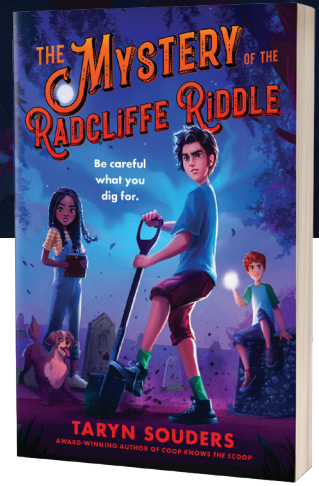


THE MYSTERY OF THE RADCLIFFE RIDDLE

Activity Kit



From the Edgar-nominated author of *Coop Knows the Scoop* comes an exciting mystery perfect for fans of *Holes* and *From the Desk of Zoe Washington*.

When Grady and his dad learn that the town oddball, Eudora “Kooky” Klinch left something for them in her will, they can only imagine what it might be. When it turns out it’s an old scrap of three-hundred-year-old tapestry, they are bitterly disappointed. But the cloth comes with a note saying, “This is no ordinary piece of needlework. It’s a treasure map. Riddles and Clues. To the victor go the riches.” Grady’s dad dismisses it, but Grady thinks this could be the chance of a lifetime. With the help of his friends Thad, Clemmie, and the town dog Ophelia, Grady is determined to crack the clues and find the treasure.

But when someone tries to break into Grady’s house one night, and then the local antiques expert who examined the tapestry is found unconscious, Grady realizes that he’s not the only one who knows about the treasure map. There’s more at risk than he bargained for, and solving this mystery just got a lot more dangerous.

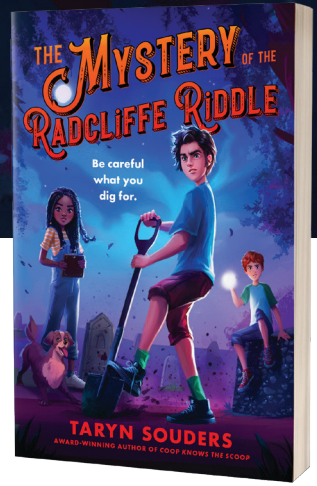


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Create Your Own Sampler (Include a Hidden Message!)

The earliest known American sampler was sewn by Loara Standish from the Plymouth colony around 1645. By the 1700s, samplers showing alphabets and numerals, decorative elements like verses, flowers, houses, and religious, pastoral, and/or mourning scenes were being stitched by young women to display their ability with needle and thread—skills needed to help run a household. In *The Mystery of the Radcliffe Riddle*, Grady learns some symbols have more than one meaning and might contain a secret message.

1. [Click here](#) to find a basic list of symbols and what they might mean.
2. Then design your own sampler on graph paper using colored pencils and have fun with the symbols! Hint: Draw your images with an “x” pattern so it looks cross-stitched.
3. Want to read more about samplers? Check out these fascinating websites:
 - a. hands-across-the-sea-samplers.com/symbolism-sampler-motifs/
 - b. museumcrush.org/the-hidden-histories-of-girls-revealed-through-their-centuries-old-samplers/
 - c. pieceworkmagazine.com/cross-stitch-samplers-the-pineapple/
 - d. americanhistory.si.edu/collections/object-groups/american-samplers
 - e. chicagotribune.com/news/ct-xpm-1998-02-15-9802150435-story.html
 - f. vam.ac.uk/articles/embroidery-a-history-of-needlework-samplers

The War of What?!

Had you heard of the War of Jenkins’ Ear before you read *The Mystery of the Radcliffe Riddle*? How about the War of the Golden Stool that Clemmie Powell tells Grady and Thad about? There are many unusual names (and causes) for wars. Find an unfamiliar war from history. Read and share what you learn.

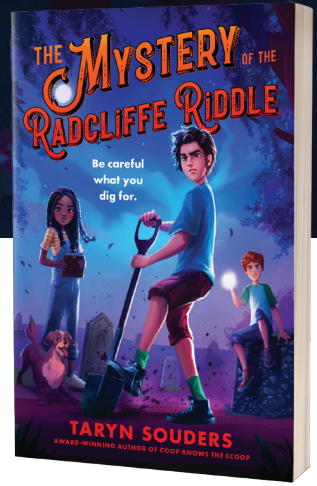
Need a hand getting started? Try researching one of these:

1. *The War of the Golden Stool*: fought between Great Britain and the Ashanti Empire in 1896
2. *The Pig War*: fought between the USA and Great Britain in 1859
3. *The Pastry War*: fought between France and Mexico in 1838
4. *The Anglo-Zanzibar War*: fought between Great Britain and the Zanzibar Sultanate in 1896 (the shortest war in history!)
5. *The Football War*: fought between El Salvador and Honduras in 1969
6. *The War of Jenkins’ Ear*: fought between Spain and Great Britain, starting in 1739



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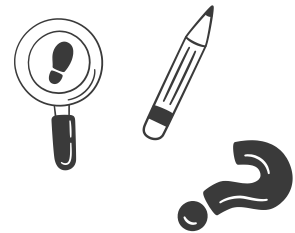
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Riddle Me This

Grady was convinced if he could find the treasure, then all his and his dad's problems would be solved. However, between the English language of the 18th century and some homophones, solving that riddle was much harder than he thought!

1. Create your own riddle that leads to treasure.
2. Don't forget you can use homophones (words that sound the same but are different in meaning or spelling). Below are listed some common homophones to get you started if you'd like to use those.
3. For other ideas, visit englishstudyhere.com (Please remember to always get a parent or guardian's permission before going online.)



Homophones Words List

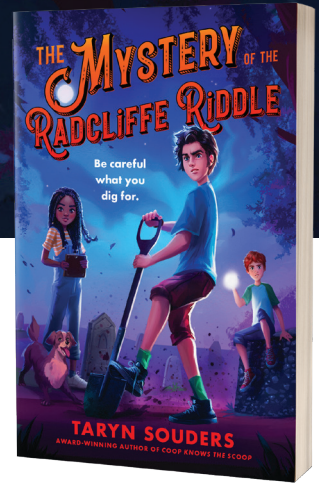
accede/exceed	elicit/illicit	idle/idol	nay/neigh	shone/shown
accept/except	elude/allude	illicit/elicit	need/knead	sundae/Sunday
addition/edition	errent/arrant	illusion/allusion	new/gnu	tact/tacked
adds/adz/ads	fairy/ferry	incite/insight	nice/gneiss	teem/team
affect/effect	fare/fair	jam/jamb	patience/patients	witch/which
bawl/ball	faze/phase	jean/gene	patted/padded	woe/whoa
been/bin	feat/feet	lacks/lax	Paul/pall	wok/walk
bootie/booty	feint/faint	ladder/latter	pause/paws	wrapper/rapper
border/boarder	four/fore/for	lade/laid	pea/pee	wreak/reek
ceiling/sealing	fourth/forth	lain/lane	peace/piece	wrest/rest
cell/sell	fowl/foul	liken/lichen	peek/pique	wretch/retch
cellar/seller	franc/frank	loch/lock	pekoe/picot	wring/ring
sensor/sensor	fur/fir	mail/male	penance/pennants	write/right/rite
cored/chord	grisly/grizzly	main/mane	peon/paeon	wrote/rote
corps/core	groan/grown	meet/meat	pervade/purveyed	
coup/coo	heard/herd	meteor/meatier	rued/rude	
course/coarse	hertz/hurts	mints/mince	sail/sale	
dam/damn	hew/hue/Hugh	missal/missle	sealing/ceiling	
dane/deign	hey/hay	nap/knap	seam/seem	
days/daze	iaisle/isle	naval/navel	shoe/shoo	
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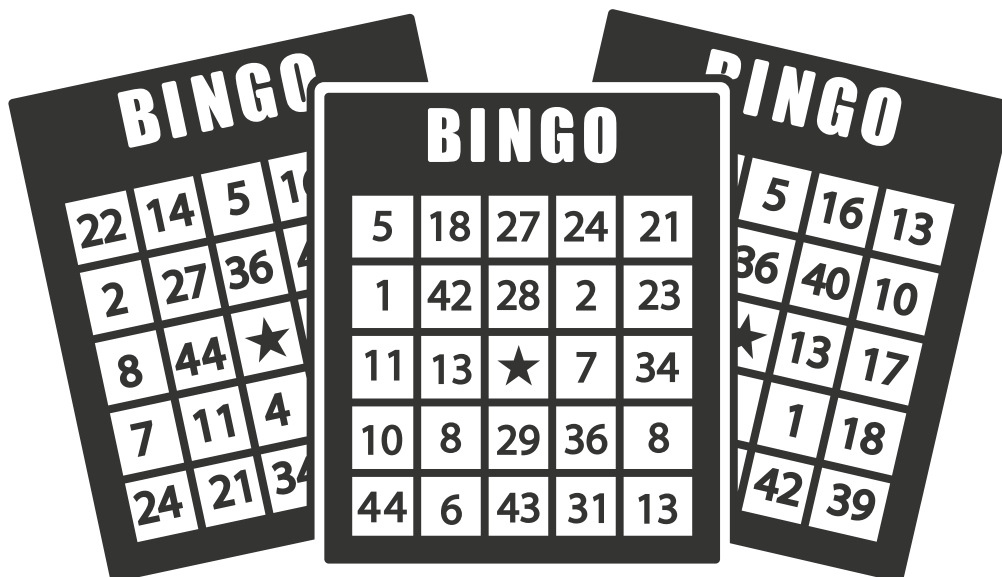
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Bingo at Heather Dawn's Coffee Shop

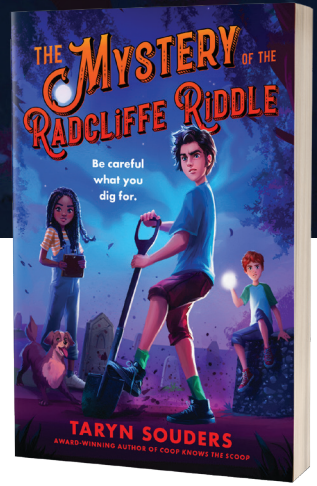
Heather Dawn's coffee shop doubled as the bingo parlor every Friday night for the quirky residents of Gifton, Georgia...at least until BINGOPALOOZA got out of hand one year.

1. With your parent's permission, visit myfreebingocards.com/bingo-card-generator and create your own bingo cards.
2. To make cards specific to *The Mystery of the Radcliffe Riddle*, try using elements from the story to enter into the bingo generator. Some ideas are listed below:
 - a. **CHARACTERS:** Grady Judd, Kevin Judd, Clemmie Powell, Thad Carlton, Mr. Burns, Arlene McGinter, Arliss McGinter, Badger Paulin, Winifred Paulin, Mayor Shore, Muggie Shore, Deputy Oringerff, Miss Cornett, Pastor Jeremy, Charlie Waddell, Ida Rose Cloyd, Ophelia, Lester Thorton, Miss Kline, Eudora Klinch, Elizabeth Radcliffe, Matthew Radcliffe
 - b. **CLUES:** sampler, homophones, embroidery, cross-stitch, tabby stone, wood, church, Bible verse, cherry tree, pearl necklace, inheritance, gilded frame, boots, crows, gold, cross, emeralds, treasure, ballast stone, the War of Jenkins' Ear, bell tower, timbre (pronounced tam-ber).
 - c. **SETTING:** Gifton, Georgia, Eudora's mansion, the Knee Scraper, Giffstone, the courthouse library, Heather Dawn's Coffee Shop, King Kong, the South, small-town, archival room, mobile home, First Community Church of Gifton



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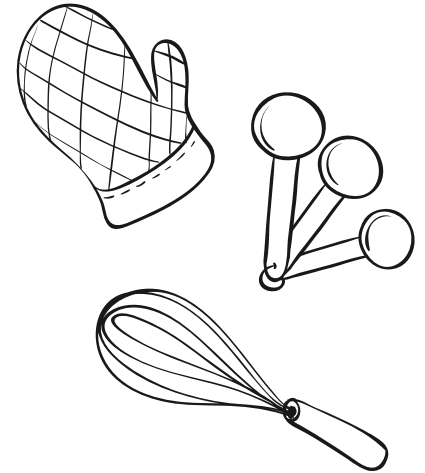
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Cake, anyone?

Food during the colonial times when Elizabeth Radcliffe lived was a bit different from what we might be used to today.

1. Visit the website of Vintage Early American recipes and find something to make.
2. Muggie Shore brought a southern classic, Buttermilk Pound Cake, to Arliss McGinter's funeral. [Click here](#) for the recipe and start baking!
3. Want to read more about what people ate in the 1700's? Check this out: che.umbc.edu/londontown/cookbook/what.html



Scavenger Hunt

Whether you're at home, in the classroom, or somewhere else, scavenger hunts are loads of fun for everyone! Need some help getting started?

1. Choose your starting location.
2. Decide what type of scavenger hunt you want. Are you searching for objects or clues to the next location? Are you taking photographs of the items, or actually collecting them?
3. Create your lists or clues, and then hide them.
4. Give each team the list of objects to find (or the clue to the first location).
5. First one to collect (or photograph) all the objects or get to the final location wins!

