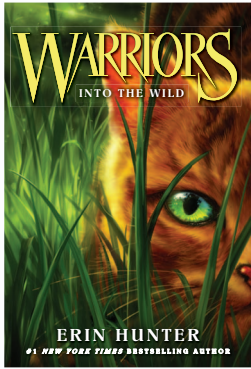


ACTIVITY 2 WHAT'S IN A NAME?

MEET THE WARRIOR CATS! When the hero of *Into the Wild* was just a house cat — or “kittypet” — he was called Rusty, but when he joined ThunderClan, he earned new names which told us more about him. First, he was known as Firepaw when he was accepted as an apprentice, because all Clan apprentices have “paw” as the second part of their name. Then he was known as Fireheart after displaying bravery and loyalty and being accepted as a warrior.

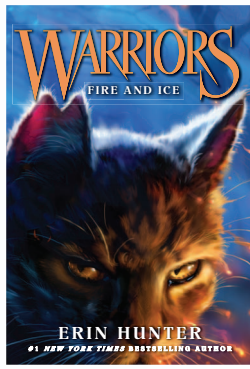
Notice how the cats’ names have two parts? The first part describes something about what the cat looks like. For example, the “Fire” part of Firepaw’s warrior name refers to his fiery color. The meaning of the second part of a warrior’s name is as individual as each cat. It can describe a physical feature, the cat’s role within the Clan, an experience that defines that cat, etc.

Can you think of why these cats were given their warrior names based on the pictures or what you learned in the book? Write your ideas below.



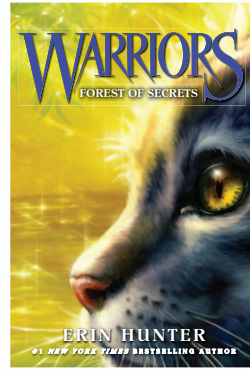
Fireheart

Meaning of name:



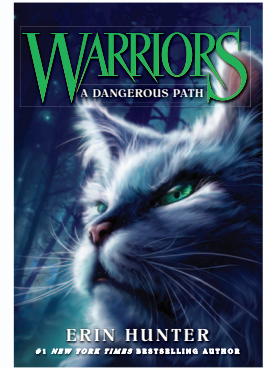
Tigerclaw

Meaning of name:



Graystripe

Meaning of name:



Bluestar

Meaning of name:

Now imagine giving warrior names to people you know that express their own individuality. On the lines below, write the name of a friend or family member. Next, for the first part of their warrior name, think of a word that describes that person’s appearance, perhaps “red” for someone with red hair or “tall” for a six-footer. For the second part of their name, choose a word that describes what makes that person special: Is he a loyal friend? (Use “friend.”) Is she smart (“brainy”), a good singer (“music”), funny (“smile”)? These are just ideas; use your imagination! Whatever it is, choose something positive about the person’s appearance and character for their warrior name. Then think of what *your* name could be!

Friend or Family Member’s Name

Your Name

Warrior Name

Warrior Name

