

Charlotte Doyle Extension Activities

Projects are DUE by the end of the Literature Unit

1. Design an illustrated timeline. On a long sheet of paper, label and illustrate 12 important story events in *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*.
2. Design a shoe box diorama that shows your favorite scene from the novel. Pay careful attention to the details in the scene you select. Share your diorama with the class and see if classmates can identify the scene you have chosen.
3. Design three bookmarks featuring important characters or events from the novel. Decorate each bookmark with a brief description and picture of the character or event.
4. Write a catchy title for each chapter of the novel. Make a Table of Contents that includes your chapters, titles and page numbers.
5. Make a poster that lists Charlotte's character traits when she stepped aboard the Seahawk in Liverpool and when she stepped off the Seahawk in Providence. Show how Charlotte changed during her trip. Another option: Make a two-part art collage that shows BEFORE and AFTER versions of Charlotte.
6. Imagine that *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* is to be made into a movie. Design a poster to advertise the movie. Your poster should contain an illustration of one of the movie's scenes and describe the action so we'll want to see the movie. It should also name the stars playing the various roles.
7. Design a book jacket for *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*. On the covers create illustrations of your favorite scenes from the book. Include a quote to accompany the back cover illustration. Write a brief summary of the book and a short biography of Avi for the jacket flaps.
8. Build a model of a brig like the Seahawk. Wood, Styrofoam, paper, clay, or papier-mâché, it should look like the pictures in the book. Use the novel as a reference for details.
9. Avi had the Seahawk face a hurricane during its voyage. Write a report on one of the following: What's the difference between hurricanes, typhoons, cyclones and tornadoes? How are hurricanes named?
10. Research the admiralty codes—the system of law concerning ships and the sea during the 1830's. Pay particular attention to information concerning the relationship of the ship's captain to his crew. Report on your findings and compare this to how Capt. Jaggery treated his crew.