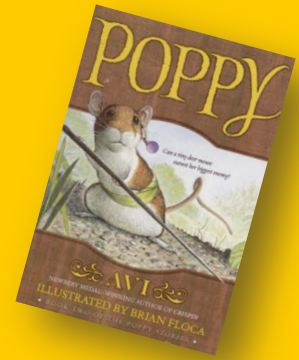


Literature Links for *Poppy* by AVI



<http://www.avi-writer.com/index.html>

Meet the author, AVI. Take a look at his bio information. Then as you read the story he has written see if you can answer a few questions.

1. Would you read other books by this author? Why or why not?
2. Did the author keep you interested? How or why?

<http://www.wordcentral.com/>

Good readers ask questions of themselves as they read. Many of those questions are centered around the meaning of words from the story. Look up key words from *Poppy* to find their meaning in the online dictionary. Or, jot down any unfamiliar words as you read and try to define them, taking clues from the text.

Vocabulary Words:

crescent
intently
pellet
effrontery

Owl Information

<http://www.owlpages.com/>

<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/birds/great-horned-owl.html>

<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/birding/backyard-bird-identifier/>

In the story Mr. Ocax is a great horned owl; he rules the entire Dim Wood region. Use the links above to learn about this magnificent bird.



Food Chain Activities-Just for FUN!

http://ecokids.ca/pub/eco_info/topics/frogs/chain_reaction/index.cfm

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/content/animals/kidscorner/foodchain/foodchain.htm>

Watch a video on the food Chain:

<http://www.kidsknowit.com/interactive-educational-movies/free-online-movies.php?movie=Food%20Chains>

Health and Nutrition-

The Gray House mouse family has outgrown their living area and Mr. Lungwort is worried his children might starve. However, if some of the family moves to the New House they will have enough food to survive. Check out the following link with nutrition activities and see how you measure up.

<http://www.nutritionexplorations.org/kids/activities-main.asp>

Porcupine Information- Mr. Erethizon Dormsatum, or Ereth for short, is a prickly porcupine in the Dimwood Forest. Poppy meets him on her way to investigate the reason for Mr. Ocax's refusal to let the family move to New House. Use these links to learn about the ferocious porcupine.

<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/porcupine.html>

<http://kids.yahoo.com/animals/mammals/3976--Common+Porcupine>

Just for FUN!

http://ecokids.ca/pub/games_activities/index.cfm



Avi's characters in the story have very dominant personalities and characteristics. Lungwort is fatherly, Ragweed is cocky, Mr. Ocax is threatening, Poppy is thoughtful, and Ereth is prickly in his quills and in his speech. So, how does Mr. Ocax keep control over the mice in the Dimwood Region? Check out these Anti-Bullying Activities and watch a short video to learn more about keeping bullies away.

<http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/kids/>

<http://www.pacerkidsagainstbullying.org/>