

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

“Fee! Fie! Foe! Fum! I smell the blood of an Englishman!
Be he ‘live or be he dead, I’ll grind his bones to make my bread.”

There seems to a problem with this old rhyme. Our modern Jack isn’t from England! The Giant needs a new poem to describe Jack. Also, in the original story, Jack stole some gold coins, a hen which laid golden eggs and a very talkative harp. Why would a modern teenager want any of these things? (Well, maybe the harp knows how to load an i-Pod.) What would Jack really want from the Giant’s house? Help the Giant by writing him a new verse to announce an up-to-date Jack. And assist Jack by presenting three items that he might really want to own.

Challenge: Create a verse for the Giant that describes a modern Jack and imagine three items that this new Jack might actually want to steal from the Giant’s house.

Time: Part One: You will have 3 minutes to write a short verse about Jack for the Giant to recite and to draw pictures of three new and interesting objects for Jack to bring home from the Giant’s house. Integrate these creations into a presentation for the appraisers.

Part Two: You will have one minute to recite your verse and show your drawings of the three objects to the appraisers.

Materials: three pieces of plain paper
color markers (may not be included in the solution)
another sheet of paper and a pencil (for planning your solution only)

Scoring: up to 35 points for creativity of the Giant’s new verse
up to 35 points for the innovation of Jack’s stolen objects
up to 15 points for the integration of the poem and the items
up to 15 points for positive team work

Idea contributed by Cindy Tibbetts, Gardener (not specializing in bean stalks). Thanks!