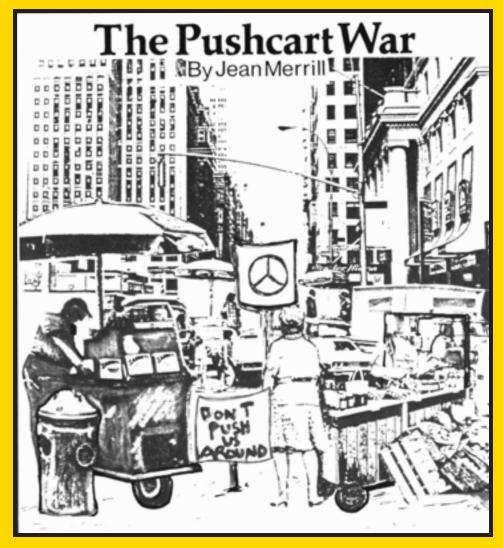
Novel·Ties



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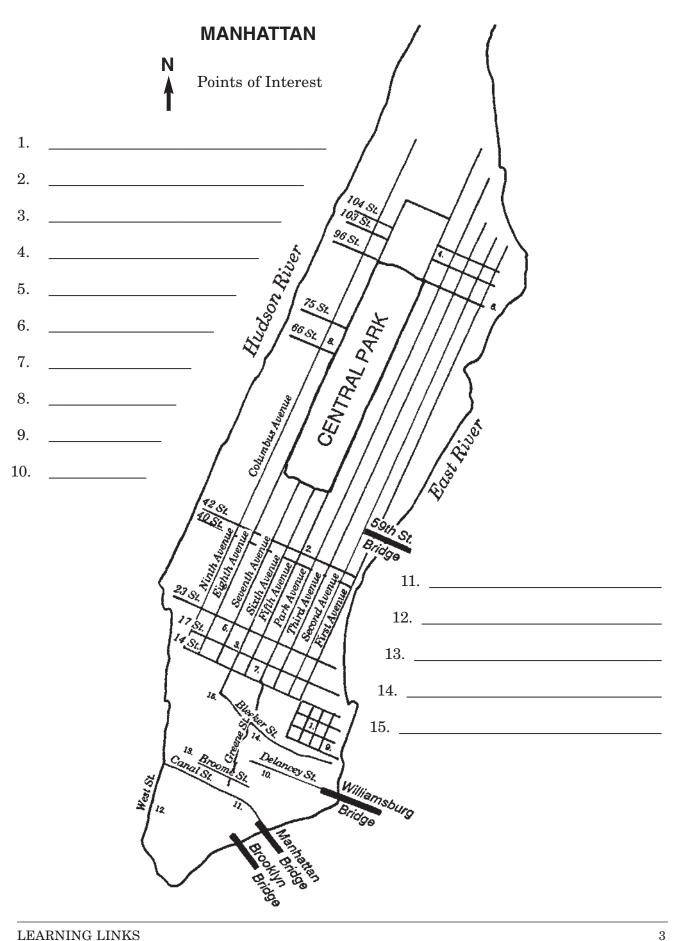
For the Teacher

This reproducible study guide to use in conjunction with the novel *The Pushcart War* consists of lessons for guided reading. Written in chapter-by-chapter format, the guide contains a synopsis, pre-reading activities, vocabulary and comprehension exercises, as well as extension activities to be used as follow-up to the novel.

In a homogeneous classroom, whole class instruction with one title is appropriate. In a heterogeneous classroom, reading groups should be formed: each group works on a different novel at its own reading level. Depending upon the length of time devoted to reading in the classroom, each novel, with its guide and accompanying lessons, may be completed in three to six weeks.

Begin using NOVEL-TIES for reading development by distributing the novel and a folder to each child. Distribute duplicated pages of the study guide for students to place in their folders. After examining the cover and glancing through the book, students can participate in several pre-reading activities. Vocabulary questions should be considered prior to reading a chapter; all other work should be done after the chapter has been read. Comprehension questions can be answered orally or in writing. The classroom teacher should determine the amount of work to be assigned, always keeping in mind that readers must be nurtured and that the ultimate goal is encouraging students' love of reading.

The benefits of using NOVEL-TIES are numerous. Students read good literature in the original, rather than in abridged or edited form. The good reading habits, formed by practice in focusing on interpretive comprehension and literary techniques, will be transferred to the books students read independently. Passive readers become active, avid readers.



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CHAPTERS I – III

Vocabulary: Draw a line from each word on the left to its definition on the right. Then use the numbered words to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

| 1. | massacre | a. | kept free from harm | |
|----|--|------|---|--|
| 2. | mammoth | b. | stirring up; instigating | |
| 3. | peddler | c. | legal or official paper | |
| 4. | firm | d. | gigantic | |
| 5. | preserved | e. | slaughter of many people | |
| 6. | document | f. | one who moves from place to place to sell goods | |
| 7. | provoking | g. | company; business | |
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| 1. | The insurance | | sent bills to all its customers. | |
| 2. | The | walk | xed up and down the busy streets selling his wares. | |
| 3. | A shocking | | made headlines in all the newspapers. | |
| 4. | Each copy of the Declaration of Independence is an importantthat must be well protected. | | | |
| | that must be well protected. | | | |
| 5. | No one wanted to be her friend because she was constantly arguments. | | | |
| 6. | The airplane seemed to dwarf all of the others on the runway. | | | |
| 7. | In ancient Egypt the human remains of important people wereas mummies. | | | |
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| | Read to find out how the Pushcart war began. | | | |

Questions:

- 1. Why was the incident between Mack and Morris called a "massacre"?
- 2. How did Marvin Seely's picture become important?
- 3. Why was Maxie known as the Pushcart King?

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