

THE YEAR OF BILLY MILLER

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Task #1 – Timeline of Emotions

Throughout the book, Billy Miller had emotional highs and emotional lows, create a timeline of emotions, plotting both his emotions and what event in the book caused the emotion.

Fall	Winter	Spring
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Task #2 – Double Bubble Map

Create a Double Bubble Map, comparing and contrasting Mrs. Silver with your teacher.

Task #3 – Breakthrough Writing

Write about a time you had a “breakthrough.” Give examples from your life and the text that breakthroughs can be both a struggle and rewarding at the same time.

Task #4 – Make a Diorama

Be creative and make a diorama of something you are learning in class right. Or, choose one of the topics assigned by Ms. Silver THE OCEAN, THE RAINFOREST, or THE PRAIRIE

Task #5 – The Year of _____

Insert your name on the line and write a story of how this year is going to be your year. Tell events and triumphs. This is a sort of forward writing. The events haven't occurred yet, but write them as if they will happen.

Task #6 – Paper Bag Teacher

Using a brown paper bag, what items would you find or collect up around your house to give to your teacher to let her know you were thinking of her, like Billy did. What items would be most memorable to her and why. Put 4-6 items in a bag and write a brief explanation as to why you are including each one.

Task #7 – Write a Kahoot Quiz

Students will write a Kahoot quiz for their classmates to answer. Use the Kahoot Quiz for chapter 1 that already exists in the Public Gallery of Kahoot as an example of how to write a Kahoot and how to think like a Kahoot Maker. Assign one group to create a Kahoot for Chapter 2, another group to create a Kahoot for Chapter 3 and another group to create a Kahoot for Chapter 4.