

For the Teacher



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You Need Jacobs' Article:

For this activity, you need the article “Be a Pilgrim for a Day” by A.J. Jacobs in Parade magazine. Use the link in my Resource Library to access the article, or search the terms “Be Pilgrim Day A.J. Jacobs” to find it easily.

About Printing

I’ve provided both color and black and white versions of this resource so you can choose what works best for you.

Differentiating the Activity

This activity can be matched three distinct middle school ability levels:

Level 1 (Easiest): read the article together, pausing as students record differences and similarities on their Venn Diagrams. End the lesson.

Level 2 (More challenging): Print the article for each student. Read it together as they “annotate” (highlight) the article for similarities and differences, or assign the article and annotation for homework. Students then complete the Venn diagrams, the outline, and finally write their essays.

Level 3 (Advanced): Complete all Level 2 work and add an MLA-formatted Bibliography page.

Other Notes

Students always ask me if they can record facts about their family’s particular Thanksgiving traditions in the “Now” circles of the Venn diagrams. My answer is “Yes!” It’s more fun that way.

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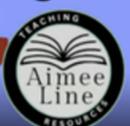
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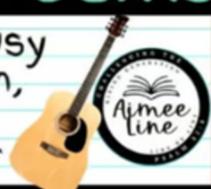


Personification & Strong Verb Room Poems

She's too busy for me again, coughed the dusty guitar

with poem by **Ted Kooser**

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