



# SCHOOLS (ALMOST) OUT FOR SUMMER!

END-OF-YEAR GAMES &  
REFLECTION ACTIVITIES



# SAY "THANK YOU" OR "I'M SORRY"

- Write a letter of appreciation and/or apology to a teacher of your choice. The letter should be at least one full page and include specific details about why you are thankful or sorry. Dig deep and be sincere!
- To ensure your privacy, fold the letter over when you are done, and write on the outside:
  - TO: (Teacher's Name)
  - FROM: (Your Name)
- The letter will be delivered to your teacher.



# YOU SHOULD KNOW...

- What advice would you give to students taking this class next year? What should they expect in the coming year?
- Write a one-page letter to next year's students. What did you like about the class? What did you dislike? What should they know in order to succeed?

# YOU MAY NOT KNOW . . .

- So often, we admire something about someone, and never let him/her know it. Here's the opportunity to share your positive thoughts about your classmates while you still have the chance.
- On a sheet of paper, write your name at the top. Sit in a circle with your classmates. Pass your sheet to the person on your right. Take a look at the name at the top of the paper, and write *the nicest thing* you can think of about that person. Be as specific as possible. Pass the paper again to your right, and continue until you have written about each person in class.
- Now read what your classmates have written about you. You may be surprised to learn all the ways in which you are appreciated!



# SUMMER READING LIST

- What is your favorite book? Which books would you recommend to your friends?
- Write down the name and author of a book you believe your classmates would enjoy. Provide a brief 4-5 sentence summary of the book and reasons you believe it is worth reading.
- The teacher will compile a summer reading list with the student recommendations.

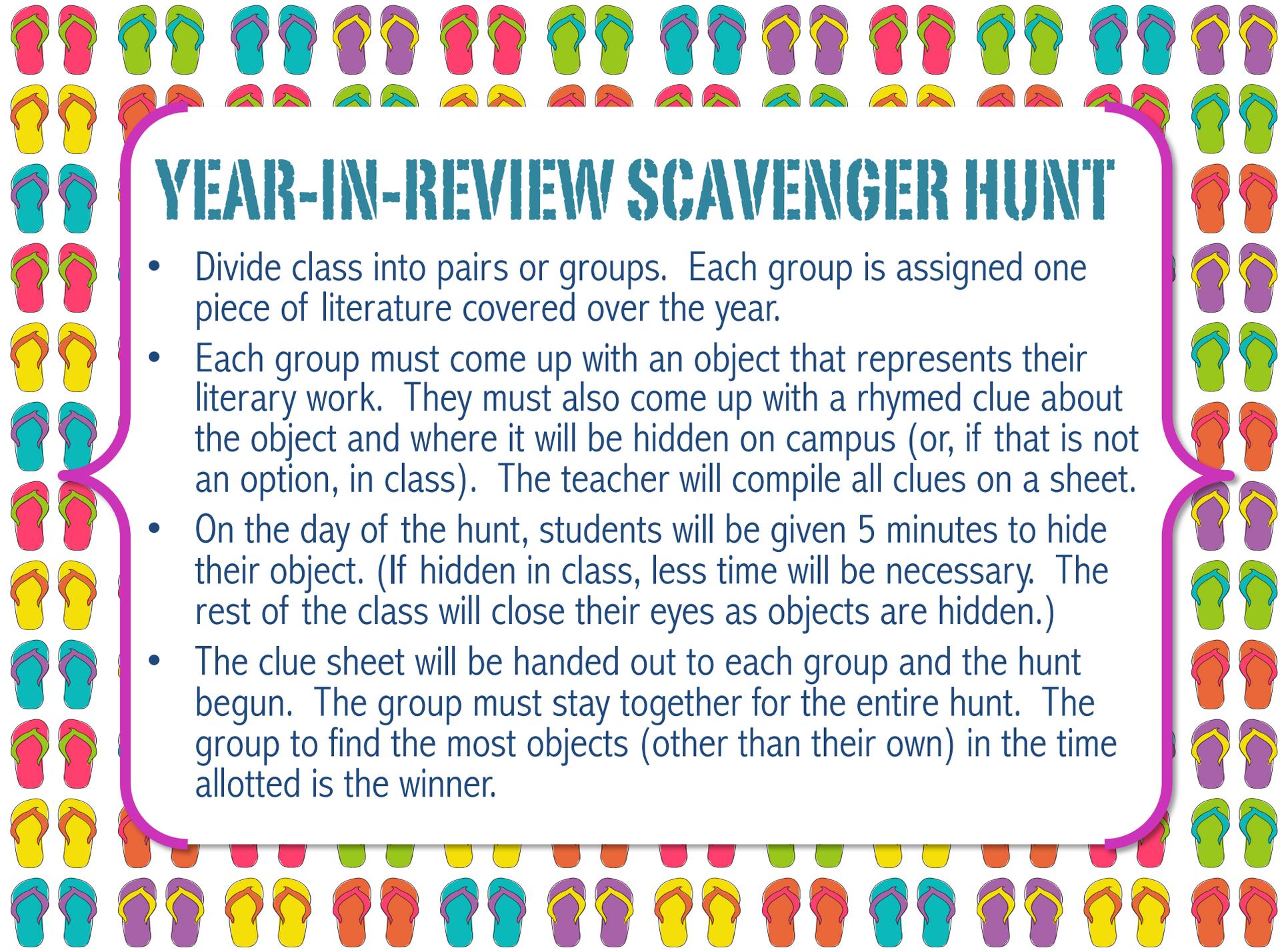
# “WHAT I’VE LEARNED . . .”

- What is the most important thing you learned in this class this year? It could be anything . . . from content we covered, to vocabulary, to perhaps a life lesson. For example, “Falling asleep in this class is a bad idea.”
- In 1-3 sentences on an index card, write clearly and legibly what you’ve learned. Illustrate if you like! You do not need to include your name.
- The index cards will be posted as part of a “What I’ve Learned” class mural.



# MY THEME SONG

- Choose ONE song that best reflects your past year—your thoughts, feelings, mood, relationships, etc.
- Bring in a copy of the lyrics to class and a 1-page explanation of why you chose it.
- Choose one line of the song that is most meaningful to you.
- Share your theme song with the class, including the reasons you chose it and the most meaningful line.



# YEAR-IN-REVIEW SCAVENGER HUNT

- Divide class into pairs or groups. Each group is assigned one piece of literature covered over the year.
- Each group must come up with an object that represents their literary work. They must also come up with a rhymed clue about the object and where it will be hidden on campus (or, if that is not an option, in class). The teacher will compile all clues on a sheet.
- On the day of the hunt, students will be given 5 minutes to hide their object. (If hidden in class, less time will be necessary. The rest of the class will close their eyes as objects are hidden.)
- The clue sheet will be handed out to each group and the hunt begun. The group must stay together for the entire hunt. The group to find the most objects (other than their own) in the time allotted is the winner.

# YEAR-END CELEBRATION

Throw a party to wrap-up the year and celebrate class accomplishments. Some ideas:

- Have each student bring in a food that in some way represents a text, topic or person covered over the year.
- Have students each fill out an index card that includes “my most memorable moment in class.” Share these with class.
- Present awards to students. These might include awards for “Most Improved,” “Class Clown,” “Most Helpful,” “The Emily Post Award” (for best manners), “Nobel Peace Prize” (for working well with others), “Leadership Award,” “Speed Demon,” “Shining Example,” “Master of Creativity,” etc.



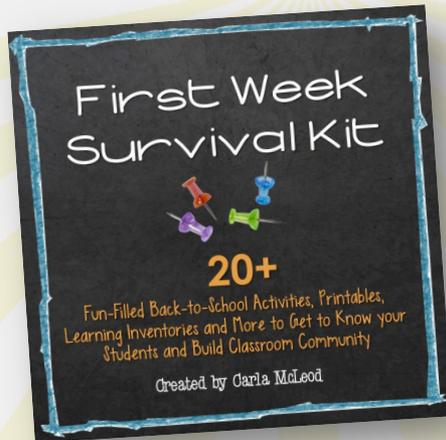
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