

Dear Educator,

You and your students have the unique opportunity to receive, for FREE, one of two exciting new books from HarperCollins Publishers that are sure to engage, entertain, and captivate middle school readers.

- *Lock and Key: The Initiation*, by Ridley Pearson, is the first book in a new trilogy about the lives of young Sherlock Holmes and James Moriarty.
- *Frazzled*, by Booki Vivat, will connect with your students as they read about and interpret the illustrations about Abbie Wu's adventures and disasters in middle school.
- In addition, you will receive one copy of *Demon Dentist*, the hilarious mystery by Great Britain's King of Funny, David Walliams, and one advance copy of *Hello, Universe*, the latest novel by award-winning author Erin Entrada Kelly.

To help you introduce these books to your students, HarperCollins is providing this teaching kit, with Common Core Standards-based activities developed together with award-winning curriculum specialists Young Minds Inspired. These books and activities are sure to encourage a love of reading in middle school students.

You can receive 20 FREE copies of *Frazzled* or *Lock and Key: The Initiation* by returning the enclosed reply card or ordering online at ymiclassroom.com/ order-hcms. Supplies are limited, so please place your order today. The offer expires October 24, 2016.

We hope that you will share this FREE offer from HarperCollins with other teachers in your school. Although the materials are protected by copyright, you may make as many copies as needed for educational purposes.

Sincerely,



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Editor in Chief
Young Minds Inspired

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HarperCollins Middle School Book Fair

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About the Books

Lock and Key: The Initiation is the first book in a new trilogy that draws on the young life of Sherlock Holmes and his nemesis James Moriarty. The combination of action, adventure, and mystery, as well as characters familiar to many, will draw in young readers. Students can relate to the young adult characters as they follow their thrilling adventures.

Frazzled uses doodle-style illustrations to chronicle the "everyday disasters and impending doom" faced by main character Abbie Wu as she navigates middle school. Readers will be drawn in by the funny illustrations and the familiar situations described in the author's engaging style.

Young readers can finally experience the humor of acclaimed British author David Walliams as two of his most beloved books, *Demon Dentist* and *Grandpa's Great Escape*, become available in the United States.

Target Audience

This program is designed for students in grades 5-8 as a supplement to the language arts curriculum.

Program Objectives

- To engage middle school students in reading adventures that foster an appreciation for the elements of fiction.
- To entertain while encouraging students to think critically, make inferences, and draw conclusions.

Common Core State Standards

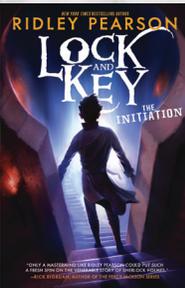
The activities in this program align with Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts. Visit ymiclassroom.com/harpercollins-ms for further details.

How To Use This Program

Photocopy and distribute the three activity sheets as an introduction to the books or use them once your free books arrive. The lesson plans contain several links to online content you and your students can access right now.

Activity 1

Lock and Key: The Initiation by Ridley Pearson



What Should I Do?

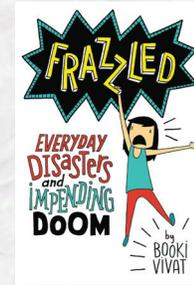
This activity provides an opportunity for students to draw inferences from text and then use what they have learned to compare two characters from the book. Students will become amateur detectives as they learn about characters' personalities, problem-solving methods, and reaction to challenges. Direct students' attention to the passages from the book on the activity sheet. Ask students to share what they learned from

the passages. To supplement the lesson, we are providing access to a prequel novella, *The Gadwall Incident*, at www.lockandkeybooks.com. Read the novella aloud or direct students to read it on their own. It will help students gather more data about James and Moria. Next, direct students to fill in the Venn diagram comparing either James and Moria, or James and Sherlock.

Extension: Ask students to create a new Venn diagram comparing themselves to one of the three characters. Then ask students to imagine how they would handle one of the intriguing situations.

Activity 2

Frazzled by Booki Vivat



How Do I Fit In?

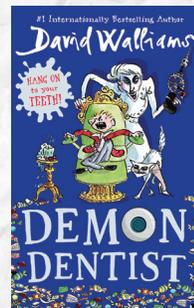
Frazzled uses humorous illustrations to chronicle the mishaps of the main character, Abbie Wu, a tween trying to find her place in middle school. In this activity, students will meet Abbie and use her doodles as inspiration to explore their own challenges in middle school. Begin this activity by showing the book trailer, which can be found at www.harpercollins.com/frazzled. Hand out the activity sheet

and direct students to the first illustration. Ask students how the illustration gives information just as words do. Next, have students brainstorm some challenges they face as students. List these on the board. Then invite students to add their own words to the illustrations provided. Encourage students to find humor in the situations, as Abbie does.

Extension: Invite students to imagine looking at their experiences as an outside observer might see the situation. Students could draw their own doodles, act out the scenes, or tell a story about the situation as if they were talking to a friend, or a parent. Encourage students to notice how the situation looks different from these different perspectives. Invite students to think about how they can use this perspective to help them deal with situations in the present.

Activity 3

Demon Dentist and *Grandpa's Great Escape* by David Walliams



Who is the King of Funny?

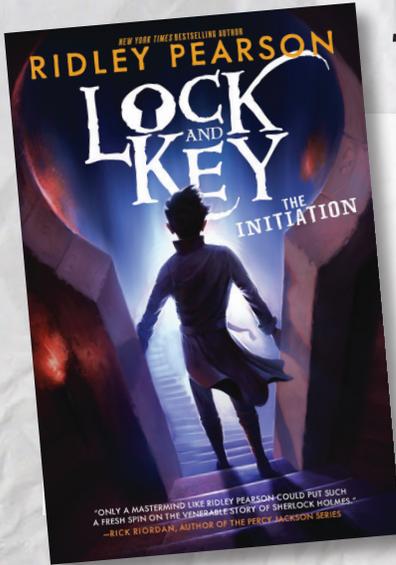
In this activity, students will learn about the "King of Funny," David Walliams, using online resources for further research, and then form groups to write and role play an interview with him.

Begin this activity by showing students the video of David Walliams introducing his book *Demon Dentist* and ask students what they can learn about him from the video. This is an opportunity for students to practice making and recognizing inferences. Next, discuss how the excerpts from *Demon Dentist* provided on the activity sheet set a comedic tone and style. Have students visit www.harpercollins.com/demondentist to gather information for their interviews, then work in pairs to create a script and perform their interviews in class.



Resources

www.lockandkeybooks.com
www.harpercollins.com/frazzled
www.harpercollins.com/demondentist
ymiclassroom.com/harpercollins-ms



Lock and Key by Ridley Pearson

What Should I Do?

In the new book, *Lock and Key: The Initiation*, we meet siblings Moria and James Moriarty and James's school roommate, Sherlock Holmes, who face amazing mysteries and challenges throughout the book. From the passages below, you can infer information about each character's personality, problem-solving methods, and reaction to challenges. You can learn even more by reading the prequel novella, *The Gadwall Incident*, at www.lockandkeybooks.com. Use what you find out to fill in the Venn diagram comparing a pair of characters (Moria and James, or Sherlock and James).

Moria

"I stood by the hallway water fountain, backing up to stay out of the stream of students allowing me to eavesdrop, which, as we've established, is any girl's inalienable right."

"I sat there in rapt attention, in awe of the boy I faced, yet desperate to appear only vaguely impressed. He had laid out the options like stones on a footpath, so easily followed. His was a mind capable of much faster processing than mine. I found it seductive; I wanted to hear more, I wanted to be around such brilliance in spite of the boy's poor manners."

Sherlock

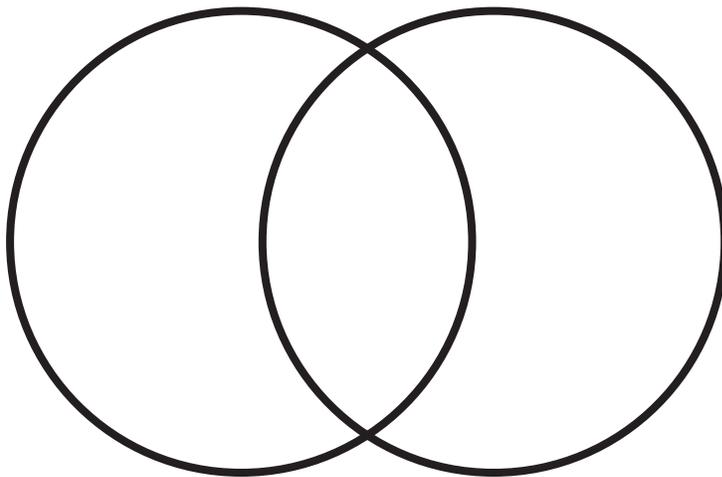
"You are projecting hostility toward me because you feel inadequate. You mustn't! I'm quite certain you possess a good number of skills and abilities in your own right. That I have no interest in lacrosse or team sports in particular is a matter of personal preference. I prefer to swim and run track, where I don't have to rely on the poor performance of others."

"Sherlock considered testing how far James would go to get him to talk. He measured the odds and decided to engage rather than withhold."

James

"Dislikes? Long winters. Idiots. Being bored. Indian food. My strengths? Seriously, Headmaster, I think that's for others to say. My weaknesses? That's a long list, I'm sure. I can't sing a note but wish I could. I can only do six pull-ups, which su— which is pathetic." The headmaster nodded, holding back a grin. "I have endless patience for things I like, like computer code and tech stuff. I'm incredibly short on patience when it comes to reading my homework assignments and writing papers."

"I wasn't prowling. I...dinner didn't exactly agree with me. I was stuck in the bathroom after study hall. I had to throw out my underwear. Do you want to check?"



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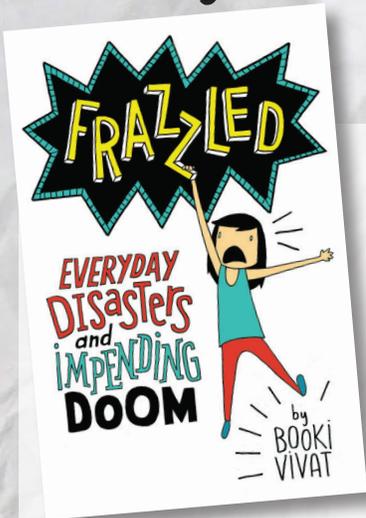


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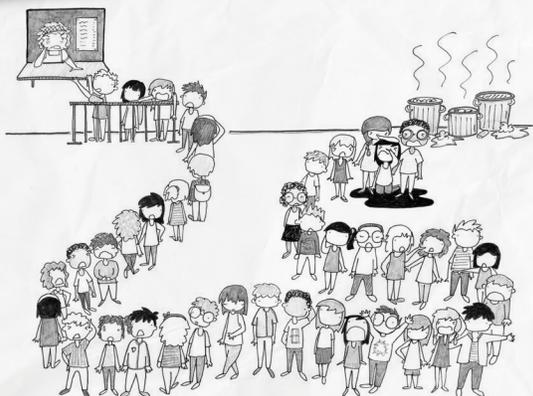
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Check out the exciting book trailer for *Lock and Key: The Initiation* and *The Gadwall Incident* prequel at www.lockandkeybooks.com.

Frazzled by Booki Vivat How Do I Fit In?



Meet Abbie Wu, the main character of the new book, *Frazzled*. Abbie is an average middle school student just trying to figure out how she fits in. Can you relate to her struggles? Look at these first pictures from the book and the descriptions of the situation.



Abbie and her classmates waiting in line for lunch



Abbie trying to choose an elective

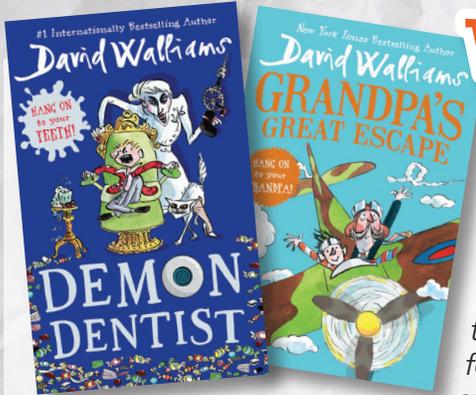
Now look at these doodles and fill in the caption inspired by your own challenges:



Activity 3

Demon Dentist and Grandpa's Great Escape by David Walliams

Who is the King of Funny?



It's David Walliams, the British author of hilarious bestsellers like *Demon Dentist* and *Grandpa's Great Escape*. Here are two samples from *Demon Dentist*, featuring Alfie, the main character, who is trying to avoid the dentist:

- "You could have had someone's eye out." Alfie wasn't sure this was true, teachers tend to say this a lot. In their minds, just about anything (a stray football, a bag left in the wrong place, even late homework) could have an eye out.
- When Alfie crashed through the door, [Miss Hare] dropped her large box of ball bearings. It smashed to the floor, which within seconds was awash with hundreds and hundreds of tiny bouncing metal balls. As Alfie climbed to his feet, a huge number of them rolled under his shoes at speed. Soon it was like he was wearing a set of roller skates which had a crazed mind of their own. The boy started rocking and rolling all over the classroom, as if he were a very drunk person trying to dance.

Want to know more about the King of Funny? Imagine that you could interview him. Start by visiting www.harpercollins.com/demondentist. Use your research to create an interview script, with 6-8 questions and answers. Then partner with a classmate to perform your interview for the class.



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