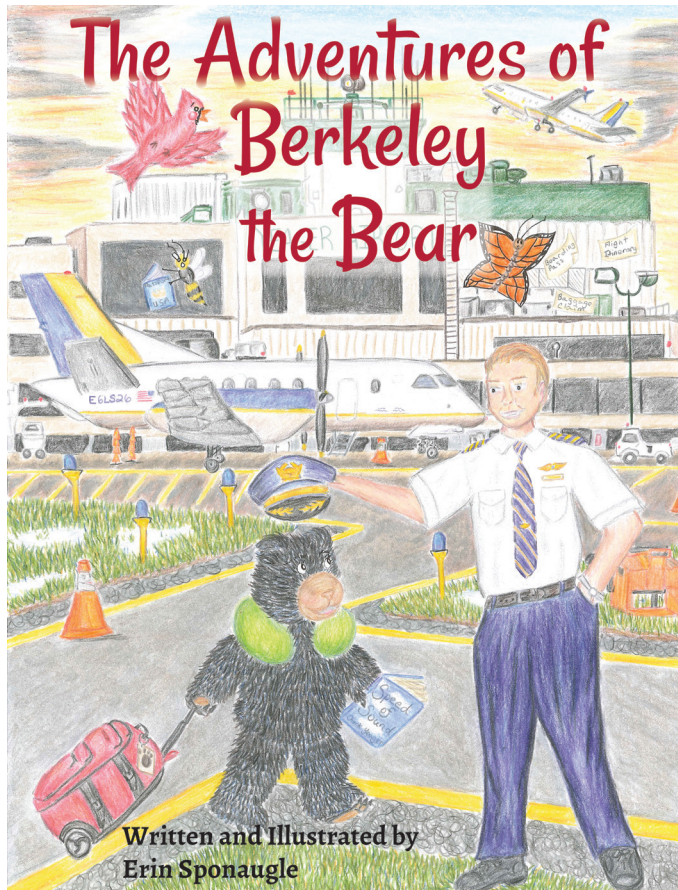


Teacher's Guide

The Adventures of Berkeley the Bear

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Berkeley is a black bear living in the Monongahela Forest with his Sugar Maple Friends. He is content to represent his beloved state of West Virginia from his forest home, until the day his favorite park rangers ask him to be the state travel bear. Berkeley learns to have confidence in his abilities as he tries new things traveling the Mountain State, introducing children to the most beautiful and historic places in West Virginia. His Sugar Maple Friends - each representing a state symbol and county in West Virginia - are there to support Berkeley each step of the way. An endearing storyline and full page, color illustrations instill the values of state pride, friendship, and self confidence in young readers. 32 pages, ages 7 and up.

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Follow that Bear!

The Adventures of Berkeley the Bear began as a blog and a hashtag on Twitter. How will you use Berkeley in the classroom? Share the ways you integrate *The Adventures of Berkeley the Bear* with your students on social media (please respect student privacy and observe acceptable Internet use guidelines). Tag your posts with [#wheresberkeley](#) and [#berkbook17](#) so teachers across West Virginia can share their ideas with one another! Be different, but more importantly, be the difference!

Contact the Author!



Part of teaching young children to appreciate literature is connecting classrooms to authors. For updates and additional resources in the future, follow the author at:
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Places in West Virginia Featured in the Book

This list can be used for class projects and to locate places online.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Monongahela Forest- Seneca Rocks- Spruce Knob- Smoke Hole Caverns- Harpers Ferry- George Washington's bathtub (Berkeley Springs)- Martinsburg Roundhouse- Cass Railroad- Blackwater Falls- Green Bank Telescope- West Virginia University	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nutter's Fort- Palace of Gold- Adena Mound (Moundsville)- Blennerhassett Island- Marshall University- Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine- New River Gorge- Glade Creek Grist Mill (Babcock)- The Greenbrier- State Capitol (Charleston)- Yeager Airport (Charleston)
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Vocabulary

Here are words that may need to be introduced ahead of the story.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- rhododendrons- skimming- harness- startled- migrate- sternwheeler- mysterious	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- exhibition- industry- parachute- invitation- senators- delegates- governor
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Did You Know...

Each of the main characters in the book is named for a county in West Virginia? As you read the book, have your students locate the counties on a map!

Lesson Ideas

Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sequencing- Theme- Compare and Contrast- Character Traits- Making Predictions- Connecting Fiction to Non-fiction	Social Skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Confidence- Friendship- Trying New Things- Teamwork
Social Studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- State Symbols- Geography- WV Regions- State Government- Transportation	Math and Science: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Estimating Distances- WV Habitats- Natural Resources- Geology (Rocks and Minerals)

Integrated Project Ideas

Plan a Trip: Where would you like to visit in West Virginia? Choose your destinations and the distance between each one.

Make a Brochure/Booklet: Research a region or important place in West Virginia. Use non-fiction text features to share what you learned.

Persuasive Writing: How would you convince Berkeley or a friend to try something new? OR... Persuade someone to visit West Virginia based on what you learned. You could also create a commercial.

Point of View: Choose another character from the book and write what he or she experienced during Berkeley's adventures.

Habitats: Research and model a West Virginia food chain or web.

Next Generation CSOs: *The Adventures of Berkeley the Bear*

English Language Arts

First Grade

ELA.1.R.C1.1 ask and answer questions about key details in a literary text.

ELA.1.R.C1.2 retell stories, including key details and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson in literary texts.

ELA.1.R.C1.3 describe characters, settings and major events in a story, using key details in literary texts.

ELA.1.R.C3.1 use illustrations and details to describe characters, setting, or events in literary texts.

ELA.1.SL.C13.2 ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.

Second Grade

ELA.2.R.C1.1 ask and answer key ideas such questions as who, what, where, when, why and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in literary text.

ELA.2.R.C1.3 describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges in literary text.

ELA.2.R.C2.2 describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action in literary text.

ELA.2.R.C3.1 use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital literary text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.

ELA.2.R.C7.1 know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.

Third Grade

ELA.3.R.C1.1 ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a literary text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

ELA.3.R.C1.3 describe characters in a literary story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.

ELA.3.R.C3.1 explain how specific aspects of a literary text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story (e.g., create mood, emphasize aspects of a character or setting).

ELA.3.R.C7.1 know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.

ELA.3.L.C17.2 demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.

Social Studies (West Virginia History)

First Grade

SS.1.WV.3 locate West Virginia on a United States map.

SS.1.WV.5 describe the cultural life of West Virginia as reflected in games, toys and various art forms.

Second Grade

SS.2.WV.1 identify state symbols, celebrations, holidays, famous West Virginians and the governor of the West Virginia state government.

SS.2.WV.4 examine the cultural life of West Virginians through storytelling and various art forms (e.g., songs, instruments, artwork, photographs, etc.).

SS.2.WV.5 compare and contrast past and present lifestyles of West Virginians.

Third Grade

SS.3.WV.3 identify the four physical geographic regions of West Virginia, the major communities and the natural resources found within each region.

SS.3.WV.4 investigate the nine tourist regions of West Virginia.