

Cut Him Out in Little Stars

Reading Group Questions



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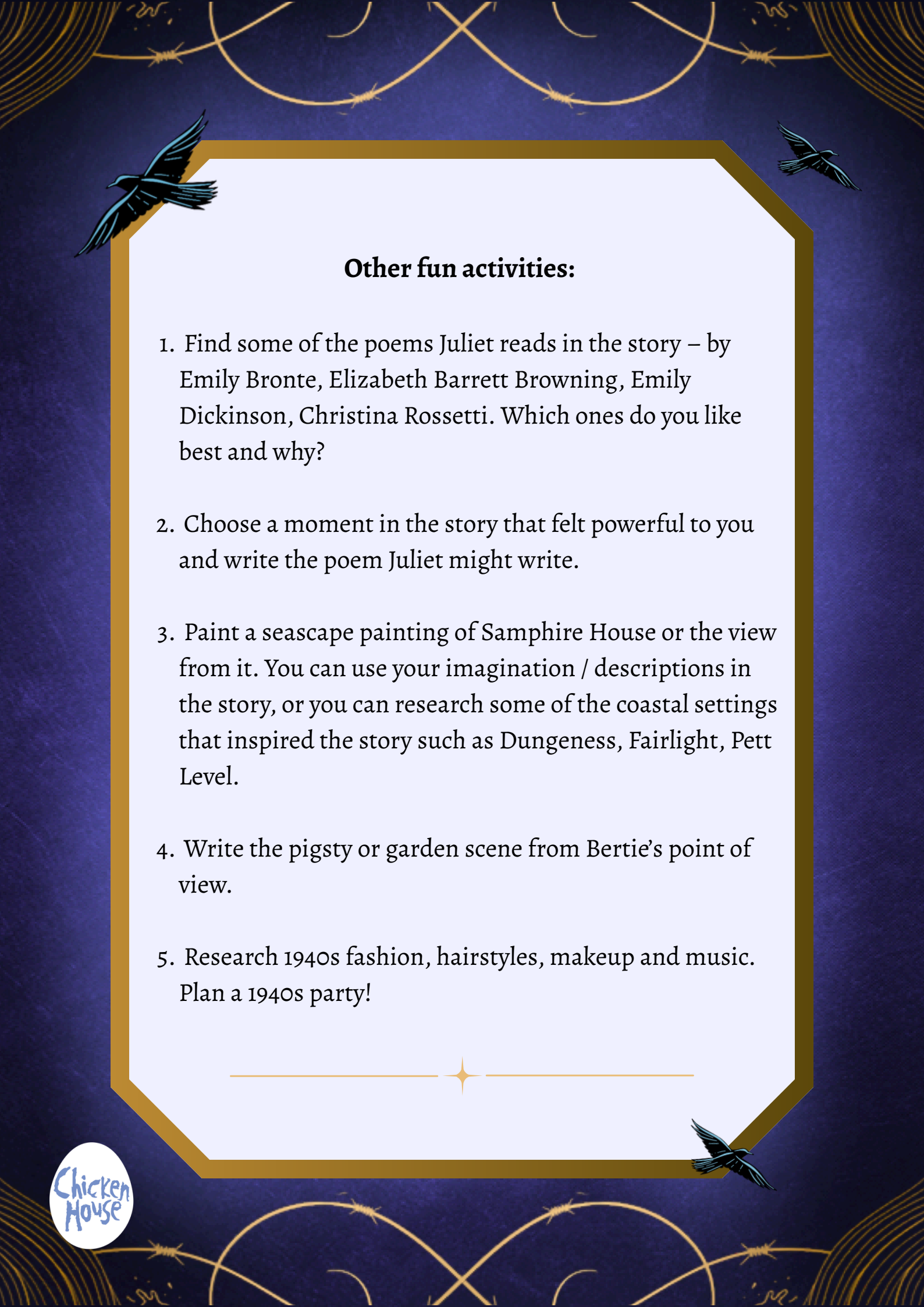
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Questions

- ★ Why do you think Juliet wants her sister and father to stop calling her Bunny / Bun?
 - ★ If you could go for a picnic on the beach with any of the characters in the story, who would it be and why?
 - ★ Do you forgive Xander for what he did to Juliet? Why / why not?
 - ★ Why do you think Frances has distanced herself from her sister and father?
 - ★ Do you think the ghosts of Samphire House are real? What do you think they are and why might they be haunting the house?
 - ★ Why do you think the poems are so important to Juliet?
 - ★ What do you think Bertie means by “find something bigger than the fear”?
 - ★ What was your favourite moment in the story and why?
 - ★ Did the story end as you thought it would? What predictions did you make as you read the book?
 - ★ What do you think of the title *Cut Him Out in Little Stars*? If you could give the book a different title, what would it be?
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Other fun activities:

1. Find some of the poems Juliet reads in the story – by Emily Bronte, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Emily Dickinson, Christina Rossetti. Which ones do you like best and why?
 2. Choose a moment in the story that felt powerful to you and write the poem Juliet might write.
 3. Paint a seascape painting of Samphire House or the view from it. You can use your imagination / descriptions in the story, or you can research some of the coastal settings that inspired the story such as Dungeness, Fairlight, Pett Level.
 4. Write the pigsty or garden scene from Bertie's point of view.
 5. Research 1940s fashion, hairstyles, makeup and music. Plan a 1940s party!
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