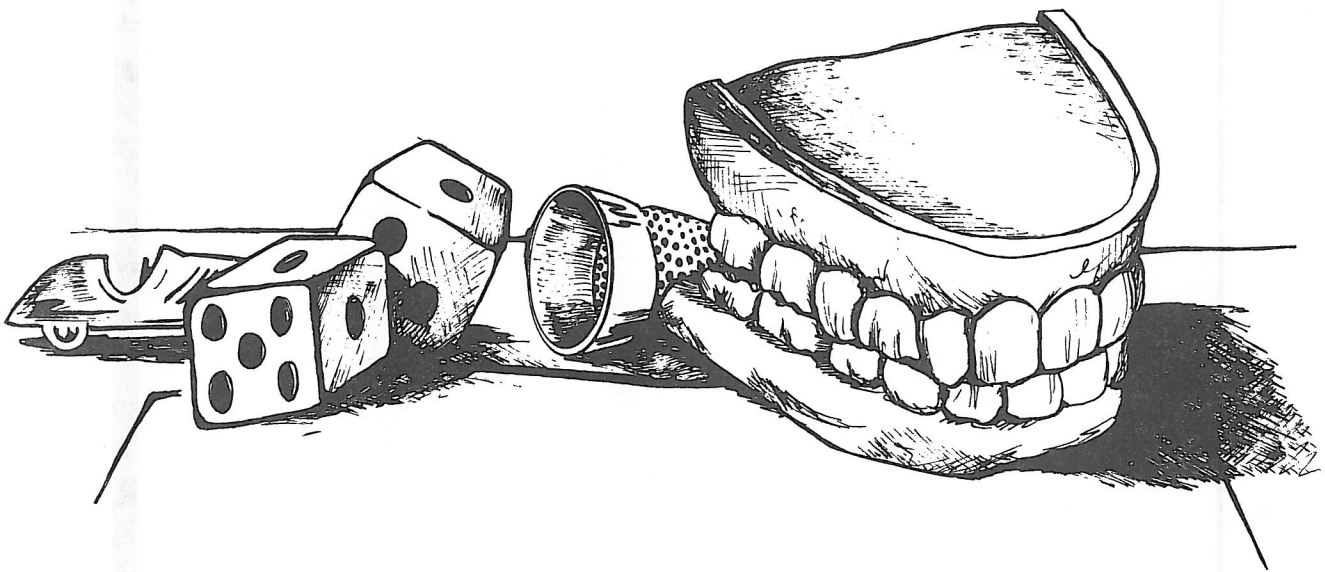


A Literature Unit

THE WAR WITH GRANDPA

by Robert Kimmel Smith

The first Sunday after Labor Day is **National Grandparents' Day**. In honor of Grandparents' Day, read *The War with Grandpa*, by Robert Kimmel Smith. It is the story of a boy who resents having to give up his room to his grandfather. Although he loves his grandfather dearly, he decides to declare war on him in order to regain his room.



Chapters 1-5

Vocabulary: Match the vocabulary word on the left with the definition on the right.

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| ___ 1. billboard | a. polite behavior |
| ___ 2. ignore | b. of small size; insignificant |
| ___ 3. pose | c. a structure for display of advertisements |
| ___ 4. Venetian blind | d. to hold position, as in sitting for a portrait |
| ___ 5. courtesy | e. to refuse to pay attention to |
| ___ 6. dinky | f. window screen with horizontal slots |

Comprehension & Discussion Questions

1. This book is written in the first person. Explain.

2. What did Pete mean when he said that Jennifer looked like a working billboard?

3. What was Jennifer's secret? How did Jennifer learn it? In your opinion, did she keep the secret?

4. Summarize the reason Pete did not want to give up his room.

5. Judge Pete's reaction to his parents' insistence that he would have to move out of his room. How would you have felt?

Follow-up Activities

1. Describe your room. Tell what you do and do not like about it.
2. Use the saying "Life Isn't Always Fair" as the title for a short story.