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Freak the Mighty

Extra Credit Packet

**Due Monday, June 5**

*Webquest*

**In order to earn an extra 20 points this quarter, you must complete the following tasks.**

1.     Describe three interesting facts you learn about the author, Rodman Philbrick, by reading some **biographical information.**

<http://www.seacoastnh.com/film/mighty.html>

<http://www.seacoastnh.com/artists/philbrick/index.html>

<http://www.rodmanphilbrick.com/info.html>

Three interesting facts I learned about the author:

1.

2.

3.

2.     Which of Rodman Philbrick’s **other books** do you think you may like to read? Why?

<http://www.rodmanphilbrick.com/books.html>

I would like to read because

3.     Kevin says that he is going to be the first bionically enhanced human. Read how scientists are **cloning** pigs to use their organs in human transplants. Also read about the possible shortcomings of this technology. After reading and thinking, write a persuasive paragraph. Should pig organs be transplanted into humans?

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2002/01/0103_020103TVclonedpig.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/teachers/featured_articles/20000316thursday.html>

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2002/02/0211_020211_tvclonedmice.html>

Persuasive paragraph:

Pig organs should/should not be transplanted into humans.

4.     Kevin and Max must learn to deal with Tony D., their bully. Read about some of the ways to “Respond to Bullying”. Below, write a scenario that could happen here at school that you could respond to. This can be true or you can make up a scene.

  https://www.stopbullying.gov/

5.     Kevin’s ornithopter proves that he likes **science experiments**. Which one of these possible science tricks would you like to try? Why does it interest you?

<http://pbskids.org/zoom/phenom/>

I would like to try because

6.     According to the author, Rodman Philbrick, Kevin has a genetic abnormality called **Morquio Syndrome**. Read this page of medical information and make a list of any symptoms or signs or complications that Freak exhibited.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/001206.htm>

Kevin’s symptoms of Morquio Syndrome

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

7.     Do you consider yourself a **freak**? Try this little quiz to see how your need to be unique and different stacks up! Record your scores. Then in a paragraph, explain what makes you unique and special. Or describe why you like being an individual.

<http://www.outofservice.com/freak/>

My Freak score:

One paragraph: why I am unique and special OR why I like being an individual

8. Max has a learning disability. Look at these lists of learning disabilities. Which warning signs do you see in Max? Which learning disability do you think he might have?

<https://ldaamerica.org/types-of-learning-disabilities/>

Max’s warning signs: Possible specific learning disability:

9. Kevin is an avid reader of tales of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. Read and summarize one of these **legends of King Arthur**.

<http://www.2020site.org/kingarthur/>

  Summary of one legend:

10. According to legend, Arthur pulled the sword Excalibur from the stone and became King. Browse through these pieces of **Arthurian art** depicting the scene. What do they have in common?

http://d.lib.rochester.edu/camelot/theme/Excalibur-and-sword-in-the-stone

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11. Peruse this information on the science, history, and future of **ornithopters**. List five new and interesting things you learned.

  http://www.ornithopter.org/

Five new or interesting facts I learned about ornithopters:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

12. Freak knows all about insects--hymenopteran insects, to be exact! And none of them are in his pants, he says. If you are interested in **entomology**, like Kevin is, you might want to check out this site on butterflies! As you read either find the four stages of a butterfly's life cycle, or make a list of four commonly found butterflies in North America.

<http://www.monarch-butterfly.com/>

**4 stages of a butterfly’s life cycle: OR 4 facts about Monarch butterflies:**

1. 1.

2. 2.

3. 3.

4. 4.

13. Clearly, once Kevin got his new computer hooked up, he would have spent some time here, at the **Wonderful World of Insects**! Peruse this fun entomologist's spot and list five fun facts about bugs that you learn.

<http://www.earthlife.net/insects/six01.html>

Five fun facts about bugs:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

14. Kevin loved **dinosaurs**! Do you? Take this Dino Quiz and see how much you really know about these extinct creatures. Record your score here.

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/games/quizzes/quiz-whiz-dinosaurs/>

My score:

15. In Freak the Mighty, Kevin and Max both have dreams for the future. Kevin hopes to live his life to the fullest, and Max hopes to not turn out like his father. Many young people dream of being President of the United States one day. Take this quiz to see which President you would be.

Copy the article that appears about your presidency and paste it below.

http://www.zimbio.com/quiz/wxJH0knG9sM/Make+Good+President+United+States

Paste article here:

16. Max and Kevin become **best friends**. What Disney Duo are you and your best friend most like? Take this quiz and find out. Type the names below and copy and paste a picture too

<https://ohmy.disney.com/quiz/2014/09/07/quiz-which-disney-duo-are-you-and-your-bff/>

17 Kevin might have read Dinotopia himself. With his interest in dinosaurs,

he probably could have distinguished between **dinosaur facts and fiction**. Peruse this article and related links on dinosaurs and list five interesting facts that you learned.

<http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/diapsids/dinosaur.html>

Five interesting facts about dinosaurs:

1.

2.

3.

4.

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18. Identify yourself, earthling!" Freak ordered. If he had been offered a chance to live in space, think he would have accepted? With glee! Take a look at a day in the life on the **International Space Station**. Then write here what you think would be the best thing about living in space. *Be sure to use your own thoughts, not those that are already on the site.*

<https://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/stem-on-station/dayinthelife>

I think that best thing about living in space would be

19. Kevin's heart gets too big for his body. Check out this site for cool views of the **human heart**! Learn all about how it works and how to keep it healthy. After perusing, list three facts about the heart.

<http://www.livescience.com/34655-human-heart.html>

Facts about the human heart:

1. the average size of what other body part? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. how much does the average heart weigh? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3.  how often does it beat? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_