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[A Poem in Your Pocket Day Celebration](#) Teacher Created Materials  
 Leo Caraway—high school senior, president of the Young Republicans club, 4.0 GPA, future Harvard student—had his entire future perfectly planned out. That was, until the X factor. As in Marion X. McMurphy, aka King Maggot, the lead singer of Purge, the most popular, most destructive band punk rock has ever seen. He's also Leo's biological father. When Leo discovers that his real father is a punk rock legend, he is disgusted. Not only is Leo not a punk rock fan, but he believes the X factor (the Maggot blood that is running through his veins) is a dangerous time bomb just waiting to explode. And sure enough it does—Leo stubbornly defends the unlikeliest of people, thereby getting himself falsely accused of cheating on a test. Because of the blemish on his record, the once star pupil finds his scholarship to Harvard taken away. So he hatches the crazy plan of going on tour with King Maggot for Purge's summer revival tour, all the while secretly hoping to convince Maggot to pay for his tuition. But life on the road is even crazier than Leo ever bargained for, and before the summer is out, he will finally discover the surprising truth about his dad, his friends, and most important, himself.

[Because of Winn-Dixie Teacher Guide](#) Teacher Created Materials  
 When ten-year-old India Opal Buloni moves to Naomi, Florida, with her preacher father, she doesn't know what to expect - least of all, that she'll adopt Winn-Dixie, a dog she names after the supermarket where they met. Opal is lonely at first, but with such an unusually friendly dog at her side, she makes some unusual friends and discovers she has a whole lot to be thankful for.

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 See below for English description. Grâce à Winn-Dixie, le chien qui sourit, Opal, une nouvelle venue au village, réussit à se créer un cercle d'amis, parmi lesquels elle trouve espoir et réconfort. When 10-year-old India Opal Buloni moves to Naomi, Florida, with her father, she doesn't know what to expect -- least of all, that she'll adopt Winn-Dixie, a dog she names after the supermarket where they met. Right away, Opal knows she can tell Winn-Dixie anything -- like the fact that lately she's been thinking a lot about her mother, who left when Opal was three. And that her father, the preacher, won't talk about her mother at all. And that she's lonely. But with such an unusually friendly dog at her side, Opal soon find rself making more than a few unusual friends. And ultimately, Opal and the preacher realize -- with a little help from Winn-Dixie, of course -- that while they've both tasted a bit of melancholy in their lives, they still have a whole lot to be thankful for. Original title: Because of Winn-Dixie  
 On The Mark Press

With a padded cover and each story no longer than five minutes, this is the perfect book for story time, bedtime, or any time you need to hoof it through a fast, fun read-aloud! All eight stories of everyone's favorite sheep burst off the page in this fun and frolicking treasury! Get ready for whimsical, woolly adventures in this collection of eight funny stories of everyone's favorite sheep by bestselling author Nancy Shaw and illustrator Margot Apple! Ride along with this crowd of mischievous, well-meaning sheep as they take a ride in a jeep, create chaos in a shop, and much more! Each adventure can be read aloud in five minutes, making it a perfect book for story time, bedtime, or any time you're just looking for shear fun! Features these eight stories: Sheep in a Jeep, Sheep on a Ship, Sheep in a Shop, Sheep Out to Eat, Sheep Take a Hike, Sheep Trick or Treat, Sheep Blast Off!, and Sheep Go to Sleep

*Because of Winn-Dixie* Candlewick Press (MA)

Students will enjoy studying the story elements of *Because of Winn-Dixie*. Through these engaging activities, students create products to share their understanding of the characters, plots, and settings of the novel.

*Beverly, Right Here* Teacher Created Materials

A sad and silent nine-year-old boy finds his voice when he moves next to a family that rescues dogs.

**Because of Winn-Dixie Reissue** Scholastic Canada

In this imaginative adventure from Newbery Medal-winning author Beverly Cleary, a young mouse named Ralph is thrown into a world of excitement when a boy and his shiny toy motorcycle check in to the Mountain View Inn. When the ever-curious Ralph spots Keith's red toy motorcycle, he vows to ride it. So when Keith leaves the bike unattended in his room one day, Ralph makes his move. But with all this freedom (and speed!) come a lot of obstacles. Whether dodging a rowdy terrier or keeping his nosy cousins away from his new wheels, Ralph has a lot going on! And with a pal like Keith always looking out for him, there's nothing this little mouse can't handle. This timeless classic now features a foreword written by New York Times bestselling author Kate DiCamillo, as well as an exclusive interview with Beverly Cleary herself. *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* is perfect for independent reading or for shared reading at home or in a classroom. This fun story is the first of a trilogy, along with *Runaway Ralph* and *Ralph S. Mouse*, all inspired by the author's hope to create appealing books for boys and girls—and by the sight of her son playing with toy cars.

**Because of Winn-Dixie** BookCaps Study Guides

For use in schools and libraries only. Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big, ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

**BookCaps Study Guide** Teacher Created Materials

The classic heartwarming tale from Kate DiCamillo--now with an afterword from the beloved author, reflecting on twenty years in print One summer's day, ten-year-old India Opal Buloni goes down to the local supermarket for some groceries--and comes home with a dog. But Winn-Dixie is no ordinary dog. It's because of Winn-Dixie that Opal begins to make friends. And it's because of Winn-Dixie that she finally dares to ask her father about her mother, who left when Opal was three. In fact, as Opal admits, just about everything that happens that summer is because of Winn-Dixie. This updated edition of Kate DiCamillo's classic novel invites readers to make themselves at home--whether they're experiencing the book for the first time or returning to an old favorite.

*An Instructional Guide for Literature: Because of Winn-Dixie* Candlewick Press

When ten-year-old India Opal Buloni moves to Naomi, Florida, with her preacher father, she doesn't know what to expect - least of all, that she'll adopt Winn-Dixie, a dog she names after the supermarket where they met. Opal is lonely at first, but with such an unusually friendly dog at her side, she makes some unusual friends and discovers she has a whole lot to be thankful for.

[Sheep in a Jeep 5-Minute Stories](#) Simon and Schuster

When suburban Claudia Kincaid decides to run away, she knows she doesn't just want to run "from" somewhere, she wants to run "to" somewhere -- to a place that is comfortable, beautiful, and, preferably, elegant. She chooses the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Knowing that her younger brother Jamie has money and thus can help her with a serious cash-flow problem, she invites him along. Once settled into the museum, Claudia and Jamie find themselves caught up in the mystery of an angel statue that the museum purchased at auction for a bargain price of \$225. The statue is possibly an early work of the Renaissance master, Michelangelo, and therefore worth millions. Is it? Or isn't it? Claudia is determined to find out. Her quest leads her to Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, the remarkable old woman who sold the statue, and to some equally remarkable discoveries about herself.

*Louisiana's Way Home* Teacher Created Materials

Dragon Girls is a super collectible new series that celebrates the inner fire of everyday girls. We are Dragon Girls, hear us roar!Azmina, Willa, and Naomi are thrilled to learn they're Glitter Dragon Girls. Summoned to the Magic Forest by its magnificent ruler, the Tree Queen, the girls quickly find out their dragon-selves have unbelievable abilities. They can soar above the treetops, breathe glitter-y bursts of fire, and roar loud enough to shake the ground.With this newfound magic comes a big responsibility, however. As Dragon Girls, they are sworn protectors of the forest and must help keep it safe from the troublesome Shadow Sprites, who are determined to take the forest's magic for their own.

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town HMH Books For Young Readers

The perfect companion to Kate DiCamillo's "Because of Winn-Dixie," this study guide contains a chapter by chapter analysis of the book, a summary of the plot, and a guide to major characters and themes. BookCap Study Guides do not contain text from the actual book, and are not meant to be purchased as alternatives to reading the book. We all need refreshers every now and then. Whether you are a student trying to cram for that big final, or someone just trying to understand a book more, BookCaps can help. We are a small, but growing company, and are adding titles every month.

Amos & Boris Candlewick Press (MA)

National Book Award Winner The red words painted on the trailer caused quite a buzz around town and before an hour was up, half of Antler was standing in line with two dollars clutched in hand to see the fattest boy in the world. Toby Wilson is having the toughest summer of his life. It's the summer his mother leaves for good; the summer his best friend's brother returns from Vietnam in a coffin. And the summer that Zachary Beaver, the fattest boy in the world, arrives in their sleepy Texas town. While it's a summer filled with heartache of every kind, it's also a summer of new friendships gained and old friendships renewed. And it's Zachary Beaver who turns the town of Antler upside down and leaves everyone, especially Toby, changed forever. With understated elegance, Kimberly Willis Holt tells a compelling coming-of-age story about a thirteen-year-old boy struggling to find himself in an imperfect world. At turns passionate and humorous, this extraordinary novel deals sensitively and candidly with obesity, war, and the true power of friendship. When Zachary Beaver Came to Town is the winner of the 1999 National Book Award for Young People's Literature. This title has Common Core connections.

Because of Winn-Dixie Anniversary Edition Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

A Literature Kit. Your students will enjoy this wonderful story of loss and longing, of loneliness, friendships and the finding of contentment in a place for oneself. This is a story in which a ten-year-old girl must face the abandonment of her mother, and find the answer to the question Will she ever come back? The answer, surprisingly, is No!, but India Opal Buloni, over the course of the novel, learns to deal with this answer through her experiences and support of a growing circle of friends, all of whom have also suffered some kind of loss themselves. And finally, it is the story of the love between a girl and her dog, a pet that has an uncanny ability to bring kindred spirits together.

A Guide for Using Because of Winn-Dixie in the Classroom Teacher Created Resources

Kate DiCamillo's beloved, best-selling story is now one of the biggest family movie events of 2005--celebrate with this irresistible movie tie-in! Features foldout full-color Winn-Dixie poster! Told from the point of view of Winn-Dixie himself, this official keepsake lets fans relive the heartwarming film through dozens of full-color photos -- many not available anywhere else! The book also contains tips on how to host your own Winn-Dixie party, complete with party recipes, and an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the making of the movie. \_\_\_\_\_ BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE film artwork copyright © 2005 by Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation. All rights reserved.

The Mouse and the Motorcycle Candlewick Press (MA)

From two-time Newbery Medalist Kate DiCamillo comes a story of discovering who you are — and deciding who you want to be. When Louisiana Elefante's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night to tell her that the day of reckoning has arrived and they have to leave home immediately, Louisiana isn't overly worried. After all, Granny has many middle-of-the-night ideas. But this time, things are different. This time, Granny intends for them never to return. Separated from her best friends, Raymie and Beverly, Louisiana struggles to oppose the winds of fate (and Granny) and find a way home. But as Louisiana's life becomes

entwined with the lives of the people of a small Georgia town — including a surly motel owner, a walrus-like minister, and a mysterious boy with a crow on his shoulder — she starts to worry that she is destined only for good-byes. (Which could be due to the curse on Louisiana's and Granny's heads. But that is a story for another time.) Called "one of DiCamillo's most singular and arresting creations" by The New York Times Book Review, the heartbreakingly irresistible Louisiana Elefante was introduced to readers in Raymie Nightingale — and now, with humor and tenderness, Kate DiCamillo returns to tell her story.

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Upon receiving a special dog from her father, Opal's life greatly changes as the magic of his presence causes old pains to heal and new friendships to form.

**Gracias a Winn-Dixie (Because of Winn-Dixie): An Instructional Guide for Literature** Candlewick Press (MA)

John Reynolds Gardiner's classic action-packed adventure story about a thrilling dogsled race has captivated readers for more than thirty years. Based on a Rocky Mountain legend, Stone Fox tells the story of Little Willy, who lives with his grandfather in Wyoming. When Grandfather falls ill, he is no longer able to work the farm, which is in danger of foreclosure. Little Willy is determined to win the National Dogsled Race—the prize money would save the farm and his grandfather. But he isn't the only one who desperately wants to win. Willy and his brave dog Searchlight must face off against experienced racers, including a Native American man named Stone Fox, who has never lost a race. Exciting and heartwarming, this novel has sold millions of copies and was named a New York Times Outstanding Children's Book.

Because of Winn-Dixie Candlewick Press (MA)

These cross-curricular activities for Because of Winn-Dixie incorporate key skills from the Common Core. The activities integrate literature with social studies, science, mathematics, and more. Activity pages engage and challenge students.