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UNWRAP A MYSTERY BOOK



GRADES 3-6

Elementary Alternative to Blind Date with a Book



DETAILED DIRECTIONS FOR LIBRARIANS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIBRARIANS How to set up your station...

Thank you for purchasing the Unwrap a Mystery Book. Everything you need to set up an Unwrap a Mystery Book station is included in this set.

Let's get started! You will need:

- Something to wrap the books in. This could be brown or colored paper lunch sacks, or wrapping paper. Paper lunch sacks are perfect for students who can't wrap inside and staple the top.
- Glue sticks, markers, pens, colored pencils, etc.
- Large table and trash can
- Optional: stickers, heart di-cuts, ribbon, hole-punch, etc.

Set up your station:

1. Put out the book wrapping and art supplies. You will need room to work! Don't forget a trash can.
2. Print and cut the Unwrap a Mystery Book hint cards. I usually start by printing five cards to give you 40 hint cards to start.
3. Print the student directions (Slide 4 or Slide 5) and place them in a sign holder. This should go in the middle of the table.
4. Create a few examples for display.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIBRARIANS Display and Sweet Surprise

Set up your display:

1. The book display should be in a prominent area. If possible, display table with red, pink, or white paper or cloth.
2. Print the poster included with this set and hang it near the display. You can edit the poster text using the included PowerPoint.
3. Add a few sample Mystery books of your own.
4. Optional: Sprinkle some Valentine's Day confetti, add animals, balloons, and/or chocolate boxes.

Set up your Sweet Surprise:

1. Print and cut the "How did it go?" cards (Slides 8-9) and place them in a circulation desk.
2. Set up a box to keep the returned "How did it go?" cards. Some time by asking artistic students to wrap the cards and decorate it.
3. Decide on the frequency of your prize drawing: daily, weekly, and/or a grand prize drawing.
4. Decide on and obtain prizes. I like a daily drawing of candy or pencils and a grand prize drawing of a prize pack (could include school supplies, books, etc.) or a card to a local bookstore or the school book fair, etc.)

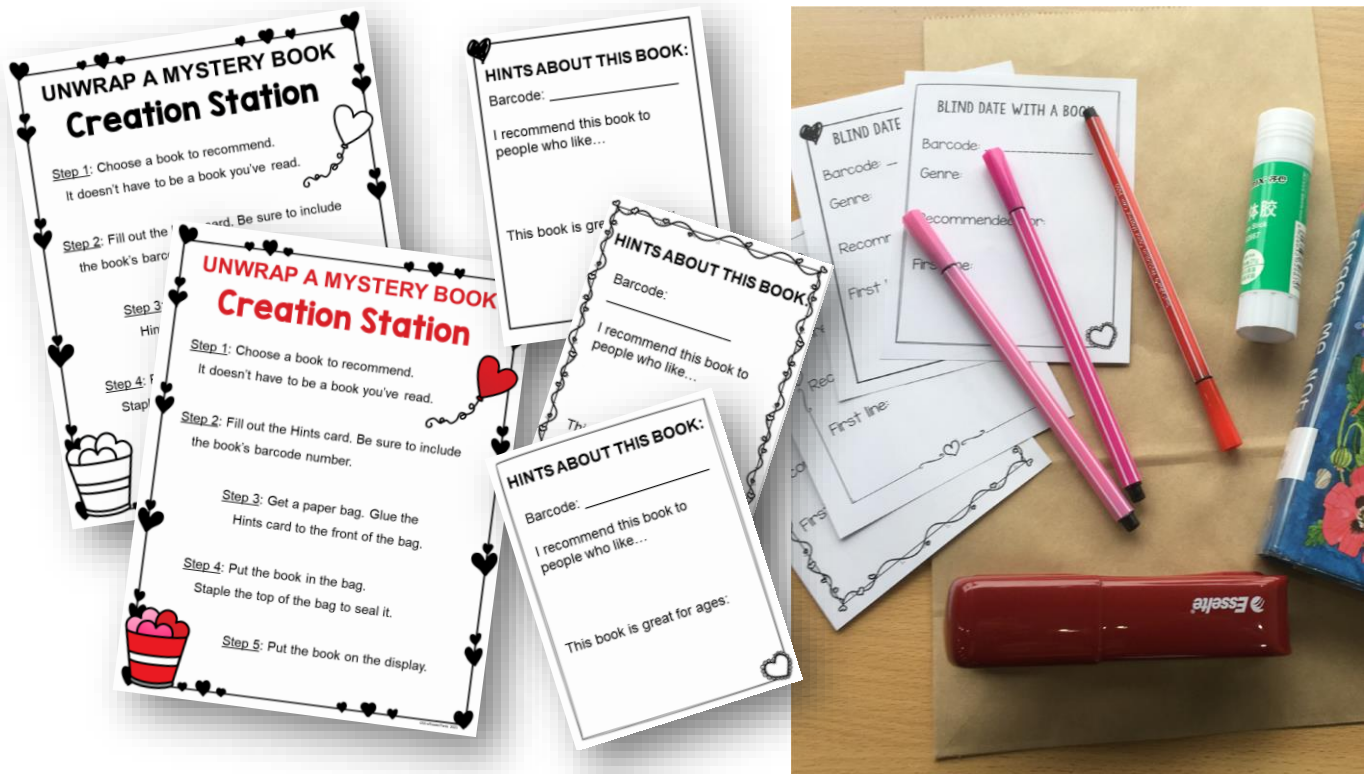
INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIBRARIANS Lesson Plan

1. Set up your Creation Station and display before you introduce this activity to students.
2. Show the included PowerPoint to students. It will take only about 10-15 minutes to explain the activity if you use the PPT. The photos are from my own library, and you are welcome to use them or switch them out for your own. All body text and photos are editable.
3. After the presentation, students will be very excited to create and check out Mystery Books!
4. Keep the display and Creation Station up for at least a couple of weeks. I usually start this lesson in late-January and keep it up at least through Valentine's Day (Feb. 14). If there is still momentum, I will keep it up as long as students are still excited about it.
5. Make sure your teachers and administrators know what you are doing! As librarians, we must toot our own horns as much as possible. Some faculty will want to participate, too!

**Sit back and watch the excitement.
Your students are going to LOVE this!**

Step-by-step directions make set-up a breeze!

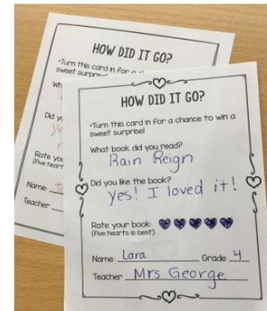
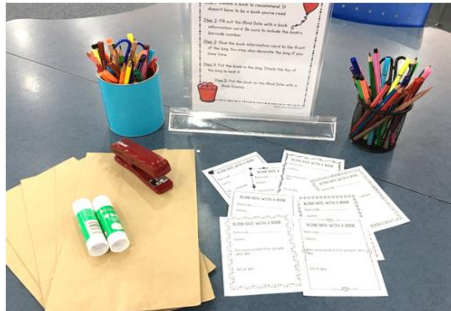
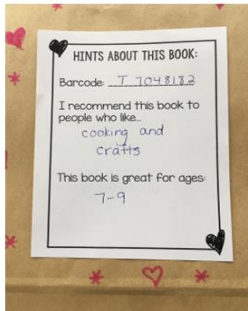
CREATION STATION SET-UP MATERIALS



Includes student directions display sign and cards for students to create “Mystery Books” for other students. This saves you loads of time! Editable in PPT, PDF, or Google Slides. Print in color or black & white.

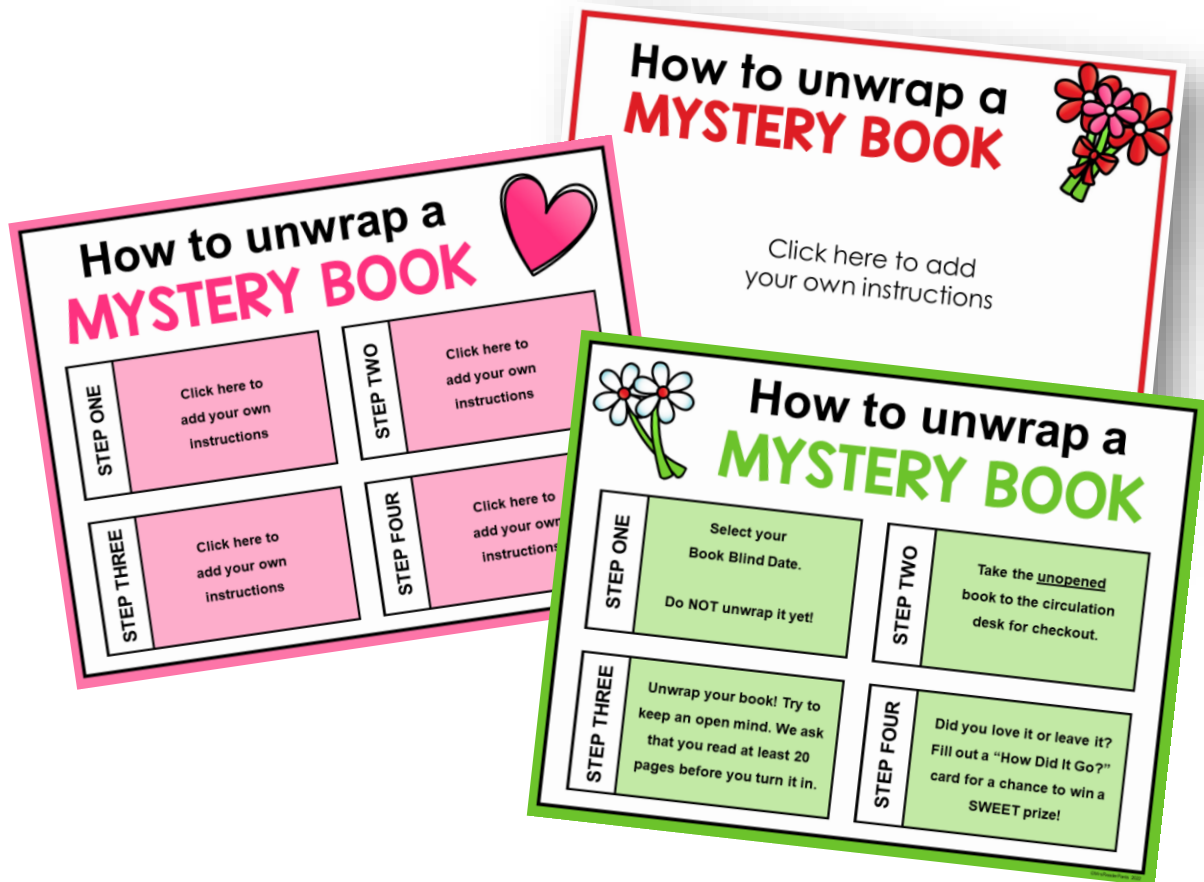
PRESENTATION FOR STUDENTS

HOW TO UNWRAP A MYSTERY BOOK



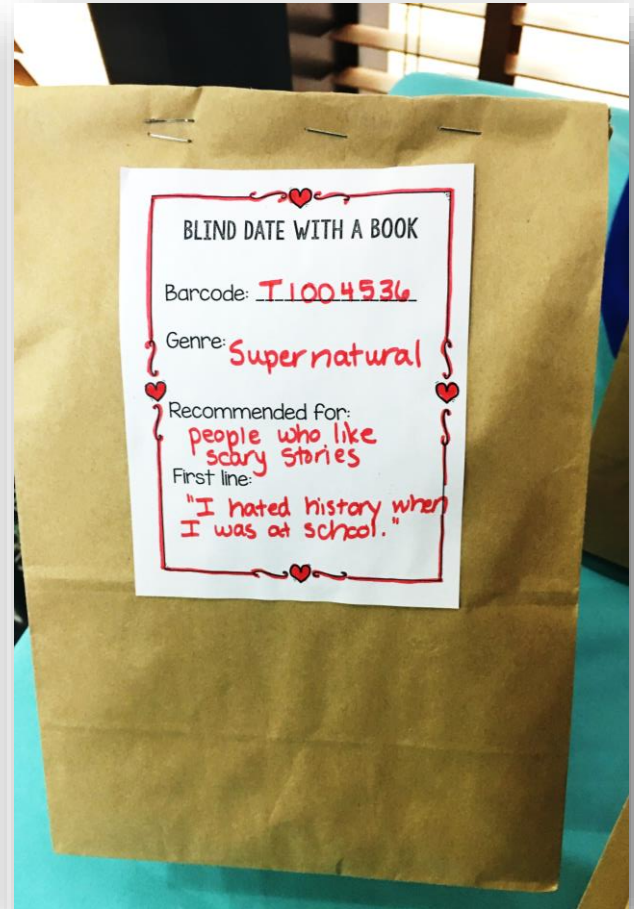
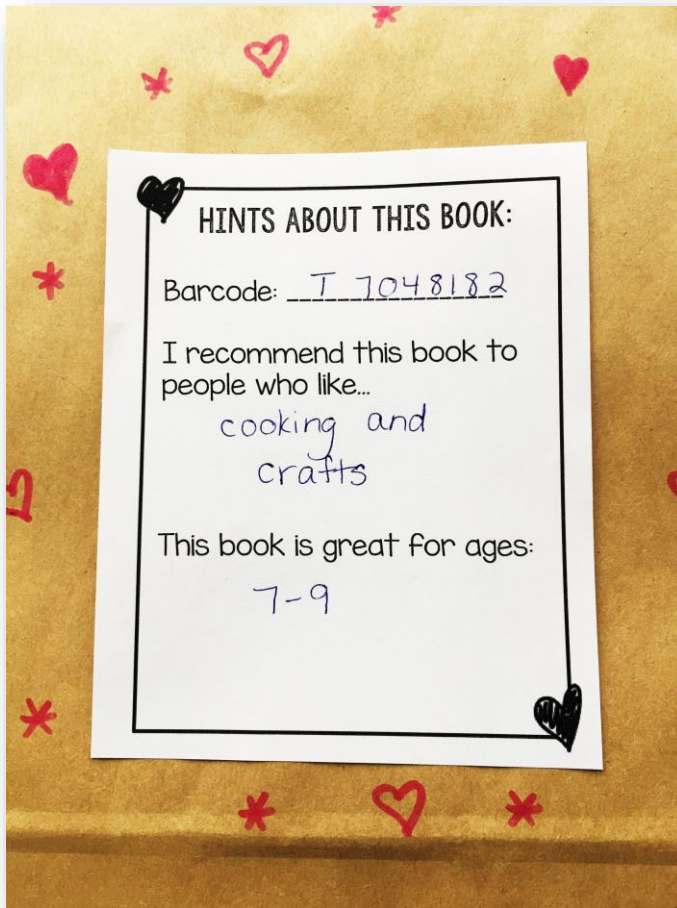
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INSTRUCTIONS DISPLAY POSTERS



Editable in PPT, PDF, or Google Slides.

RECOMMENDATION CARDS



Includes 8 designs;
editable in PPT, PDF, and Google Slides.

“HOW DID IT GO?” CARDS

HOW DID IT GO?

•Turn this card in for a chance to win a sweet surprise!

What book did you read?
Rain Reign

Did you like the book?
yes! I loved it!

Rate your book: (five hearts is best)
★★★★★

Name: Lara Grade 4

Teacher Mrs George

Includes 8
designs;
editable in
PPT, PDF,
and Google
Slides.

What people are saying about UNWRAP A MYSTERY BOOK...

"It was nice to have
editable files, as I
changed the questions
on the hint form.
Excellent resource!"

"This was perfect for my
upper grades (4-5).
Although I purchased for
February activities, I plan to
use this year round"

I am so glad that you made a
"little kid" version of your Blind
Date With a Book.

"Students of all ages were super
excited to check out their mystery
books. Thank you for making this
so easy to use!"

I love anything Mrs.
Readerpants creates!