

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

Creating a Foxfire Book

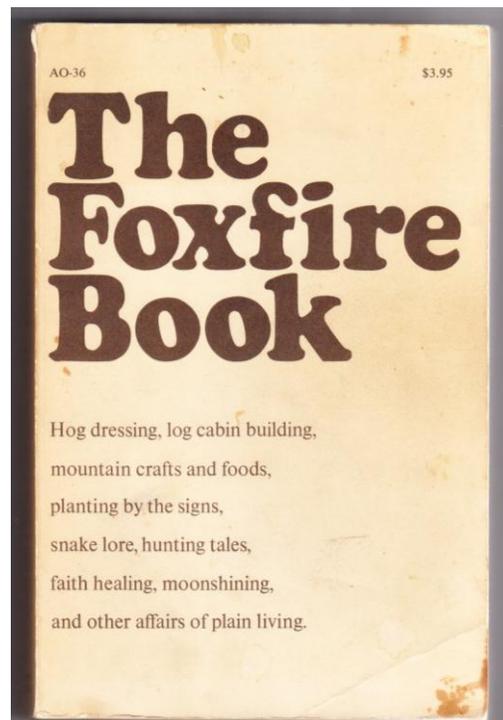
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.2a Introduce a topic, organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.2b Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.2d Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.2e Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.2f Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

Directions: Read the following information about Foxfire Publications. Then, as a class, we will collaborate to create our own Foxfire book about our childhood/area. Include some or all of the topics listed below, and devise ideas of your own.

In the 1970s, writers and researchers in Appalachia began to gather legends, songs, rituals, recipes, and other lore of the region. The goal was to document the information so that it would not become lost forever, as oral traditions sometimes are. The results were enormously popular and successful publications. Foxfire publications include the following types of publications:

- ✍ Customs
- ✍ Rituals
- ✍ Celebrations
- ✍ Holidays
- ✍ Nicknames and their origins
- ✍ How-to information/Recipes
- ✍ Cures
- ✍ Hobbies
- ✍ Games
- ✍ Secret Places
- ✍ Descriptions of antique heirlooms
- ✍ Toys
- ✍ Pet stories
- ✍ Stories of family adventures
- ✍ Weather phenomena in the region
- ✍ Local superstitions
- ✍ Traditional stories



Think about your time growing up in the Neshaminy School District (if you did not, think of more recent memories pertaining to the above mentioned topics). Our goal is to create a book that captures what life is like when people live in our area. This will be a time capsule of sorts, ensuring that future generations can discover what it was like to live in our shoes.

Neshaminy Foxfire Writing Assignment

Throughout *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, the reader gets a feel for what life was like in the 1840's in towns along the Mississippi River. Through the description of the setting, the characters the reader meets, and the way these characters speak, a picture is painted in the reader's mind.

Remember the Foxfire Magazine was an example of experiential education, the magazine had articles based on high school students' interviews with local people about aspects and practices in Appalachian culture. They captured oral history, craft traditions, and other material about the culture. When the articles were collected and published in book form in 1972, it became a surprising best-seller nationally and gained attention for the Foxfire project.

We will be focusing on both the culture of Neshaminy AND the art of grammar as we produce our own version of The Foxfire Magazine. It will be up to the class to create a cover-page and your own UNIQUE title. Each team of students will be responsible for a topic. Your writing should fit on 2 pages of a scrapbook. You will also be responsible for the pictures or photos to go along with your topic.

YOUR TOPIC: _____

SCHEDULE:

- - There will be time IN CLASS to compile work/create a rough draft of your Foxfire topic.
- - Computer time for Foxfire project/ Put together your pages
- - Compile/Share Foxfire book

RUBRIC:

2 Page write up on your topic

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You will lose 1 point for every GRAMMATICAL MISTAKE and MISSPELLING in your writing, so make sure that you are following the rules we have reviewed in class. Take the time to edit your work. There are two of you working on this project together so you should have TWO sets of eyes editing!

You should have AT LEAST two pictures (one for each page of your scrapbook) and your scrapbook pages must be well organized/ aesthetically pleasing

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Total: 40 points