

# Frindle

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### Characters:

Nicholas Allen- (Nick) A class prankster. Always comes up with a question at the end of class to delay or wipe out a homework assignment. He decided to call a pen a frindle to annoy his fifth grade teacher Mrs. Granger. Signed the frindle oath.

Mrs. Granger- Nick's fifth grade teacher with x-ray eyes that can always spot a trouble maker in her classroom. She is a fanatic for the dictionary and had all of her students buy a new one at the beginning of the fifth grade year. Helped make "frindle" a word by working against it. Has gray eyes flecked with gold. Her eyes are sharp, but not hard or mean.

Miss Deaver- Nick's third grade teacher. Nick turned her classroom into a tropical island and she loved it because her students could be so creative. Had taught at Lincoln Elementary school for about six months.

Mrs. Avery- Had a curved nose like the beak of a hawk. Victim of Nick's chirping in fourth grade.

Janet Fisk- Lives in Nick's neighborhood. Was yelled at by Mrs. Avery for chirping even though it was Nick who chirped. First person Nick told about his frindle idea. Good at baseball, better at soccer than most other kids at her school. Signed the frindle oath.

Mrs. Allen- Nick's mom. Liked the fact that Mrs. Granger wanted her students to buy a dictionary. Thought of as the white queen on a chess board by Nick

James Allen- Nick's brother. Graduated from high school two years before the story began.

John- A kid that lived down the street from Nick that started a baseball game in his yard while Nick did his dictionary report for Mrs. Granger. Signed the frindle oath.

Pete- Signed the frindle oath.

Dave- Signed the frindle oath.

Chris- Signed the frindle oath.

Judy Morgan- Writer for the Westfield Gazette. Covered the Frindle story.

Mrs. Freed- The Lincoln Elementary School secretary.

Bud Lawrence- Bought a Dairy Queen and a McDonalds and became rich.

Bought rights to the word Frindle. The first person to actually sell something called a frindle.

Alice Lunderson- Lived in Betherly, seven miles away from Westfield.

Covered the frindle story for CBS-TV.

Mrs. Margaret Cheatham- Principle at Lincoln Elementary School. Disliked children using the word frindle. Thought of as the black queen on a chess board by Nick.

## Questions:

1. What was the name of Nick's third grade teacher? Miss Deaver
2. What did Mrs. Avery's nose look like to Nick? The beak of a hawk
3. Of all of the fifth grade teachers, who had the worst reputation? Mrs. Granger
4. How many language arts teachers were there in fifth grade? One
5. What was on the blackboard at the beginning of every day in fifth grade in Mrs. Granger's room? The word of the day
6. How many dictionaries did Mrs. Granger have on a shelf at the back of the room? Thirty
7. What was Nick eating for dinner when his family received the letter from Mrs. Granger at the beginning of fifth grade? A hamburger
8. What subject did Nick have to do an oral report on for Mrs. Granger on the first day of school? Where the words in the dictionary come from
9. What was the law in the Allen house from September to June? Homework first
10. What period was Language Arts for Nick? Seventh
11. What about Nick's report on dictionaries made it so special? It was so long, making it one of the greatest time wasters ever invented
12. What color was the pen Janet found? Gold
13. What did Nick call music until preschool? Gwagala
14. Where was the first place that Nick asked for a frindle? The Penny Pantry Store
15. How much was the frindle that Nick bought at the Penny Pantry store? Forty-five cents
16. How many kids met in Nick's playroom to sign the frindle oath? Six

17. How many rows was John from Nick in fifth grade? Three
18. When was the fifth grade class picture taken? Last, right after lunch
19. What was the punishment at Lincoln Elementary for using the word frindle? Writing "I am writing this punishment with a pen" one hundred times
20. What became a badge of honor at Lincoln Elementary? Staying after school with the lone Granger for saying the word frindle
21. What did Nick consider his talk with Mrs. Granger as? A conference during a war
22. What did Mrs. Granger promise to give Nick when the battle between the two of them was all over? A fat white envelope with a letter inside
23. What did Nick write on the envelope that Mrs. Granger had? His name and the date
24. How long had Mrs. Margaret Cheatham been principle of Lincoln Elementary school when she paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Allen? Eighteen years
25. What chair did Nick sit in when the Principle came to his house? The rocking chair
26. Who was Nick's mom annoyed with? Mrs. Granger
27. What word did Nick say he found in the dictionary making it, by Mrs. Granger's rules, an acceptable word to use? Ain't
28. What did Mr. Allen offer Mrs. Cheatham? Some coffee and banana bread
29. What other story besides the frindle story was Judy Morgan working on? The story about eighteen trees that were going to be planted along East Main Street
30. What did Judy Morgan think that Mrs. Cheatham looked like during their interview? A kid sent to the principles office
31. What was the record for the number of times somebody wrote frindle in Mrs. Granger's punishment? Forty-five
32. Where was Nick in the fifth grade class picture? Third row, fifth from the left
33. How many homes was the Westfield Gazette delivered to? 12,297
34. What was the headline for the Westfield Gazette? "Local 5<sup>th</sup> grader says, move over Mr. Webster".
35. What is the only word in the English language besides frindle that was invented by one person for no particular reason? Quiz
36. How much of the profits for the word frindle did Nick receive? Thirty percent

37. What was special about the school cafeteria's in Westfield thanks to Nick? They served good tasting food four days a week
38. How old was James' daughter at the end of the story? Two years old
39. What is the definition of the word frindle? A device used to write or make marks with ink
40. What color was Mrs. Granger's favorite pen? Maroon with a blue cap
41. What did the frindle that Nick gave to Mrs. Granger say on it? This object belongs to Mrs. Lorelei Granger, and she may call it any name she chooses.
- With love from Nicholas Allen

### **In What Book...**

- Was a boy notorious for getting the class out of homework assignments?
- Did a girl find a gold pen in the street?
- Was there one school day where about eighty students stayed after school for punishment?
- Did a man receive a large sum of money when he turned twenty- one?
- Did a boy cover the floor of his third grade classroom in sand?
- Did a woman worship the dictionary
- Did a woman have a nose that looked like the beak of a hawk?