

TEACHER'S GUIDE

“Diversion – A MacIver Kids Adventure”

BASIC INFORMATION

Grade Level: 7-12

Reading Level: Advanced Middle Grade to Young Adult

Subjects: English Language Arts, Science, Social Studies

CONTENT ADVISORY

- Family separation
 - Mild violence
 - Social inequality
 - Physical abuse (Diana's storyline)
 - Complex political themes
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CORE CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Science

- Astronomy (Jupiter and its moons)
- Physics (space travel, gravity)
- Biology (radiation effects)
- Environmental Science (underwater ecosystems)
- Engineering (city systems, space technology)

Social Studies

- Cultural Studies
- Political Systems
- Social Hierarchies
- Immigration/Adaptation
- Gender Roles
- Civil Rights

Language Arts

- Character Development
- Plot Structure
- Theme Analysis
- Symbolism
- Perspective

- World Building
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WEEKLY LESSON PLANS

Week 1: Introduction and Setting

Objectives:

- Understand basic space science
- Introduce world-building concepts
- Establish character tracking

Activities:

1. Create character maps
2. Research Jupiter and Europa
3. Compare/contrast Earth and Atlantean society
4. Design underwater city systems

Assessment:

- Create Atlantis map
- Write Europa report

Week 2: Family and Cultural Identity

Objectives:

- Explore family concepts
- Analyze cultural differences
- Examine adoption themes

Activities:

1. Family tree projects
2. Cultural comparison charts
3. Discussion circles
4. Personal essays

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Assessment:

- Compare/contrast essay
- Cultural artifact creation

Week 3: Power and Society

Objectives:

- Analyze political systems
- Examine social justice
- Understand power dynamics

Activities:

1. Political Venn diagrams
2. Council meeting role-play
3. Leadership analysis
4. Social justice debates

Assessment:

- Position paper
- Political system proposal

Week 4: Technology and Ethics

Objectives:

- Examine ethical decisions
- Analyze technological impact
- Consider consequences

Activities:

1. Ethics debates
2. Protection system design
3. Technology discussions
4. Decision tree creation

Assessment:

- Ethics essay
 - Scientific solution design
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 **CLASSROOM PROJECTS**

Science Projects

- Jupiter system modeling
- Underwater habitat design
- Resource management planning

Language Arts Projects

- Character backstories
- Additional chapters
- Letter writing
- Plot analysis

Social Studies Projects

- Cultural guide creation
 - Social system comparison
 - Gender role analysis
 - Government design
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 **DISCUSSION THEMES**

Identity and Belonging

1. MacIver family bonds
2. Cultural identity definition
3. Environmental adaptation

Power and Leadership

1. Effective leadership traits
2. Power effects
3. Gender in leadership

Science and Technology

1. Scientific realism
 2. Technological roles
 3. Science/society interaction
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ASSESSMENT OPTIONS

Formal

- Chapter quizzes
- Analysis essays
- Concept tests
- Comparison papers
- Project presentations

Creative

- Technology design
- Character journals
- City modeling
- Alternative endings
- News reporting

Group

- Promotional materials
 - Board game design
 - Scene performance
 - Documentary creation
 - Website development
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CROSS-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Math Integration

- Space calculations
- Infrastructure design
- Population statistics

Art Integration

- Fashion design
- Landscape creation
- Portrait drawing
- Cover design

Technology Integration

- Digital modeling
- Interface design
- Simulation programming

Drama Integration

- Scene performance
 - Radio play creation
 - Character monologues
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ACCOMMODATIONS

Reading Support

- Audio options
- Chapter summaries
- Vocabulary aids
- Reading guides

Writing Support

- Templates
- Graphic organizers
- Outlines
- Peer editing

Learning Styles

- Visual aids
 - Hands-on activities
 - Group discussions
 - Movement activities
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RESOURCES

Required

- Book copies
- Science references
- Art supplies
- Technology access

Optional

- Maps
 - Scientific models
 - Cultural artifacts
 - Documentary films
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 **IMPLEMENTATION NOTES**

- Adapt to grade level
- Consider sensitive topics
- Use multiple approaches
- Include all students
- Connect to current events
- Make real-world connections

Guide can be modified based on grade level, time available, resources, student needs, and curriculum requirements