

Seventh Grade

Dead End at Norvelt by Jack Gantos

What part does history play in the story *Dead End in Norvelt*? What role did Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt play in this story? How did Norvelt get its name? Who named it? What valuable lessons did Jack learn from Miss Volker? Why did she take such an interest in him?

Brainstorm the kind of information normally featured in an obituary. Read aloud the obituary of a house that Miss Volker writes for the *Norvelt News* (pp. 194-97). Write an obituary of an old toy. Be sure to include personal information. It may be serious or humorous.

Tuck Everlasting by: Natalie Babbitt

I. Please answer the following questions.

- A. Characterization: How does the author show that the Fosters aren't very neighborly?
- B. Genre: What part of the story is fantasy?

II. *PERSONAL RESPONSE* (Please use complete sentences and punctuation)

- A. Winnie learns an incredible story from the Tucks. How would you have felt about it? What would you have done?
- B. Mae has a music box as her special possession. What special possession do you have?

In addition, there will be 10 question multiple choice test given the first full week of school. The above writing assignments will be collected the first Monday of the school year.