

WHIRLIGIG Culminating Projects

LANGUAGE ARTS

Why does the author alternate chapter settings in the four states where Brent builds and leaves whirligigs (considering the author's craft)? Make your explanation clear and use examples from the text to support your opinion.

Choose one of the characters in the alternating chapters (chapters NOT about Brent's journey) and write at least a one-page note that the character might leave pinned to the whirligig. This should be **at least** one page. That means 325 words typed and double-spaced. Your ideas should connect with what is in the chosen chapter but be **original** and show that you understand the effects the whirligig had on the character's life, feelings, or thinking.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Using the information in the text and a road atlas of the United States, trace the route Brent takes on the Greyhound bus during his journey of restitution for Lea's death. Begin by listing the cities and highway numbers that are listed in the text.

Create a hand-drawn map of the United States. **DO NOT** use an existing road map or computer printouts of maps. The map should be **at least** 24 inches by 24 inches in size and clearly labeled. Trace Brent's journey, clearly labeling all relevant cities, route numbers and states. Use a few arrows to make it clear in what direction Brent is traveling. Clearly indicate locations where Brent left a whirligig.

MATH

Research the number of highway accidents in **Connecticut** for the most recent ten-year period for which statistics are available. Then determine how many of these accidents were caused by drunk drivers. Now find out how many of these alcohol related driving accidents resulted in a death. Also determine how many of these accidents involved teenagers and how many involved other age groups. You can break these statistics down to show what months had the highest and lowest DUI accidents and deaths.

Now construct graphs to clearly compare the data gathered. You may need more than one graph. Clearly label each axis and construct a meaningful scale for each axis. Give each graph a title. Refer to your notes from Mrs. Penney's class if you need more information on how to construct a graph.

Write a one page 325-350 word (minimum) summary of the information on your graphs. Include whether DUI fatalities have increased or decreased over the past ten years.