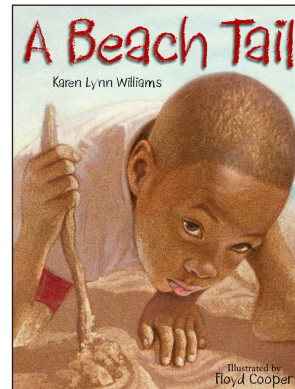




## A TEACHER'S GUIDE FOR A BEACH TAIL

This teacher's guide is designed to assist you in creating talking points and ideas for classroom activities in conjunction with school visits.



**A BEACH TAIL**  
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### THEMES IN THIS BOOK

- Getting lost/finding one's way

Have you ever been lost? What did you do? Do you and your family have rules about what to do if you ever get lost? What are they?

- Creativity and imagination

How does Gregory use his creativity and imagination at the beach? How do these two attributes help him when he gets lost? How could you use your creativity outdoors? What are some other ways that you could use your creativity to help find your way? How do Hansel and Gretel keep from getting lost in the story about the ginger bread house?

- Family relationships

Greg goes to the beach with his dad. How do you think they feel about each other? Do you think his father knew where he was all the time? How would his father feel if Gregory did not come back?

- Nature

At the beach Gregory experiences the sand and the waves and the tides. He also finds some creatures there. What are they? What are some other habitats in nature and what would you find there?

- Following the rules

Why is it important to have rules? What rules does Gregory's father make about the beach? Why does he say, "Don't go in the water and don't leave Sandy?" Does Gregory follow the rules?



*At the beach.*



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### SUBJECT AREAS IDEAS

- Art

Make a sand drawing. On a piece of thick paper or cardboard, draw a design with glue (use a glue like Elmer's Glue in a bottle with a point ). Sprinkle art sand (it comes in many colors or just use neutral) over the glue. When it dries, shake off extra sand. Use markers to add color to your sand art.

Collect a lot of shells, different shapes and sizes. Glue them onto cardboard to make a mosaic design or a picture.

- Science

How is a beach formed? What causes the tides? Look up the answers to these questions. Make a tide chart. What are some of the creatures that Greg finds at the beach? Research these animals. What are some other kind of animals you might find at the beach? What plants grow at the beach?

- Language Arts

Have you ever been lost? Write a story about being lost and how you got found again. Remember to use a setting, character and a problem or plot with tension. If you have never been lost, make up a story about being lost.

- Health

Discuss what you should do if you are ever lost. Make a list of things you should do. Take the list home and discuss it with your parents. What can they add to the list? If you do not have rules for getting lost make some with your family.



*Starfish and Horseshoe Crab.*

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