they are actually good guys! They eat insects and other pests. They also help pollinate new plants.

Bats are nocturnal, which means they are awake at night. They use echolocation to find their dinner. Their squeaks bounce off objects, helping them to find food and keeping them from running into things.

There are over 1000 species, or types, of bats with names like flying fox bat, bulldog bat, and vampire bat. The vampire bat does suck the blood of some animals, but they don't turn into vampires!

Use the paragraph above to answer these questions:

1. How do bats find food?

2. When do bats hunt for their food?

3. For research: find out names of ten **other** bats, write their names below and on the back. Circle the name of the bat you find them most interesting.





Name: _____

Chapter 2

Mary Shelley wrote a book called *Frankenstein* in 1818. People still read her story. There have been many movies and other books written about the Frankenstein monster as well. Why do you think people still enjoy a story that was written almost two hundred years ago?

Some museums are very expensive to visit and some are free. Figure out how much it would cost **your class** to pay the entrance fees to the following museums. For more research, you can see if the price has gone up!

Indianapolis Children's Museum \$21 Your class: _____

Boston Children's Museum \$18 Your class: _____

Children's Museum Houston \$12 Your class: _____

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Chapter 3

Did you know that lighting is electricity? One thunderbolt of lightning is enough power to equal 80 million car batteries! If you see lightning out your window, count how long until you hear thunder (light travels faster than sound). Divide your number by 5. That's about how many miles away from you the lightning is.



Many people have wondered if lightning can be used for things like power for cities. In the original Frankenstein story, the monster was brought to life with lightning. Use your imagination below to use lightning in a new way.

Try making your own "lightning" story by answering the questions below and using the back for your story.

What wild way could lighting be used?

Who will be in my story (characters):

Where will my story take place?



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Chapter 4

After reading Chapter 4, put these events in order by putting a number at the front of each sentence.

_____ Mrs. Jeepers is trapped.

_____ Melody apologizes to Mrs. Jeepers.

_____ Dr. Victor and Frank pass out flashlights.

_____ Dr. Victor takes the kids back to their teacher.

_____ The kids hear loud crashes.

_____ Mrs. Jeepers tells the kids not to wander off.

_____ Mrs. Jeepers says they need to postpone their visit.



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Chapter 5

A greenhouse is a building with glass walls and ceilings where plants are grown. A tiny greenhouse is known as a cold frame. You can make your own small greenhouse by following the steps below:

1. Fill one clear cup with soil and plant seeds.
2. Add a drop of water.
3. Put another cup on top and tape the two cups together.
4. Carefully poke a few small holes in the top and place it in the sun.
5. Gently open top cup to water if the soil appears dry.
6. Watch for growth.

Did you know that gases in the earth's atmosphere trap the sun's heat, making what is known as the **Greenhouse Effect**? It makes the earth warmer. Perhaps you've heard the term global warming? The main Gases in the Greenhouse effect are water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, ozone, nitrous oxide, and chlorofluorocarbons. Some human activities are adding too much of these gases to the atmosphere. *Circle the activities* than can hurt our environment through global warming.

hiking

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windmills

riding in cars

bicycles

eating plants

walking

livestock

airplanes



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Post-Reading Activities

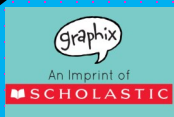
Flower Fun:

Frank loved to take care of the flowers in his greenhouse. There are thousands of types of flowers. Mrs. Jeepers favorite flower is petunias, like the ones pictured below.

To do:

1. Go to the library and find a book on flowers. Find out the difference between perennials and annuals. Pick a favorite and draw it. Post the pictures in your classroom. Draw a pie chart to show which flower is the favorite.
2. Visit a flower show, nursery, arboretum, or garden. Find the plants that you like best and keep a list. Can you find plants that help butterflies and bees?
3. Use your list to plan a garden of your own. Draw a pathway and where you will place the plants. Will your garden be different colors or will everything be white or pink? Will you use trees or only flowers?
4. Find out about a famous landscape architect and write a paragraph about what they created. Will you choose the person who designed Central Park in New York City, the Royal Botanic Gardens in London, or a garden near you?

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MORE AFTER STORY FUN!

In the Shelly Museum, the Bailey School Kids had great fun with bubbles. Pick one of the bubbles below to have your own fun writing a short story on the back. Who will you pick for your main character?



EDDIE



MELODY



LIZA



HOWIE

Write about a plant that grows so big it takes over your town.

Write about a bubble that becomes your friend.

Write about two kids who are lost in a museum and have to spend the night!

Write about a school day in 1818. Did you get in trouble?



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Author Bios

Marcia Thornton Jones has two rescue cats: Gemma and Izzy. They were lucky that a rescue organization found them when they were only one week old and bottle fed them until Marcia and her husband, Steve, adopted them seven weeks later. Now they each have a box on Marcia's desk where they can curl up



and watch to make sure Marcia doesn't make any mistakes. They make frequent appearances during Zoom author visits and meetings.



Don Fields Photography

Debbie Dadey has lived in Kentucky, Texas, California, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee. She lives in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee now and sometimes sees some interesting creatures like bears and deer, but luckily not Frankenstein. She has visited every state, but Oregon and Washington-maybe she'll see Frankenstein there!

Pearl Low is an Afro Asian artist based in Vancouver, Canada. Her works are rooted in themes of self-love, acceptance, and Chinese and Jamaican Canadian experiences. She works in comics and animation and won an Oscar in 2020 for her work on the short film, *Hair Love*.



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Booklist

Two spin-off series of the Adventures of the Bailey School Kids are the Bailey School Kids Junior Chapter book series and the Bailey City Monsters.

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| 1. Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots: | 27. Bogeymen Don't Play Football | 48. Dracula Doesn't Play Kick ball |
| 2. Werewolves Don't Go To Summer Camp | 28. Unicorns Don't Give Sleigh Rides | 49. Werewolves Don't Run for President |
| 3. Santa Claus Doesn't Mop Floors | 29. Knights Don't Teach Piano | 50. Abominable Snowmen Don't Roast Marshmallows |
| 4. Leprechauns Don't Play Basketball | 30. Hercules Doesn't Pull Teeth | 51. Dragon's Don't Throw Snowballs |
| 5. Ghosts Don't Eat Potato Chips | 31. Ghouls Don't Scoop Ice Cream | |
| 6. Frankenstein Doesn't Plant Petunias | 32. Phantoms Don't Drive Sports Cars | |
| 7. Aliens Don't Wear Braces | 33. Giants Don't Go Snowboarding | |
| 8. Genies Don't Ride Bicycles | 34. Frankenstein Doesn't Slam Hockey Pucks | |
| 9. Pirates Don't Wear Pink Sun Glasses | 35. Trolls Don't Ride Roller Coasters | |
| 10. Witches Don't Do Backflips | 36. Wolfmen Don't Hula Dance | |
| 11. Skeletons Don't Play Tubas | 37. Goblins Don't Play Video Games | |
| 12. Cupid Doesn't Flip Hamburgers | 38. Ninjas Don't Bake Pumpkin Pies | |
| 13. Gremlins Don't Chew Bubblegum | 39. Dracula Doesn't Rock and Roll | |
| 14. Monsters Don't Scuba Dive | 40. Sea Monsters Don't Ride Motorcycles | |
| 15. Zombies Don't Play Soccer | 41. The Bride of Frankenstein Doesn't Bake Cookies | |
| 16. Dracula Doesn't Drink Lemonade | 42. Robots Don't Catch Chicken Pox | |
| 17. Elves Don't Wear Hard Hats | 43. Vikings Don't Wear Wrestling Belts | |
| 18. Martians Don't Take Temperatures | 44. Ghosts Don't Ride Wild Horses | |
| 19. Gargoyles Don't Drive School Buses | 45. Wizards Don't Wear Graduation Gowns | |
| 20. Wizards Don't Need Computers | 46. Sea Serpents Don't Juggle Water Balloons | |
| 21. Mummies Don't Coach Softball | 47. Frankenstein Doesn't Start Food Fights | |
| 22. Cyclops Doesn't Roller Skate | | |
| 23. Angels Don't Know Karate | | |
| 24. Dragons Don't Cook Pizza | | |
| 25. Bigfoot Doesn't Square Dance | | |
| 26. Mermaids Don't Run Track | | |

Specials:

- Aliens Don't Carve Jack-O-Lanterns
 - Swamp Monsters Don't Chase Wild Turkeys
 - Mrs. Claus Doesn't Climb Telephone Poles
 - Leprechauns Don't Play Fetch
 - Ogres Don't Hunt Easter Eggs
- Super Specials:**
- Mrs. Jeepers is Missing
 - Mrs. Jeepers' Batty Vacation
 - Mrs. Jeepers' Secret Cave
 - Mrs. Jeepers in Outer Space
 - Mrs. Jeepers' Monster Class Trip
 - Mrs. Jeepers on Vampire Island
 - Mrs. Jeepers Scariest Halloween Ever
 - Mrs. Jeepers Creepy Christmas

Graphic Novels:

- Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots Fall 2021
- Frankenstein Doesn't Plant Petunias Spring 2022



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Answers

Page 6:

1. Bats find food through echolocation (or using their squeaks to bounce off objects).
2. Bats are nocturnal, so they hunt at night.
3. Answers will vary.

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Page 10: The following should be circled:

leaving lights on

riding in cars

livestock airplanes

Discuss how we can help our planet
by using less of the things that
harm it.

