

LEARNING ADVENTURE #1: Your Misunderstood Genius

Are you ready to use your creativity and knowledge to write your own chapter of **The Ballad Of Phineas McBoof**? Cooooool. As Bottomus would say... **You're groovy, baby.**

When I wrote The Ballad Of Phineas McBoof, I had to use my knowledge to make a lot of creative choices. For each page, I had to make choices like:

- "What kind of creature should I add to the band next?";
- "How will that character feel?";
- "What instrument will he play?"; and...
- "Should I have the Fried Mud Chunks for lunch?"



To write your own chapter of the story, you need to make similar choices. (Although -- trust me on this one -- I would not recommend the Fried Mud Chunks I ate for lunch. Yuck.) Here's whatchya need to do...

Step #1...

Read the book or listen to the recording of "The Ballad Of Phineas McBoof."

Step #2...

Put yer thinkin' capz on.

Step #3...

I... um... can't really remember what Step #3 was. Wait! Lemme put my thinkin' cap on...

Step #4...

Ah yes, my young Misunderstood Genius! Step 4 is to choose your words wisely on Page 2.

Step #5...

Enter your word choices into the story on Page 3.

Step #6...

Create and sign your illustration. For added fun and Genius collaboration, try having one person draw the outline of the creature and another person color the creature in.

YOUR WORD CHOICES

Type Of Word	Description	Examples	Your Word...
your name	the name of the person or group creating this story	Eagle Ridge Students, The Noizemakers, Jackson	
color	one or a mixture of the elements of a rainbow	red, turquoise, yellow & blue striped	
creature	an animal, human, or object that acts alive and thinks	buffalo, zombie, robot	
number	a total amount or quantity of something	13, 537, a gazillion	
adjective	a word that describes a person, place or thing	smart, nice, smelly	
verb	an action word to describe what something does	Laugh, run, moo	
rhyming place	a location (real or make believe) that rhymes with your verb	Texas, your shoe, Gobbledee Goo	
emotion	a word that describes the way you feel	happy, mad, muy loco	
exclamation	a sudden expression or response to something	Wow! Holy cow! Shazbat!	
adverb	a word that modifies a verb and ends in "-ly"	beautifully, wildly, yuckily	
instrument	an object that makes a musical sound	tuba, cello, kazoo	
dynamic	a musical word describing the volume of a section of music	pianissimo, mezzo piano, mezzo forte, fortissimo	
vocal Range	a musical word describing how high or low a musician can sing	Soprano, alto, tenor, bass	
adjective	a word that describes a person, place or thing	beautiful, thoughtful, kooky	
rhyming name	a nickname for someone that rhymes with your adjective	Doctor Noize, El Guapo, Mooky Flooky	
your home	your city, county, state or country (real or make believe)	Kansas, Atlantic City, Mountains Of Mars	
your friend	the name of one of your best friends (real or imagined)	Leroy, my sister, Darth Vader	

_____ **THE** _____
rhyming name color creature
by Doctor Noize and the Genius of _____
your name

If I could add just one more thing to the band,
It would be a _____, and it would be grand.
I'd audition this creature with _____ other beasts,
And choose her 'cause she's _____ from her head to her feet.

Upon learning she got in the band she would _____
And tell all of her friends in her home in _____.
The band would be _____ to see her, I bet.
And they'd say " _____!" as soon as they met.

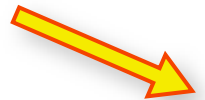
When she got to Thelonious, monkeys would see
She inspired them to stand up and sing _____.
And when she played her _____, all ears would listen
Performing so _____, her playing would glisten.

But the notes that she hollered would sound a bit strange
'Cause the voice that she has is _____ in range.
Since this Genius musician would make the fans _____
They'd give her a nickname, and that name is _____!

So... with this brand new Genius who's now in the band
I sure hope they come play in our _____ land
Or else _____ and I will head straight to Thelonious
If only to tell them their singing's harmonious.



Go to the next page for a picture of the newest member of The International Band Of Misunderstood Geniuses...



YOUR MISUNDERSTOOD GENIUS PORTRAIT

nickname **THE** color creature

Creature outline by _____

Coloring by _____

Endorsed & certified as an official new member of
The International Band Of Misunderstood Geniuses by
Doctor Noize & Christian Lowe