

Title of Book: Danger Along the Ohio

Author's Name: Patricia Willis

Publisher: HarperTrophy

Copyright year: 1999

Reading Level: 5th

Genre: historical-fiction

Synopsis:

Amos, a 13-year-old boy, and his family are riding a flatboat on the Ohio River finding a place to settle along the Ohio River Valley. As they are floating down the river they are forced to flee from the boat after they are raided by Shawnee Indians. Amos, along with his younger sister and brother, are forced to flee the boat and end up a Marietta, Ohio, a town that banks the Ohio River. The three siblings try unsuccessfully to avoid being captured by the Shawnee's to find their father, not knowing whether he is alive or not. In the process they help save an injured Shawnee boy and begin a friendship with him, showing us that white easterners and Native Americans can coincide.

Theme: Relationships

Activity One: The Past

- <http://english.unitecology.ac.nz/resources/resources/books.html>
- Objective of this activity is to write about what may have happened leading up to actions in this book, making connections.
- After the book has been read, the students will write about what they believe happened in the past, leading up to the actions and scenes in this book. The students should be writing about Amos and his family, connecting the past with what they already know has happened in this book. If students are having trouble with this it may help to explain what a prequel is.

Activity Two: Characterizing Characters

- Original---Jeff Mendenhall
- The object is to choose characters from the book and describe their feelings, actions, etc.
- During and after the book has been read the students shall make a character's table on a piece of paper. The students will pick three characters from the book and write about their feelings, actions, and how they develop within the story.