

# Diary of a Wimpy Kid



## GETTING TO GRIP WITH THE BOOKS

### TEACHING NOTES

#### **Aims:**

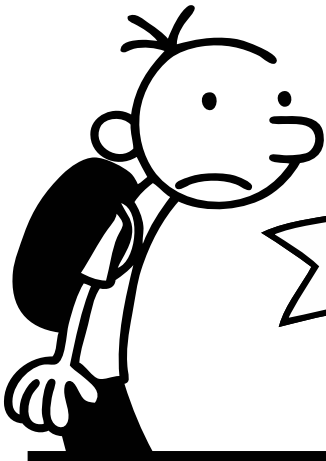
- Pupils are given the opportunity to explore one of the series of books to gather evidence as to why their book is the 'best' in the series. This will involve a range of activities including: character and text analysis, summarizing of key events and completion of writing response tasks.
- These findings will then be used to promote their given text through the production of campaign materials such as posters, cartoons and video clips. They will also be asked to present their materials in order to persuade others that their given book is superior to the others in the series.
- A simple vote will conclude the activities, with an opportunity to explore voting systems and processes.

Before the children can begin their campaigns to promote their book, first they've got to find out what makes it so great!

- Lots of your class may already be familiar with the stories but if not, and also as a useful refresher, why not try a 'Read a book in a day' activity? Divide the book by number of pages (giving more competent readers a larger share of the text). Allocate a quiet reading time to this. Each reader then summarizes their section of the book until a complete overview of the book has been given.
- Complete the book review package, including an author profile, character analysis, emotions chart and text analysis.
- Decide on the book's best bits - these will be key when promoting the text on the 'campaign trail'. Use the ranking activities to start off discussions about the best bits for each book.

#### **Resources:**

Author profile  
Character analysis  
Character emotions chart  
Text analysis  
Identifying the best bits



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So who is this Jeff Kinney guy?!

### About the author:

Born:

Lives:

Married:

Children:

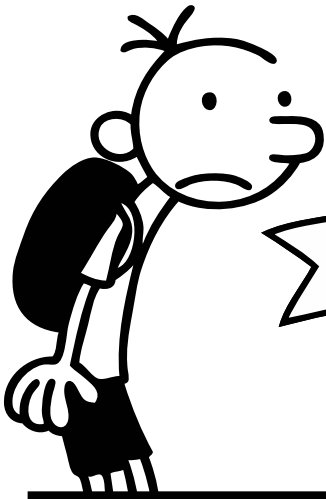
Jobs:

Interests:

Books written:

Greatest achievement:

Picture of most well known character!



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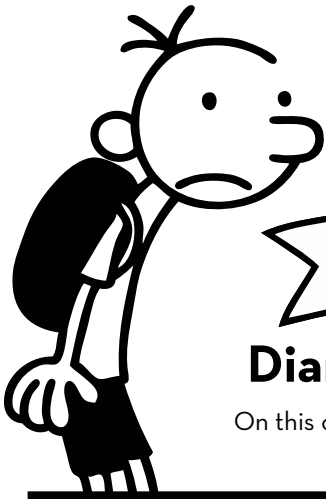
## CHARACTER ANALYSIS

### So, who is GREG HEFFLEY?

Use quotes from Greg Heffley's diary to give you clues about him.

Use these to build up a picture of what he's really like. What makes him tick?

Quotes: what it says in the diary		What clues does this give us about Greg?
PHYSICAL		
INTERESTS/HOBBIES		
BEHAVIOUR		



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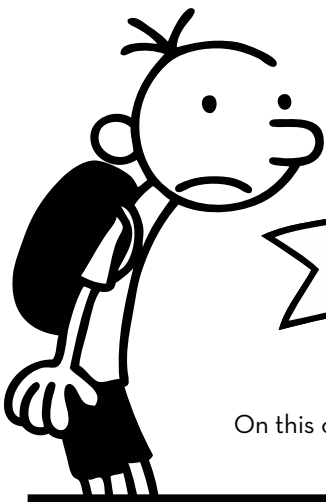


## CHARACTER'S EMOTION CHART

### Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg's ups and downs

On this chart, mark how happy or sad you think Greg is feeling at different points in the story.

	very sad	sad	normal	happy	very happy
voting for school council					
getting ready for Halloween					
weight lifting training					
taking part in Wizard of Oz play					
opening Christmas presents					
being selected for the safety patrol					
not making it as school cartoonist					
falling out with Rowley					



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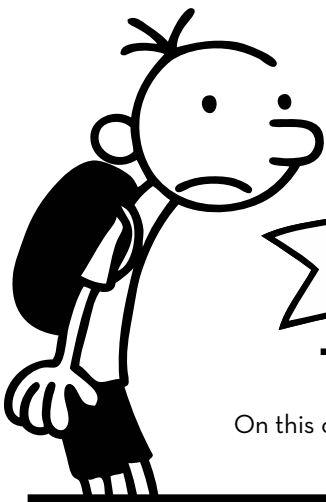


## CHARACTER ANALYSIS

### Rodrick Rules: Greg's ups and downs

On this chart, mark how happy or sad you think Greg is feeling at different points in the story.

	very sad	sad	normal	happy	very happy
being on the swim team					
thinking up the invisible Chirag joke					
finding a stash of 'fake' mom bucks					
having to help clear up after Rodrick's party					
playing 'Magic & Monster' with Leland					
having drumming lessons with Rodrick					
spending time with Grandpa					
Rodrick's band not winning the talent contest					



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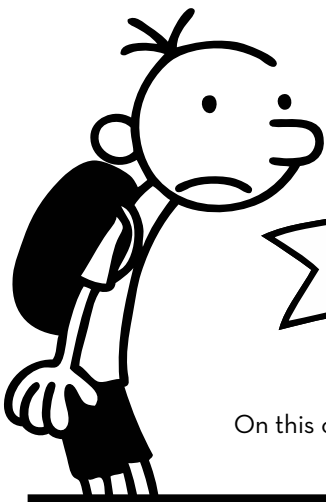
## CHARACTER ANALYSIS



### The Last Straw: Greg's ups and downs

On this chart, mark how happy or sad you think Greg is feeling at different points in the story.

	very sad	sad	normal	happy	very happy
planning the time capsule with Rowley					
Mrs Craig's missing dictionary					
discovering who the snack thief is					
the half birthday party					
sending trick Valentine's Day cards					
at the church Easter service					
being part of the soccer team					
getting his first Scout badge					



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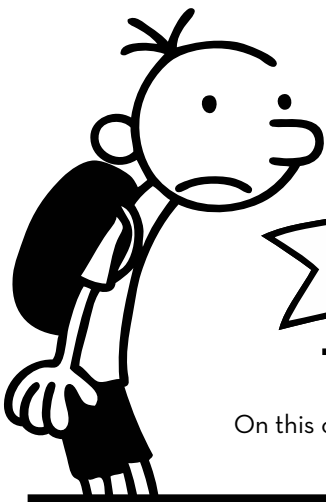
## CHARACTER ANALYSIS



### Dog Days: Greg's ups and downs

On this chart, mark how happy or sad you think Greg is feeling at different points in the story.

	very sad	sad	normal	happy	very happy
having to go to mom's 'reading club'					
spending time at the club with Rowley					
reading Li'l Cutie cartoon with Dad					
family trip to Slipslide Waterpark					
Dad brings home a new pet					
hanging around Heather Hills at the pool					
heading off to the beach with Rowley					
waiting for the Game Hut competition					



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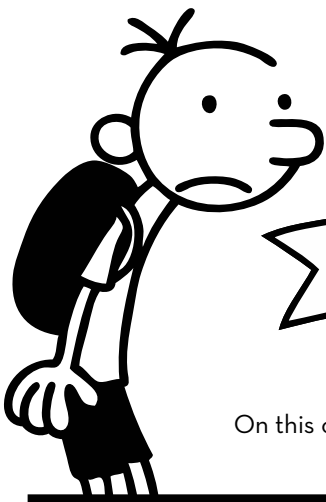


### The Ugly Truth: Greg's ups and downs

On this chart, mark how happy or sad you think Greg is feeling at different points in the story.

	very sad	sad	normal	happy	very happy
entering the Peachy Breeze competition					
Mom says she is returning to school					
Mom scrambles his egg					
visiting the dental hygienist Rachel					
Mom says they are getting a maid					
playing 'Guess Who?' at the party					
Jordan Jury invites him to his party					
being a flower boy at the wedding					





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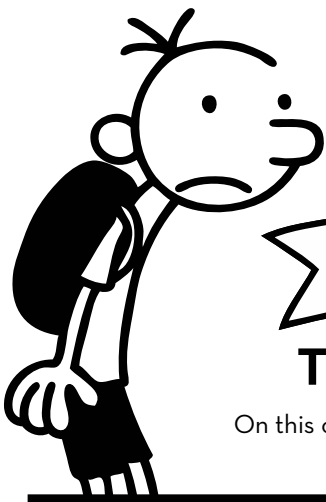


## CHARACTER ANALYSIS

### Cabin Fever: Greg's ups and downs

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Santa's Scout watches over him					
when the playground equipment is removed					
looking after Alfrendo					
playing Net Kritters on the computer					
getting the student of the week award					
setting up the newspaper with Rowley					
being caught as the school vandal					
finding Alfrendo after the flood					



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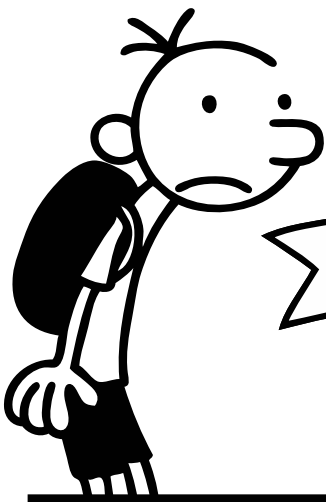
## CHARACTER ANALYSIS



### The Third Wheel: Greg's ups and downs

On this chart, mark how happy or sad you think Greg is feeling at different points in the story.

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Family trips to Corney's restaurant					
Uncle Gary sleeping on the couch					
Mom making Greg wear HER coat					
Catching chicken pox					
The Valentine's Dance					
Going to Dad's 'Bring Your Child to Work Day'					
Discovering the school teachers have better toilet roll than the kids					
Wearing Rodrick's old under pants!					



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## TEXT ANALYSIS

Picking the book to bits!  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Meet Greg's family - the good, bad and the ugly facts!

Mom

Dad

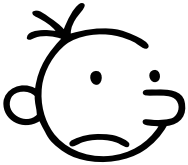
Rodrick

Manny

What would Greg say about . . . Marty Porter

Patty Farrell

Uncle Charlie

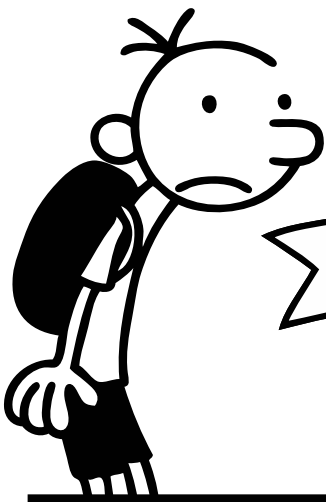


What happens to Greg - highlights (and low lights) of his year

Greg's most used phrases

My best bit was when . . . because . . .

Who would you recommend this book to? Why?

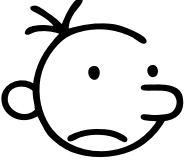
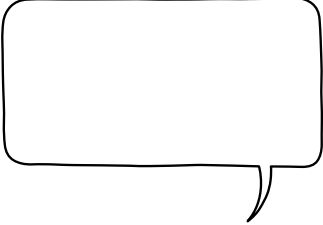
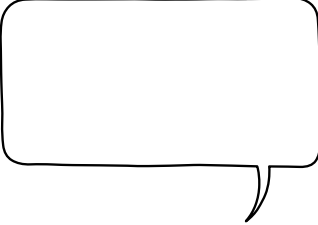
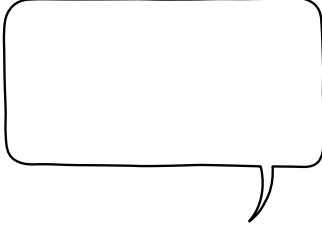


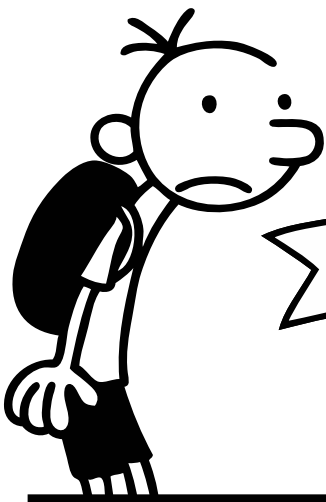
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## TEXT ANALYSIS

### Picking the book to bits! Rodrick Rules

Meet Greg's family - the good, bad and the ugly facts!			
Mom	Dad	Rodrick	Manny
What would Greg say about . . .	Chirag	Leland	Grandma
			
What happens to Greg - highlights (and low lights) of his year	Greg's most used phrases		
My best bit was when . . . because . . .	Who would you recommend this book to? Why?		



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The Last Straw

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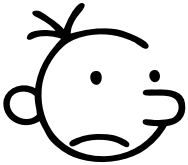
Rodrick

Manny

What would Greg say about . . . Holly Hills

Mrs Craig

The Snella family

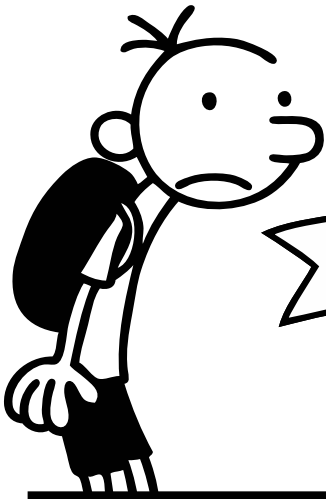


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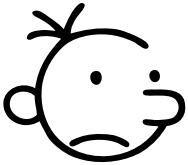
Mom

Dad

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Manny

What would Greg say about . . . Heather Hills



Sweetie

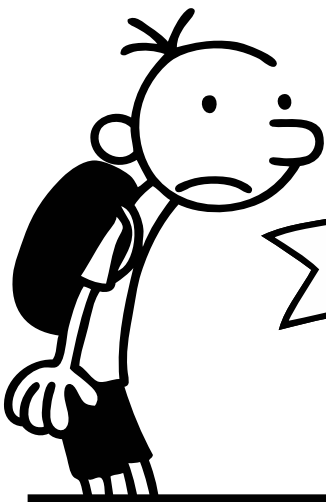
Rowley's parents

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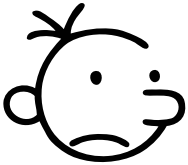
Mom

Dad

Rodrick

Manny

What would Greg say about . . . Uncle Garry



Gammie

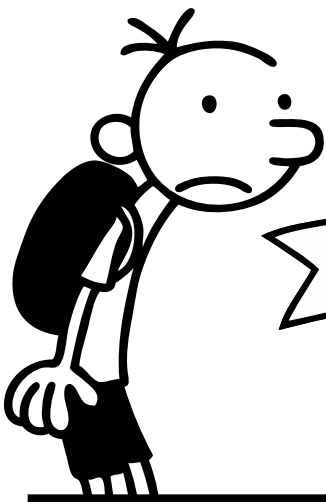
Nurse Powel

What happens to Greg - highlights (and low lights) of his year

Greg's most used phrases

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Cabin Fever

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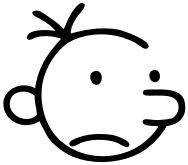
Mom

Dad

Rodrick

Manny

What would Greg say about . . . Nasty Pants



Santa's scout

Vice Principal Roy

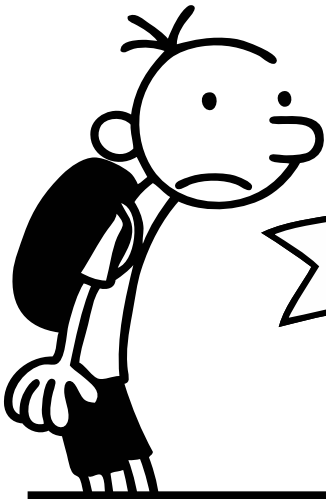
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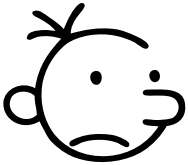
Mom

Dad

Rodrick

Manny

What would Greg say about . . . Uncle Gary



Abigail

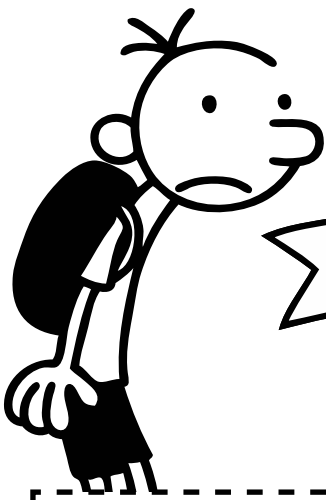
Ruby Bird

What happens to Greg - highlights (and low lights) of his year

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## IDENTIFYING THE BEST BITS

Ranking key events!  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid

School council  
elections

Halloween  
celebrations

Weight lifting  
training

Wizard of  
Oz school  
production

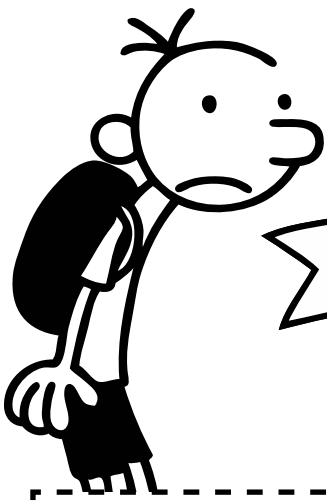
Disappointing  
Christmas  
gifts

Rowley's  
broken hand

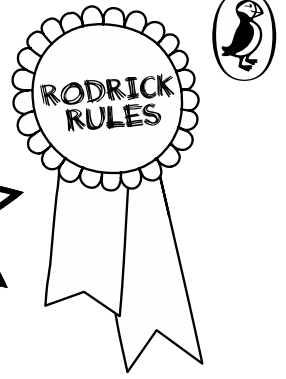
School safety  
patrol

Designing a  
new school  
cartoon

Falling out  
with Rowley



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## IDENTIFYING THE BEST BITS

Ranking key events!  
Rodrick Rules

Making the  
swim team

Chirag the  
Invisible

Mom bucks

Rodrick's  
party

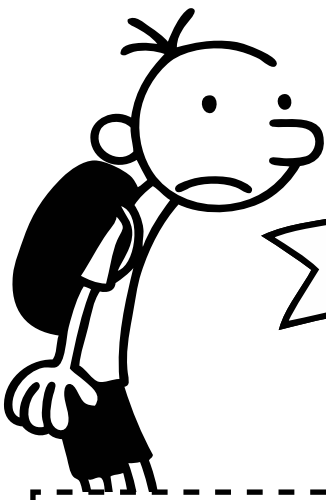
Playing magic  
and monsters

Drumming  
lessons with  
Rodrick

Thanksgiving  
celebrations

Spending time  
with Grandma

Talent show  
disasters



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Ranking key events!  
The Last Straw

Planning a  
time capsule

The mystery  
of the missing  
dictionary

The snack  
thief

Another  
half birthday  
party at the  
Snella's

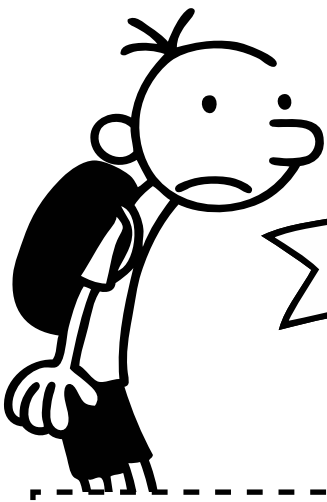
Valentine's Day  
antics

Easter service  
embarrassment

Running out of  
clean clothes

Playing  
April fools

Military school  
'v' Boy scouts



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## IDENTIFYING THE BEST BITS

Ranking key events!  
Dog Days

Mom's reading club

Lawn mower services

Friends' parties 'v' family parties

Reading 'Li'l Cutie'

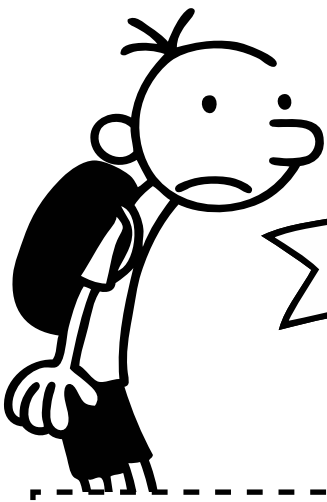
Having fun at Slipslide Water Park

Father's Day and the new dog

Visiting the town pool

Heading to the beach with Rowley

Game Hut competition



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## IDENTIFYING THE BEST BITS

Ranking key events!  
The Ugly Truth

Finding a  
best friend  
replacement

Mom goes back  
to school

The facts of  
life: looking  
after the egg

A trip to the  
dentist

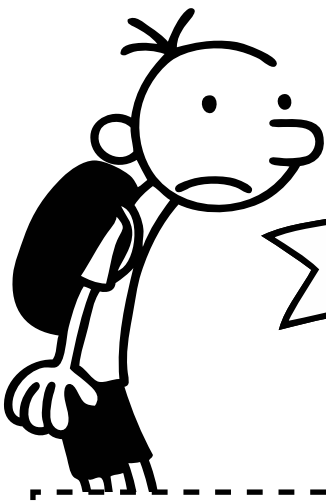
Grandpa  
babysitting

Hired help -  
Isabella the  
maid

School lock-in  
party

Visiting  
Gammie's house

Uncle Gary's  
wedding



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Ranking key events!  
Cabin Fever

Naughty or  
nice? Santa's  
Scout

Alfredo the  
dolly

Looking after  
Net Kritterz

Money making -  
shovelling snow

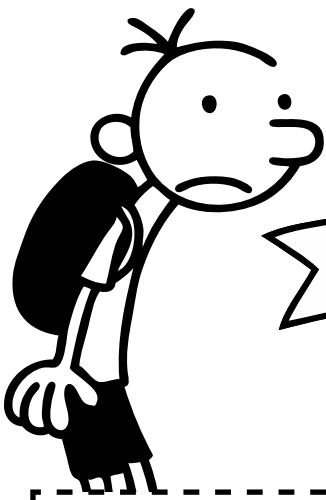
Student of  
the week

The  
presidential  
fitness test

Ideas for the  
holiday fair

School vandals  
aka Greg and  
Rowley

The great  
flood!



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Ranking key events!  
The Third Wheel

Greg being born

Greg rescues Manny in Corny's

Uncle Gary comes to stay

The Valentine's Dance

Greg babysits Wesley

Greg wears Dad's leather jacket

Greg catches chicken pox

Ruby Bird the serial biter

Greg buys Candy Grams for himself





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