

Nicholas

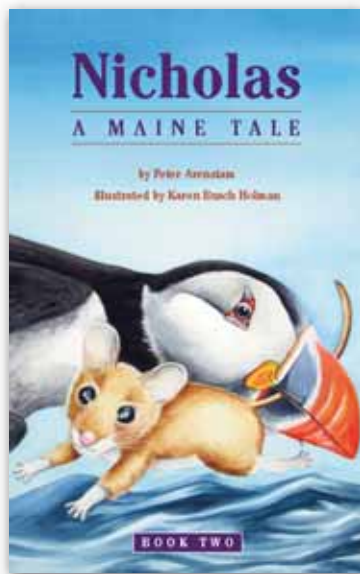
A MAINE TALE



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Mixed-Up Maine



NAME _____

Unscramble the words.

Hint: Each word is an animal that Nicholas meets as he travels throughout the state of Maine.

1. osome _____

2. ocon tac _____

3. sergou _____

4. ehitw ilta reed _____

5. aerb kblac _____

6. hmunkcip _____

7. fpfunis _____

8. lgeae _____

9. ooa nrcc _____

10. awhk _____

Maine Fill-in-the-Blank



NAME _____

Match a word from the word bank with the appropriate clue about Maine.

WORD BANK			
moose	coon cat	blueberry	
chickadee	honeybee	white pine	salmon
	E.B. White	puffins	
Augusta	lobsters	wintergreen	

1. The state tree of Maine.

2. Small birds that live along the coastline of Maine. These birds look quite similar to penguins.

3. The capital city of Maine.

Maine Fill-in-the-Blank continued



4. The state herb. Also, a very popular flavor of chewing gum!

5. A very large, brown animal with antlers. Also, the state animal.

6. A cat with which Nicholas has a run-in. Also, Maine's official state cat.

7. Maine's state berry. This berry makes delicious muffins!

8. A fish that is not only Maine's fish but also swims upstream to spawn.

9. A delicious red crustacean found in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Maine.

Maine Fill-in-the-Blank continued



10. According to Nicholas, a great way to catch up on the latest gossip. Also the state insect of Maine.

11. A very popular author born in Maine. The most well-known book this author wrote was *Charlotte's Web*.

12. The state bird of Maine.

Matching Mania



Cut out the matching cards below and place them face down on a table. Turn over two cards, trying to match the character name with its picture. If you get a match, you may take a second turn. If no match is made, it is the next player's turn to pick two cards.



Nicholas

MOUSE

Mildred

PUFFIN

Edward

CHIPMUNK



Nathan

BEAR



Scupper

PUPPY



Seth & Sarah

CITY MICE



Mr. Muskrat

Isaac

EAGLE

Phoebe

MOOSE CALF



Henrietta

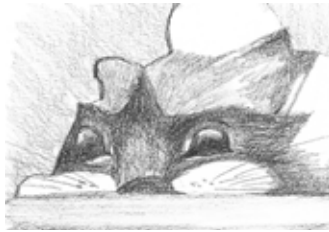
GROUSE

Rodney

VOLE

Jacques

COW



Rachel

SQUIRREL

Oscar

RACCOON

Etta

MERGANSE



Parker

DOG

Label Maine



NAME _____

Using the Internet or a road map of Maine, label the following cities. You may write either the name or the number on your map.

1. Portland
2. Bath
3. Augusta
4. Bangor
5. Machias
6. Mount Katahdin



Tuna Salad Schooners



At the beginning of *Nicholas: A Maine Tale*, Nicholas is in danger of missing the schooner that will take him from the island of Martha's Vineyard to the shores of Maine. A schooner is another word for a large boat. This recipe lets you get creative and make your very own edible schooner!

INGREDIENTS

1 can of drained tuna

¼ cup chopped red apple

¼ cup mayonnaise

pinch of salt

lettuce

2 English muffins, split and toasted

tortilla chips

Goldfish® crackers

DIRECTIONS

1. Combine the tuna, mayo, apple, and salt in a bowl. Mix well.
2. Place lettuce leaves on the toasted English muffins.
3. Spoon the tuna salad onto the English muffins.
4. Wedge the tortilla chips into the tuna salad to look like sails.
5. Serve with goldfish so that it looks like your schooner is sailing through the water!

Making a Rainbow



When you are near any type of water, such as the ocean or a lake, you may be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of a beautiful rainbow. But, if you can't make a trip to a body of water any time soon, here are a couple of science experiments that let you make a rainbow in the comfort of your own home.

MATERIALS NEEDED

water

a sunny day

any type of white wall

a small mirror

a shallow dish

DIRECTIONS

1. Put some water in your shallow dish or bowl.
2. Prop up the small mirror in the water at an angle coming out of the bowl.
3. Place the dish near a window and position the mirror so that sunlight hits it.

The light from the sun should pass through the water and bounce off the mirror, creating a rainbow against the wall. If you are having trouble seeing the rainbow, continue to move the mirror around until you have made the rainbow appear on the wall.

Making a Rainbow in a Dark Room



MATERIALS NEEDED

a dark room
water
a small mirror
scissors
a flashlight
black construction paper
tape
a white card
a clear plastic box

DIRECTIONS

1. On the black construction paper, cut out the shape of the face of your flashlight.
2. Cut a small slit in the middle of the black construction paper shape that you just cut out.
3. Put the black construction paper cover over your flashlight face and tape it there.
4. Fill your clear plastic box halfway up with water.
5. Put the mirror in the water so that it leans against the end of the plastic box at an angle.
6. Point your flashlight so the light beam shines on the mirror through the water. Do not put your flashlight directly in the water.
7. Shine the light from the reflected mirror onto your white card.

As the light from your flashlight travels through the water, the light beam slows down and bends. The mirror reflects the different colors so you see a rainbow of seven separated colors.

Color the Flag



NAME _____

1. Color the pine tree, the grass, and the word *Maine* green.
2. Color the sky and the water blue.
3. Color the moose brown.
4. Color the Maine banner light blue.
5. Color the star, the word *Dirigo*, and the encircling of the pine tree yellow.
6. Color the Dirigo banner red.
7. Color the background of the flag a deep blue.
8. Color the farmer and the seaman appropriately.

Hint: If you get confused on the colors above, you can find a Maine flag on the Internet and check to see that you are choosing the correct colors.



Questions for the Author



NAME _____

As the series about Nicholas and his quest to find his family journal continues, any reader would have questions that they would like to ask the author. For example, one might ask if Nicholas is ever going to find Francis and the family journal? While reading, good readers often ask themselves questions they have about a story. Some of those questions eventually get answered, while others may not.

Below, create a list of questions you might have for the author of this story.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

As you continue to read the series, look back at your questions. Remember, some of your questions may get answered in later books and some you may just be left wondering!

Answer Key



MIXED-UP MAINE

1. moose
2. coon cat
3. grouse
4. white tail deer
5. black bear
6. chipmunk
7. puffins
8. eagle
9. raccoon
10. hawk

MAINE FILL-IN-THE-BLANK

1. white pine
2. puffins
3. Augusta
4. wintergreen
5. moose
6. coon cat
7. blueberry
8. salmon
9. lobster
10. honeybee
11. E. B. White
12. chickadee