

JUDY BLUME: TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING



**SIBLING RIVALRY: WHY DO WE COMPETE WITH OUR
LOVED ONES???**

Framing questions:

**How might we help Fudge and Peter work it out? What advice would we give
them (that would also secretly benefit us!)?**

**How might some of our vocabulary words help us give the brothers some
advice?**



“If there’s a problem with your family then we work out.” Jurassic, featuring
Dave Matthews--perhaps play the song if students are interested

VOCABULARY WORDS

advantages, announced,
advertising, complained, delicious,
discussing, hollered, insulted,
reptile, slurping

<p>How might our vocabulary words help us with this advice?</p>	<p>Partners--select a somewhat familiar word. Find it in the text! What do you think it means? Draw your understanding! You may use the dictionary, the story, each other, and your own background experiences to figure it out and to represent the word visually.</p>
<p>Let's let our vocabulary words tell a visual story</p>	<p>post them on the board, talk about the meaning of the pictures and words. Perhaps we can organize them to tell a new or deepened story about Fudgie and Peter.</p>
<p>Now back to the rivalry! How might these words be used in a letter of advice?</p>	<p>Let's have students talk to each other in their pairs about advice and practice using their words. For example, one partner might say, "There are a lot of advantages to getting along well with your brother. You can share a reptile or gang up on your parents and do a lot of slurping at the dinner table!"</p> <p>Once they have practiced giving each other advice, each student will write his or her own advice letter to either Fudgie or to Peter.</p>

Interesting side conversation or enrolling activity: Can you think of some famous sibling

rivalries?

Serena and Venus Williams, Bert and Ernie, The Jacksons--maybe some students would want to research these or others and share with the class how the rivalry helped the individuals succeed.

This is a fun article: <http://www.zencollegelife.com/historys-10-most-famous-sibling-rivalries/>

NOTE: Be sure to include those who are only children--have them think about a cousin or a close friend.

GREAT QUOTES ABOUT FAMILY (MAYBE POST AROUND THE ROOM?):

You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them. - Desmond Tutu

It takes two men to make one brother. - Israel Zangwill

There is a little boy inside the man who is my brother... Oh, how I hated that little boy. And how I love him too. - Anna Quindlan

It snowed last year too: I made a snowman and my brother knocked it down and I knocked my brother down and then we had tea. - Dylan Thomas

Siblings are the people we practice on, the people who teach us about fairness and cooperation and kindness and caring, quite often the hard way. - Pamela Dugdale



