



**Little
Novel·Ties**

Roxaboxen

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For the Teacher

This reproducible **Little Novel-Ties** study guide consists of activities to use in conjunction with the book *Roxaboxen*. The picture book and its corresponding guide can become an important element in your whole language reading program. The guide contains a synopsis; background information on the author and illustrator; suggested pre-reading activities; exercises that focus on vocabulary; visual literacy, story comprehension, and critical thinking skills; and extension activities that link the story to other curriculum areas.

Suggestions For Using Activities

Pre-Reading Activities – Before You Read

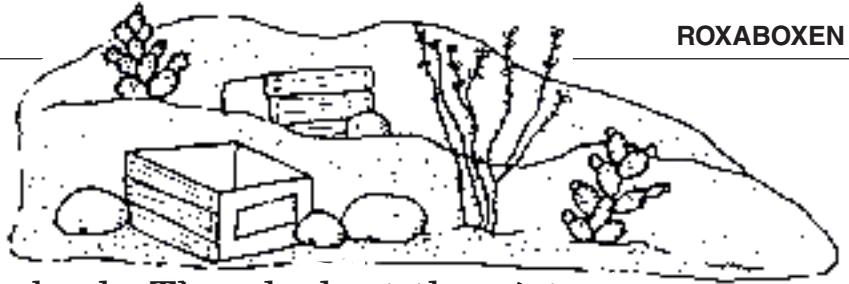
These activities are designed to activate children’s prior knowledge and build concepts or background information. They will motivate children to read and help them to understand the story better. Children can discuss answers to the questions with a partner, in a small cooperative learning group, or with the entire class.

Word Study – Word Puzzles

On this page, children use pictures, definition clues, and word configuration boxes to fill in the puzzles. To help with spelling, each puzzle word is reproduced in a Word Box.

Understanding the Story – Story Questions, Picture Questions

The story questions include a number of literal, inferential, and evaluative questions that help children focus on major story elements. The picture questions help children draw inferences from the illustrations and focus their attention on picture details.



BEFORE YOU READ

1. Read the title of the book. Then look at the picture on the cover. Roxaboxen was the name of a place where children played. How would you describe the game shown in the picture?
2. The book illustrator has won many prizes for her art. Take a few minutes and look at the pictures. Where and when did this story take place? What picture clues make you think this?
3. The children in this story create an imaginary town on a rocky hillside. What are some of the places found in a town? Make a list and share it with a partner.
4. Roxaboxen was a special place where children liked to play. Draw a picture showing a place you like to play in your community. Then share your picture with a partner. Tell what makes this place special to you and your friends.



STORY QUESTIONS

1. How did Roxaboxen get its name? What did the children have to do to reach Roxaboxen?
2. Who were the children who played in Roxaboxen? What do you think the author means when she says, “Roxaboxen must have belonged to others, long before”?
3. What did the children use for money in Roxaboxen? What could they buy with this money?
4. What did the children use to build streets and homes in Roxaboxen? How did some of the children make their homes different?
5. Why was Marian an important person in Roxaboxen? Do you think there would have been a Roxaboxen without Marian? Tell why you think as you do.
6. What did the shops in Roxaboxen sell? Why could the children eat all the ice cream they wanted?
7. What kinds of transportation did they have in Roxaboxen? What happened if you drove a car too fast?
8. Would you rather drive a car or ride a horse in Roxaboxen? Explain your choice.
9. Who fought in the great war? What did the children use for weapons? How did children escape from the enemy?
10. How did the children keep Roxaboxen alive even after they grew up and moved away?
11. What do you think made Roxaboxen a special place? Could you and your friends create a Roxaboxen? What would you need to do?

Marian called it Roxaboxen. (She always knew the name of everything.) There across the road, it looked like any rocky hill -- nothing but sand and rocks, some old wooden boxes, cactus and greasewood and thorny ocotillo -- but it was a special place: a sparkling world of jeweled homes, streets edged with the whitest stones, and two ice cream shops.Â Roxaboxen. Written by Alice McLerran & illustrated by Barbara Cooney. Published by HarperCollins Publishers. Stream Tracks and Playlists from roxaboxen on your desktop or mobile device.Â Erich guitars. featuring guest vocalists JANXX and Julia Vo. All music produced by DJ FM w/ roxaboxen. Â©2016 roxaboxen. all rights reserved. Show more. 30 likes.