



TEACHER'S RESOURCE GUIDE

Time Soldiers[®] Book #2: Rex 2

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Challenging activities for kids ages 4-12!
Great ideas for the classroom!

About This Book...

In this sequel to *Time Soldiers[®] Book #1: Rex*, Rex follows the kids through the time portal, leaving behind the ancient world of dinosaurs and entering the present-day neighborhood of the Time Soldiers. Through a series of courageous moves, the Time Soldiers manage to control the raging dinosaur and keep their community free from harm.

About This Guide...

Convinced that riveting, real-life images along with digital special effects and thrilling plots will capture young readers, Big Guy Books has expanded their new genre of illustrated children's books. As much fun as a computer game and better than television, these books encourage children to read by making it more exciting!

In this guide, you will find creative ways to use *Rex 2* in the classroom. These challenging activities will enrich your lesson plans and make reading fun for your students.

Prereading Activities

Prepare students for *Rex 2* by reviewing the action that takes place in *Rex*. Based on this review, ask students to create a KWL chart. Label the first column "What We **Know**," the second column "What We **Want to Learn**" and the third column "What We **Have Learned**." Before students begin reading the book, brainstorm ideas for the first two columns and ask students to record this information in the appropriate column. After students finish the book, ask them to revise and complete the chart based on what they have learned.



Vocabulary Development

Word Search Puzzle

Below are vocabulary words found in Rex 2. Find each word in the puzzle below. (Remember, the words may be spelled forward or backward, and horizontally, vertically or diagonally.)

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FLINCH	H	W	L	G	R	P	G	T	G	Q	Y	O	S	N
RIDGE	K	C	D	I	R	S	A	N	X	X	P	M	I	E
BINOCULARS	X	I	S	A	H	I	O	D	U	S	E	M	N	C
FRANTIC	R	H	W	D	R	N	I	X	R	L	R	O	O	S
SCENT	B	L	U	U	L	S	W	A	I	S	S	T	T	E
COMMOTION	V	R	F	V	T	F	L	O	W	C	O	I	S	R
HYPERSONIC	X	N	H	R	Q	U	S	T	D	R	N	O	A	A
SPRAWL	I	D	A	M	C	W	L	N	O	L	I	N	O	M
DEAFENING	Y	C	A	O	T	H	R	A	S	H	C	V	D	P
INFURIATE	T	F	N	R	A	I	L	I	M	A	F	N	U	A
STARTLE	O	I	D	E	A	F	E	N	I	N	G	R	P	G
DISTRACT	B	Q	B	C	C	H	C	N	I	L	F	J	O	E
LUNGE	F	R	A	N	T	I	C	E	L	T	R	A	T	S
THRASH														
DOWNHILL														
RAMPAGE														
UNFAMILIAR														

Vocabulary List

Here is a list of words found in Rex 2. Find each word in the dictionary and write down all definitions listed for the word. Next, skim through Rex 2 and find the word in the story. Then choose the correct definition for the sentence.

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|-----------|--------------|---------|
| ARC | DEFEATED | SEARING |
| BARED | INTERSECTION | STAGGER |
| CORNERING | RETREATED | WADED |



Reading Comprehension

Discussion Questions

1. In this story, who came through the time portal?
2. Why did she bring her egg?
3. Name some of the difficult situations that Rex got into.
4. The Time Soldiers are a band of curious and brave kids. Give some examples of their bravery.
5. Rex was not the only dinosaur to appear in this story. What other dinosaur came through the time portal?

Stranger in a Strange Land

Rex discovered many unfamiliar objects when she came to the Time Soldiers' world. She was a stranger in a strange land! Look at the present-day world from Rex's perspective and help her to identify the following creatures from the story:

- ◆ Red animal and other hard-skinned animals
- ◆ Hard, black path
- ◆ Noisy flying animal
- ◆ Tree trunks
- ◆ Big orange animal

Retelling the Story

The following sentences capture significant events from the story. Reorganize the sentences in chronological order.

- Rex heads for the oil storage tanks.
- Rex, finds her her egg and pushes it back through the time portal.
- The Time Soldiers are awakened from their sleep by the sound of rattling windows.
- Equipment workers at the construction site try to stop Rex.
- Mikey hides the videotape at the base of the Time Soldiers' secret tree.
- Rex's tail smashes through the windows of a restaurant, terrifying the people inside.
- Rob is carried to safety by a Quetzalcoatlus.

Writing Enrichment

- ◆ Imagine that you are the TV reporter sent to report about the dinosaur sighting. Write the story that will broadcast on TV and then read it to the class. If possible, ask your teacher to videotape you as you file your report.
- ◆ Traveling through time is an exciting idea! Suppose you found a time portal in a park near your home. Where would you travel? Write about your experience.
- ◆ Review the Time Soldiers' adventure journals on the Big Guy Books Web site (www.bigguybooks.com). Now imagine that you are a member of the Time Soldiers team. Create your own adventure journal and make daily entries about your experiences.

Curriculum Enrichment Activities

SCIENCE: Unlike the Time Soldiers, Rex could hear the high-pitched sounds coming from the equipment used by the men in dark suits. Many animals have much keener hearing than humans. Research the hearing capabilities of several animals and compare them to humans.

SCIENCE: Choose five dinosaurs and research the characteristics of these reptiles' eggs (for example, size, shape, weight and color). Then compare these characteristics to the eggs of other reptiles. Carry your research one step further – compare these results to the same characteristics of bird eggs.

MATH: Review the information that you gathered about dinosaur eggs. Create a separate graph for each characteristic and plot the data on these graphs.

SOCIAL STUDIES: When Rex first appeared in the Time Soldiers' neighborhood, Mariah immediately called 9-1-1. Review the importance of this emergency service by listing some examples of when to call 9-1-1. Write about any experiences you have had with 9-1-1 in your neighborhood.

Answers

Vocabulary Development

Word Search Puzzle



Vocabulary List

- Arc** a bowlike curved line
- Bared** to expose or uncover
- Cornering** to turn corners
- Defeated** to overcome or conquer
- Intersection** the place where two or more roads meet or cross
- Retreated** to withdraw or go away
- Searing** to dry up or scorch
- Stagger** to move unsteadily
- Waded** to walk in shallow water

Reading Comprehension

Discussion Questions

1. Rex came through the time portal.
2. She was looking for a safe place to dig a nest for her egg.
3. Cars were in her way. The wailing car horns hurt her ears. The helicopters flying overhead frightened her. She was afraid people on the shoreline would find her egg. Oil storage tanks and the construction equipment frightened her. The men in dark suits fired their weapons at her. The Time Soldiers fired at Rex with their slingshots.
4. Mariah immediately called 9-1-1. The Time Soldiers tried to warn drivers on the highway. They tried to distract Rex away from the equipment operators at the construction site. Mikey retrieved the videotape from the men in dark suits. The Time Soldiers fired at Rex with their slingshots.
5. A Quetzalcoatlus carried Rob safely away from danger to the ridge top.

Stranger in a Strange Land

- ◆ Red animal and other hard-skinned animals (cars)
- ◆ Hard, black path (highway)
- ◆ Noisy flying animal (helicopter)
- ◆ Tree trunks (gas pipes)
- ◆ Big orange animal (tanker truck)

Retelling the Story

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