

A Big Idea

An Author Program

for Fourth and Fifth Grades

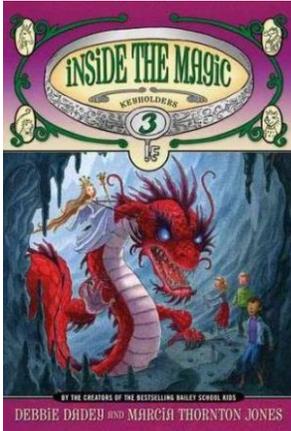
Please use the following pre and post event activities for a richer, fuller literacy experience.

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A complete Author Visit Activity guide can be found at
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Debbie Dadey and a Big Idea

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Name _____

Class _____

Webquest

In **Inside the Magic**, the third book in the *Keyholder* series, the kids must go on a quest inside a magic land. Have your own quest on Debbie Dadey's website and seek out the answers to the questions below at www.debbiedadey.com.

Meet Debbie page

1. Can you name three sports that Debbie has enjoyed?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

2. What did Debbie do that caused her to learn the Gettysburg address by heart?

3. What did Debbie's grandmother do that contributed to making Debbie a writer?

4. Can you name another job Debbie had besides being a writer? _____

Books Page

1. Which one of Debbie's series has the most books in it? _____

2. Name a book that Debbie wrote with her son, Nathan. _____

3. What is Debbie's newest series? _____

5. Look at all of Debbie's books on her website. Which one looks like one that you might like to read? Why?

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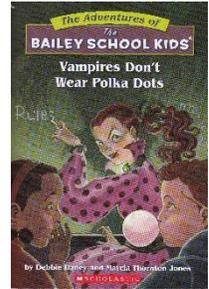
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To sell a book, TV series, or movie, writers often must pitch their idea to a publisher or producer. Try your hand at writing a one sentence pitch for each of the following ideas. Try making your idea sound like a best-seller like King Kong meets Harry Potter!

1. The teachers at your school aren't quite normal.

2. What if your pet really could talk?

3. What would happen if one of your wishes came true?

4. Pick up a magazine or book. Pretend the first child you see in the magazine has a secret.

5. Pretend you are a famous movie star. You get a letter from a kid in trouble.

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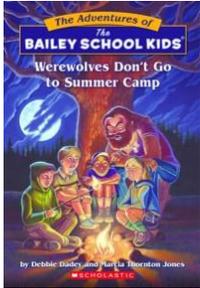
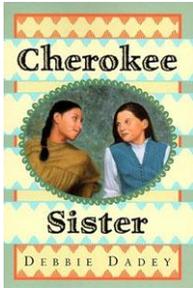
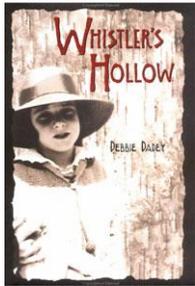
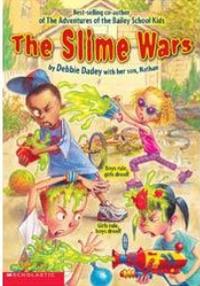
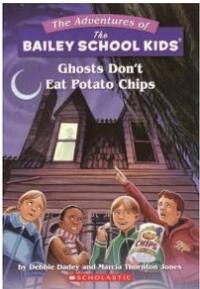
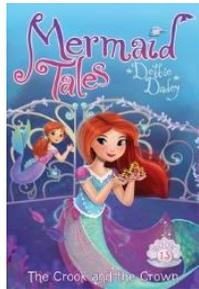
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In three or four words tell what you think the main idea is of the following books.

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Name _____

Author Debbie Dadey creates characters for her stories. A character sketch tells what a character is like. Use the character cards below to start a story. Of course, your characters will become so much more than just good or bad!

GOOD GUY OR GIRL!	BAD GUY OR GIRL!
Name _____	Name _____
Grade _____	Grade _____
Favorite thing to do _____	Favorite thing to do _____
Hates this _____	Hates this _____
Problem _____	Problem _____
GOOD GUY OR GIRL SIDEKICK	BAD GUY OR GIRL'S SIDEKICK
Name _____	Name _____
Grade _____	Grade _____
Favorite thing to do _____	Favorite thing to do _____
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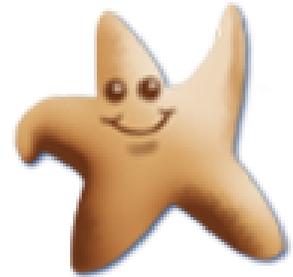
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Debbie Dadey has fun learning and writing about ocean creatures. You can too!

Pick one ocean creature and research three interesting facts about it. Use your character sketches from before and put them together with your ocean creature.

Think of what could happen first, second, and third. Put them together to create a short story on the back. Make sure there is a problem in your story!



My ocean creature _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What happens?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Main problem _____

Story's Title: _____

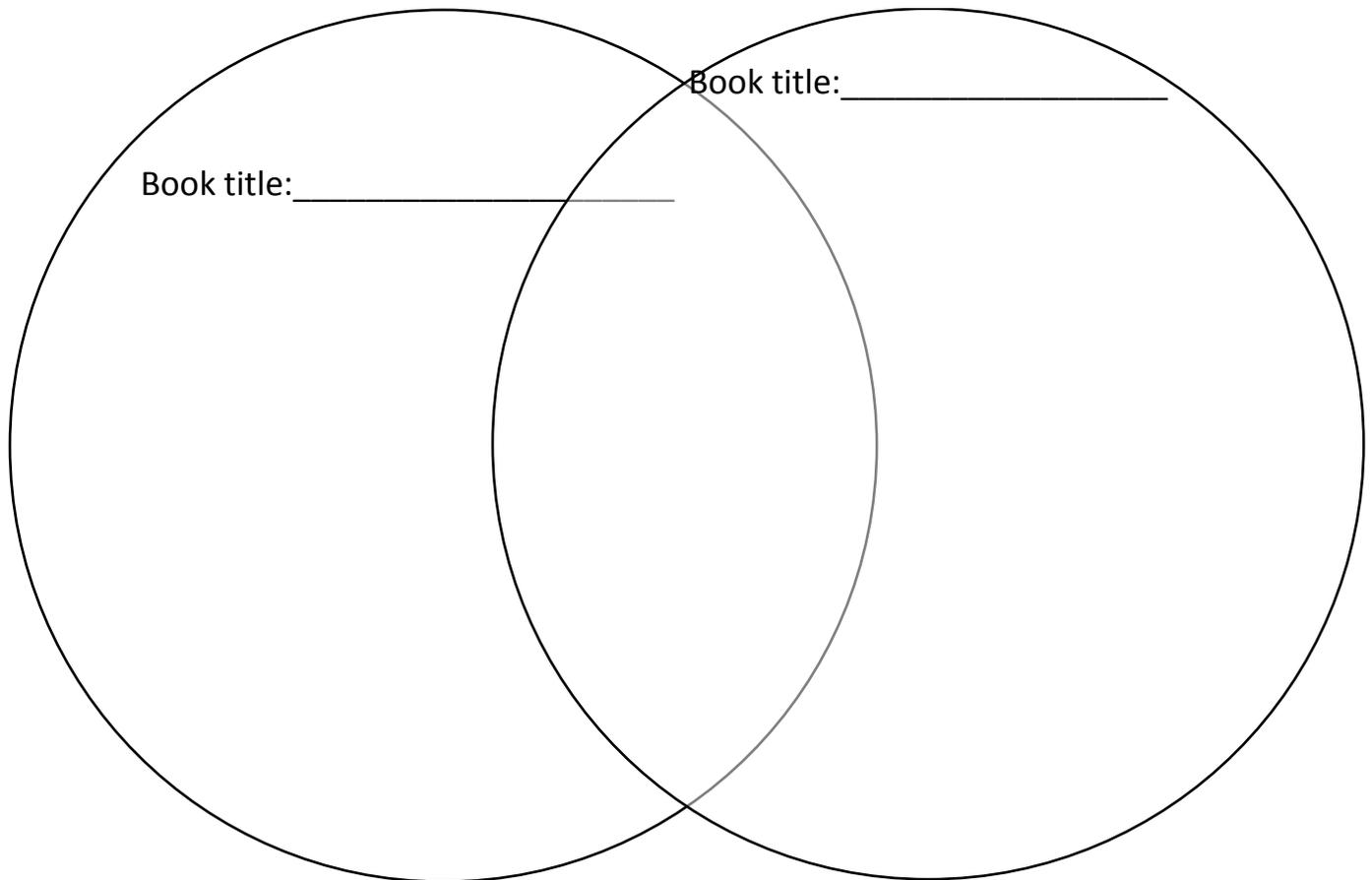
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In the space below, compare and contrast two books by Debbie Dadey. Use words to tell about each book below the title. In the center section tell how the books are alike. Use the back if you'd like to make a bigger diagram.



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