

After-Reading Activities

Cut out these cards and let students choose their own projects.

RESEARCH MEDIEVAL DRESS OR WEAPONS.

The *Skinwalkers* novels are set in medieval times – around 1100 or 1200. Choose an aspect of life in the medieval era, such as how people dressed or what kinds of weapons they used in war, and create an illustrated dictionary or Powerpoint presentation.

WRITE A READERS' THEATER SCRIPT AND PERFORM IT.

Reader's Theater is essentially a reading, with sound effects, of a chapter or two from the book. (See the sample readers' theater scripts in the teacher resource section at WWW.HIP-BOOKS.COM.) Most scripts will require three or four student actors, a narrator and someone to do sound effects.

MAKE AN "ALPHA-BOX" ORGANIZER WITH KEY VOCABULARY.

Create an organizer with a box for each letter of the alphabet. Find key words from the novel to put into each box. Illustrate the boxes to show what the words mean.

WRITE A SEQUEL TO THE NOVEL.

What happens to the characters in your novel *after* the story concludes? A sequel continues the story. Write a sequel of the adventures that might happen next.

MAKE A COMPARISON CHART.

Create a comparison chart to show similarities and differences between two of the *Skinwalker* novels or between a *Skinwalker* novel and another fantasy novel. Categories for the chart might include: characters, setting, use of magic, problem, key events.

DO A TALK SHOW INTERVIEW.

You're a talk show host who is interviewing one or more of the characters from the novel. Prepare a list of at least 10 questions – and write the answers you think the characters will give.

CHANGE THE ENDING.

Create a different ending for the novel to replace the last one or two chapters. Make your ending exciting, but wrap the story up neatly.

DRAW A STORYBOARD.

Divide a piece of paper into four sections to illustrate the four major events in the novel. In each section, draw a picture and write a caption to go with it.



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