



Me and Rupert Goody

Chapter Seven Activities

Teacher Notes

Chapter Seven of the novel *Me and Rupert Goody* continues to develop Jennalee, Rupert, and Uncle Beau as characters. Eight activities are provided for chapter seven. You may choose which activities work best for your reader. Some of the activities are continuations of activities from the previous chapters.

Chapter Seven Activity #1 asks the students to compare and contrast Jennalee's home life with her life at Uncle Beau's store.

Chapter Seven Activity #2 asks the students to create a concept map of the sensory images in chapter seven. This activity will be continued throughout the novel.

Chapter Seven Activity #3 asks the students to create a vocabulary list of challenging words from chapter seven. This activity will be continued throughout the novel.

Chapter Seven Activity #4 provides an opportunity for students to respond in writing to chapter seven.

Chapter Seven Activity #5 asks the students to locate examples of dialect.

Chapter Seven Activity #6 continues the idea of keeping a double entry reading log.

Chapter Seven Activity #7 begins a summary/prediction chart on the novel. This activity will be continued throughout the novel. This activity is especially helpful if you are reading the novel to your students; before you read the day's chapter, you and your students can review the summary and predictions from the previous one.

Chapter Seven Activity #8 asks the students to compare and contrast Jennalee and Rupert.

Chapter Seven - Activity #1

Jennalee has described her home as "a ton of hell" house. How does her home life differ from her life at Uncle Beau's store? How is it the same?

Location	Different	Alike
Home		
Store		

Chapter Seven - Activity #3

As you read or listen to Chapter Seven of the novel, select words that are new or challenging to you. List the word, the page number, the sentence in the novel in which it is used, and the definition in the chart.

Word	Page	Context sentence (What words in the sentence provide clues to the meaning of the word?)	Definition

Now that you have learned the definition of the words, it is time to practice using the words.

Write a good sentence for each of the words on your list.

Complete the following chart using your words.

Word	Synonym	Antonym

Chapter Seven - Activity #4

Writing Prompts: Choose one or develop one of your own. Remember that you must write or reflect for the required time and length.

1. Jennalee and her siblings "pick on each other" in this chapter. How do you and your siblings treat each other? If you don't have siblings, how do you imagine you would treat your siblings if you had them?
2. Jennalee says "That's what I love about Uncle Beau. You say something most grownups would have a conniption fit over and Uncle Beau, he just laughs." How does this make Uncle Beau special? What does he provide for Jennalee that she isn't getting at home?
3. Uncle Beau says that Rupert is "smart enough to know what family is." What is family? What does it mean to you?

Chapter Seven - Activity #5

Dialect is the distinctive way that people from a particular region or area speak. Dialects vary in pronunciation, grammar, and word choice. You may have noticed as you listened to or read Chapter Seven that Jennalee has a distinctive way of speaking.

What are some examples of dialect in Chapter Seven?

Quote/Dialect Example	My Thoughts (What does this tell me about the character? The setting? The tone or mood? Why do I think the author chose to use this? etc.)

Chapter Seven - Activity #6

Keeping a Double Entry Journal

One of the activities that you can do to help you understand and remember a novel that you are reading is keeping a log of your thoughts, questions, and predictions as you read. As you read and reflect on the novel, you can use something called a double entry journal to record your reflections.

The first column is for quotes, summaries, character descriptions, and information from the text. The second column is for your thoughts, ideas, questions, concerns, reactions, predictions, etc.

In the Novel	My Thoughts

Chapter Seven - Activity #7

The following chart serves several purposes. First, you record a short summary of the chapter you just read or listened to and second, you predict what you think will happen in the next chapter. Remember to base your predictions on clues the author gives you in the novel.

Chapter Summary (Include key events, new characters, etc.)	Predictions for what will happen next (Tell why you predict what you predict.)

Chapter Seven - Activity #8

Compare and contrast Jennalee and Rupert Goody.

How are Jennalee and Rupert alike?

How are Jennalee and Rupert different?

Think about:

Relationship to Uncle Beau

Acceptance of other person in Uncle Beau's life

Attitude

Feelings about family members

Difficulty of life

