

Name: _____

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My Book Review 

Title: Frindle

Author: Andrew Clements

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Please answer in neat, complete sentences. Attach a loose leaf piece of paper if you need more room.

Main Characters: (Describe them in a few sentences each.)

Nick Granger is the main character in Frindle. He is a 5th grade student with a reputation for being mischievous. One year he turned his classroom into a tropical island. Mrs Granger is Nick's language arts teacher. She is very stern teacher. She loves the dictionary and assigns students a word of the day. If they don't complete the assignment they get two words.

Setting: (Where/when does the story take place?)

Most of the story takes place at Lincoln Elementary School. This school is located in the small town of Westfield.

Describe the plot: (What is your story about? Include main events.)

Frindle is about how Nick Allen invents a new word for pen, frindle. He is inspired to invent this word after he does a report on the dictionary, and begins to wonder where words come from. He gets the other students in his school to use the word as well, and this causes a big disruption in the school. Mrs. Granger wants to keep the students from using the word frindle. She feels the word pen has a history because it comes from the word pinna, meaning feather. As a result, she begins to keep students after school and the word frindle spreads through reports in the news because of the chaos at Lincoln Elementary.

Use one of the following prompts to write about your book.

I'm wondering... I noticed... This book reminds me of...

I can't believe... This book was confusing because...

I can't believe that Mrs. Granger was on Nick's side all along. At the end of the story Nick receives a letter she wrote to him 10 years earlier that he dated and signed. In the letter she congratulates him because frindle has officially become a word. In addition to the letter, she sends him a copy of the new dictionary that includes the word frindle.

I would/would not recommend this book to a friend because...

I would recommend this book to a friend. I think the characters are clever, like Nick inventing a new word, and Mrs. Granger helping him all along, but secretly pretending not to. Also I liked how Nick became rich through the sale of frindle merchandise. What I liked about this is that he took care of his family by paying for trips and his niece's college. He also set up a scholarship of one million dollars in Mrs. Granger's name.

Book Rating: How many stars would you give this book? Color them in.

