

The Castle in the Attic

Grades 4-6

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Expectations

1. To emphasize the major strategies used during the reading process.
2. To provide practice and reinforcement in a variety of language skills.
3. To foster a love for reading.
4. To improve and develop students' creativity.
5. To assess students' work through the use of a novel as a teaching tool.

Story Summary

Mrs. Phillips, William's nanny for the last ten years, has decided to move back to England to live with her brother. William is heartbroken and determined not to let her go. As a going-away gift, she presents William with an enormous stone and wooden castle. The castle is perfect in every detail from the drawbridge, portcullis, armory, buttery, scullery, and master chambers to the great hall.

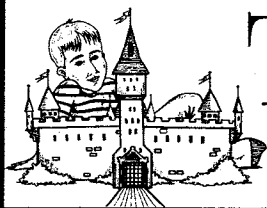
William finds a small box in the middle of the courtyard. When he opens it, he finds the Silver Knight. Much to his amazement, the knight moves when William picks him up. Even more amazing is the knight's question - "What have you done with Alastor?" Alastor, as the knight explains, is the wizard who has put a spell on him. Just before the spell was cast, the knight grabbed half the magic token. This half shrinks people. The other half of the token restores people to their normal size. It is the challenge of the Silver Knight to return to his father's kingdom and reclaim it. He must avoid Alastor, the wizard, who by his potions and evil spells, has seized the kingdom.

William sees the magic token as a way to keep Mrs. Phillips forever. With the help of the Silver Knight, William shrinks Mrs. Phillips. This development, however, could have serious consequences for Mrs. Phillips. In order to save her, William decides to be shrunk and to ally himself with the Silver Knight against Alastor.

The riddle over the drawbridge:

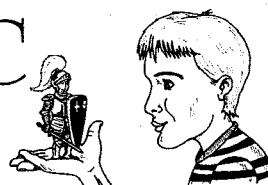
**"When the lady doth play her needle
And the lord his sword doth test
Then the squire shall cross the drawbridge
And the time will be right for a quest."**

begins to take form as William becomes the squire to the Silver Knight and Mrs. Phillips does her needlework.

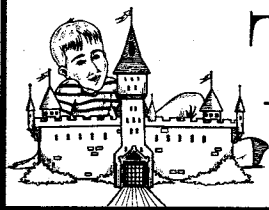


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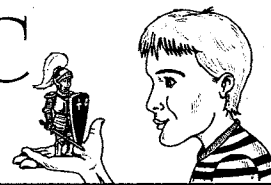


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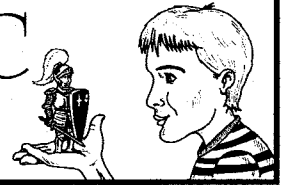
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Chapter 1 - Title:

You have seen the design for William's Castle - now **design** your own castle. You may choose a different floor plan from that of William's.

Second Floor

First Floor