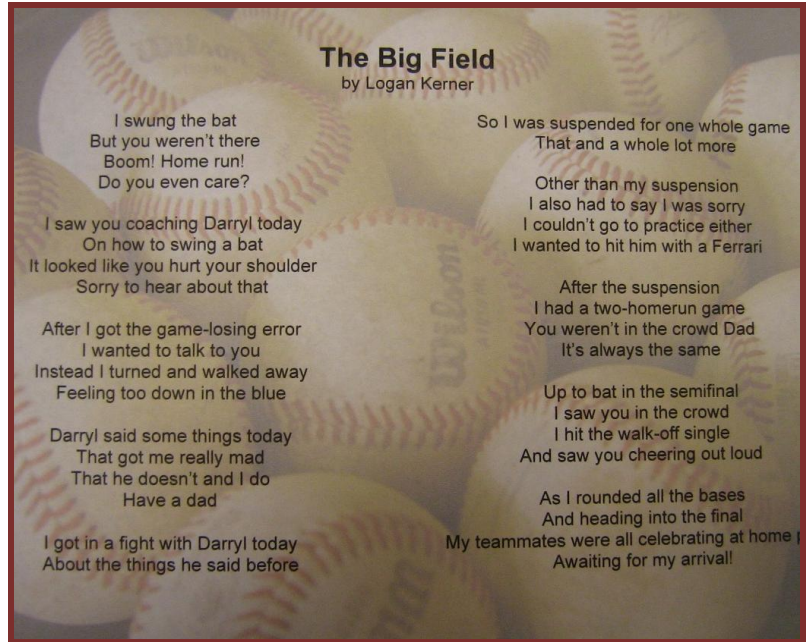


# Discovery Book Projects



**Animal Farm**



**Big Field**

## To Kill a Mockingbird

For my discovery project I did an art project. I decided to make a sculpture. I mixed key parts from the book with symbols that represent scenes or themes of the story. The main theme of *To Kill a Mockingbird* is prejudice. Some other themes are racism, kindness and friendship, being a lady, and community. The main problem is in the court room. It's a black mans word against a white mans word. In the 1930's in the south, the truth is that a white mans word will win. Atticus, Tom Robinson's lawyer, is working hard for a case that is against the odds.

The hands around the base represent the uniting of all races around the world. The center have symbols that represent main parts of the themes. The bird is a mockingbird. The book says, "It's a sin to kill a mockingbird"-Lee (pg. 98). The bird represents the innocence of Tom Robinson. He did not really commit the crime he was charged with, but he was accused anyway even though the evidence did not add up.

The knot hole in the tree outside the Radley's house represents kindness and friendship, another main theme of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Boo Radley was locked up in his house and wanted to connect with Jem and Scout so he placed things in the knot hole for them to find.

The dog on my project represents racism. The rabid dog wanders around Maycomb and Atticus is forced to shoot him because of his rabies. Racism is like rabies because it spreads like a disease and won't stop until it is "shot down" as Atticus shoots the dog to stop him from spreading his rabies. It also shows how something that seems as sweet as a dog can turn on you.

The overalls symbolize Scout and her fighting against becoming a lady. Another big part in the book is Aunt Alexandra being mad at Scout because she does not act as much like a lady as she wants her to. In a way this is another type of prejudice because Scout doesn't want to act like a lady but everybody wants her to fit into their stereotype of her. In the end Scout learns what being a lady really means and it's not just wearing dresses and going to tea parties.

The tree symbolizes community. The tree was a place where they hung people. Now they have transformed it into the center of a play ground. The tree went from being a symbol of death and injustice to now having the fun playful aspect of a playground. This shows a good community leaving the past behind and bringing in the new.



**To Kill A Mockingbird**



**Away Laughing on a Fast Camel**



**Torn Thread**

## Discovery Project

By: Ava Cook

I have read the book *Loser* by Jerry Spinelli for my discovery project. My sculpture represents the giraffe hat that Donald Zinkoff, (the main character) wore when he was starting school. I chose this item from the story because it really makes Zinkoff stick out in the crowd. You could see him from blocks away when the streets were filled with kids rushing to school. Also, Zinkoff was never really a normal kid. He was always sort of the odd one out. He usually stuck out in the crowd.

Now in the story, the Giraffe was never chewing bubble gum. I made the giraffe blowing a bubble because the gum represented the petrified piece of bubble gum that Claudia gave him. Claudia was a little girl who he passed every time he went biking on the 900 block of Willow. Almost every time he would stop to say hello and give him something like chewed gum or something out of the gutter. Then a few years later, he found one of the pieces of petrified chewed gum she gave him and called it his lucky stone. He kept it with him the rest of the book and was very special to him.

Overall, I think that the theme of this book is heroiness because in the end, Donald Zinkoff goes from being somewhat of a loser to being kind of a hero. I would tell you why, but you will just have to read it yourself to find out.



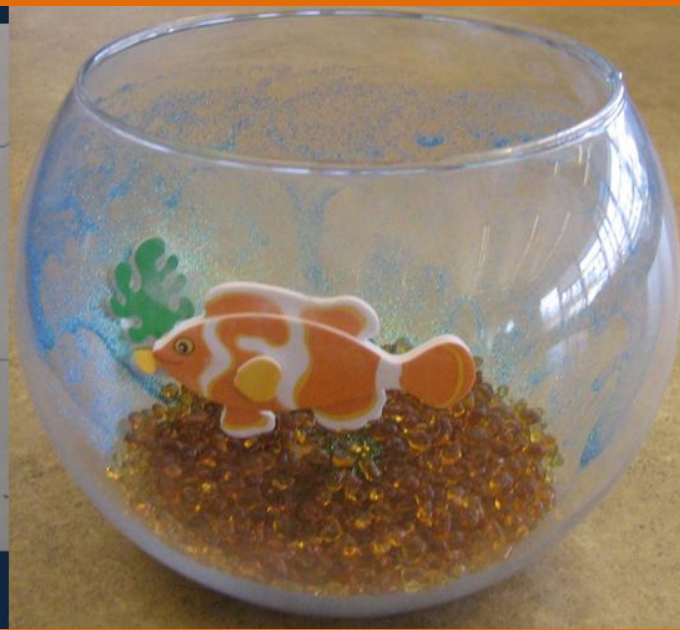
**Loser**

## OUT OF MY MIND

SHARON DRAPER

The theme of my book is to be happy with the life you have. My art project represents, "Ollie", the pet of the main character, "Melody". Melody relates to Ollie because Ollie lives in small environment just like she does. Melody has to realize that she has to challenge herself and discover how to communicate with others. You see Melody can't talk or move. Melody is disabled. She discovers how to challenge herself and communicate with others after Ollie dies. This book will help you realize that no matter what problems you face it's possible to overcome them.

One day she has an accident and goes to the hospital. Then a miracle happens that allows her to speak. She is now able to communicate with her family and others. Then she realizes that her life isn't so bad. In the end of the book she wishes that she could thank Ollie for inspiring her to step out of her closed environment.



**Out of My Mind**