



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?!

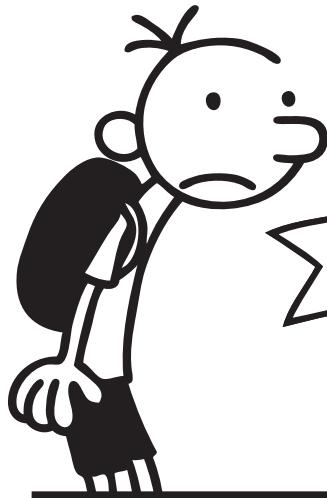
About the author:

Born:	Lives:
Married:	Children:
Jobs:	Interests:

Books written:

Greatest achievement:

Picture of most well known character!



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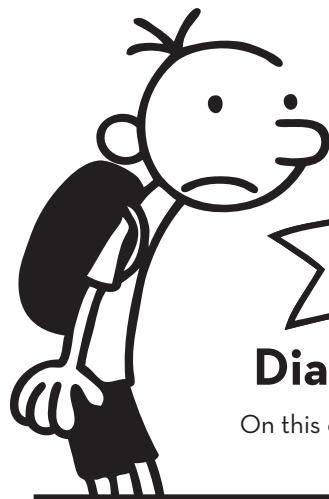
CHARACTER ANALYSIS

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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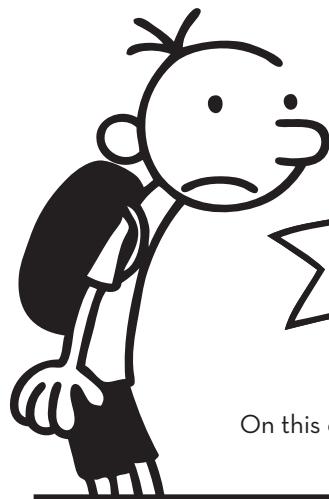
CHARACTER'S EMOTION CHART



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

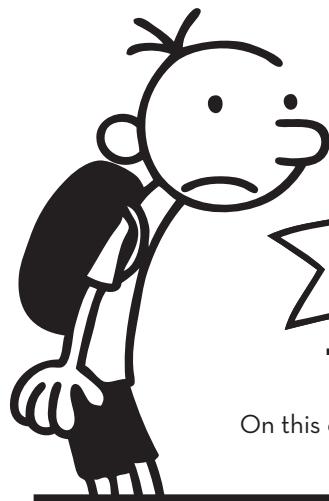


RODRICK
RULES

Rodrick Rules: Greg's ups and downs

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	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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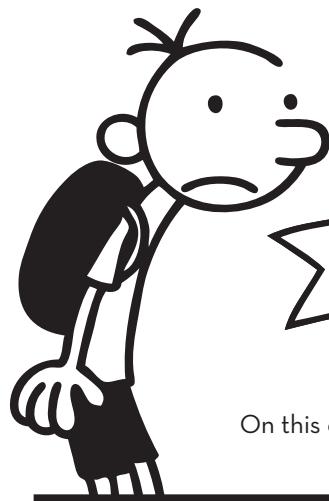
The Last Straw: Greg's ups and downs

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THE
LAST
STRAW

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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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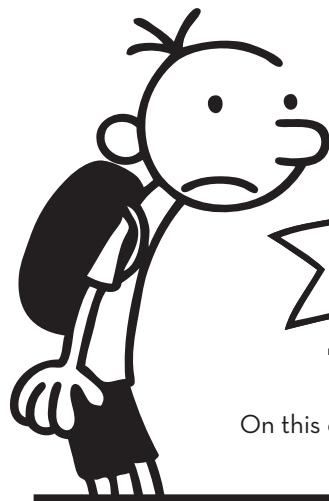
CHARACTER ANALYSIS

Dog Days: Greg's ups and downs

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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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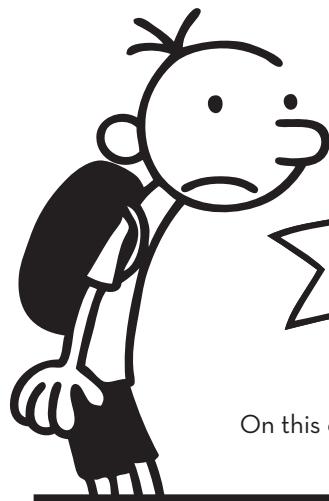


THE
UGLY
TRUTH

The Ugly Truth: Greg's ups and downs

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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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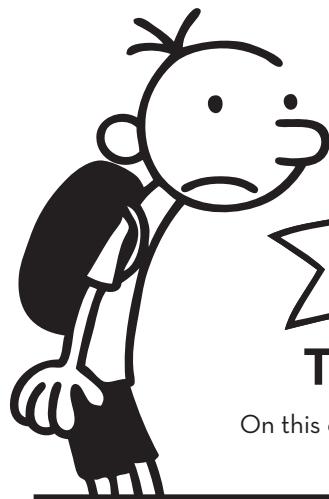
CHARACTER ANALYSIS

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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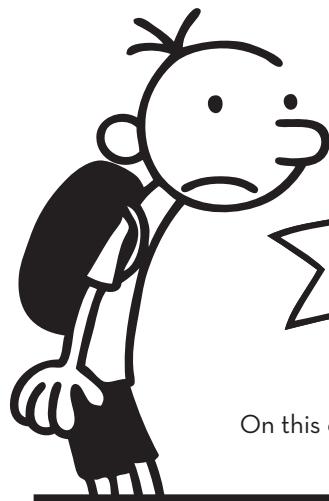
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The Third Wheel: Greg's ups and downs

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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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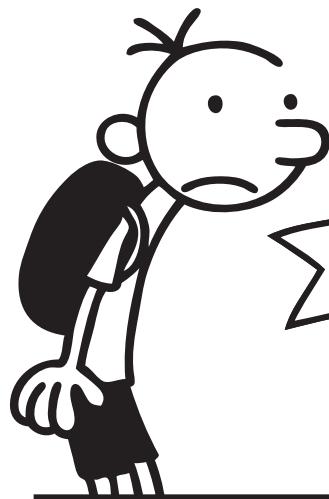
CHARACTER ANALYSIS

Hard Luck: Greg's ups and downs

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Rowley and Abigail					
Greg visits the playground 'Find A Friend Station'					
Fregley blows a bubble with his belly button					
Being chased by the Mingo Kids					
Using the Magic 8 ball					
Finding Meemaw's plastic egg and diamond ring!					
Becoming friends with Rowley again					
Auntie Veronica video calling whilst Greg is using the toilet!					



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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!

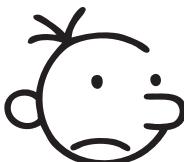
Mom

Dad

Rodrick

Manny

What would Greg say about . . . Marty Porter



Patty Farrell

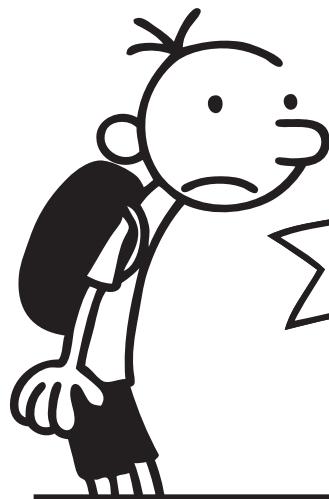
Uncle Charlie

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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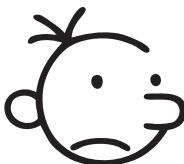


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What would Greg say about ... Chirag



Leland

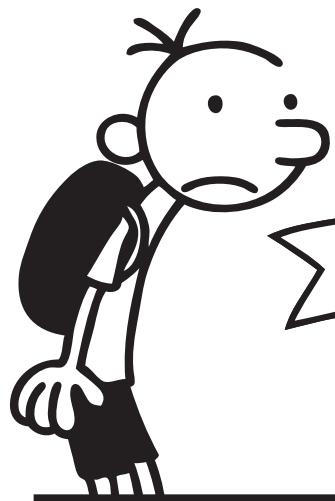
Grandma

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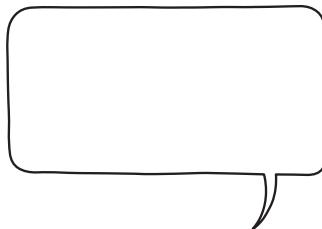
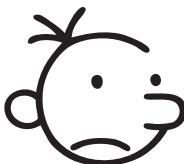
Mom

Dad

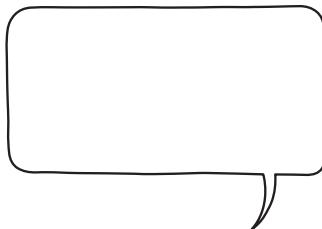
Rodrick

Manny

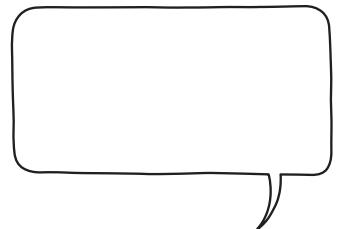
What would Greg say about ... Holly Hills



Mrs Craig



The Snella family

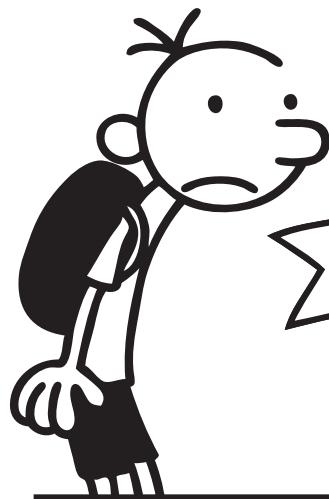


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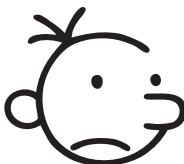
Mom

Dad

Rodrick

Manny

What would Greg say about ... Heather Hills



Sweetie

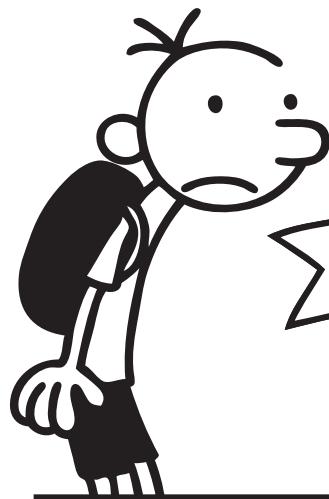
Rowley's parents

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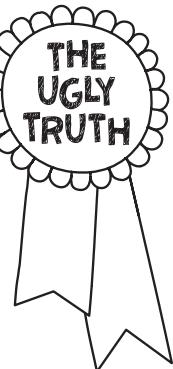
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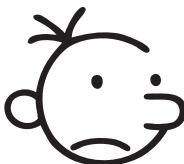
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What would Greg say about ... Uncle Garry



Gammie

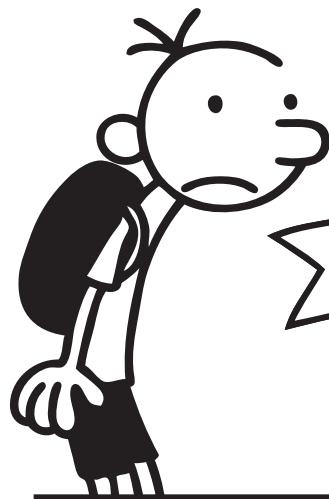
Nurse Powel

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CABIN
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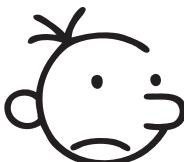
Mom

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What would Greg say about . . . Nasty Pants



Santa's scout

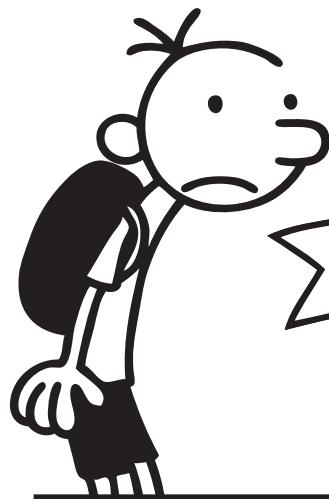
Vice Principal Roy

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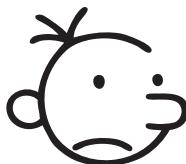
Picking the book to bits! The Third Wheel



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What would Greg say about ... Uncle Gary



Abigail

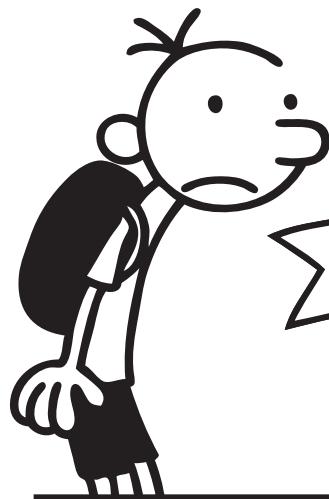
Ruby Bird

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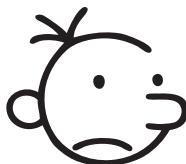
Picking the book to bits! Hard Luck



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What would Greg say about ... Fregley



Abigail

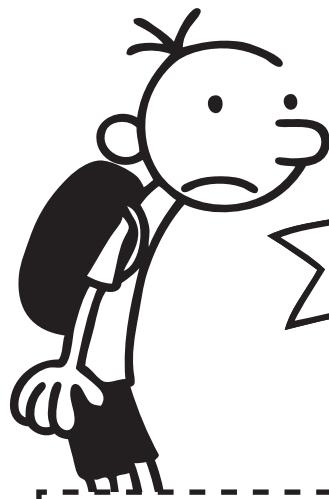
The Mingo Kids

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Ranking key events!
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School council
elections

Halloween
celebrations

Weight lifting
training

Wizard of
Oz school
production

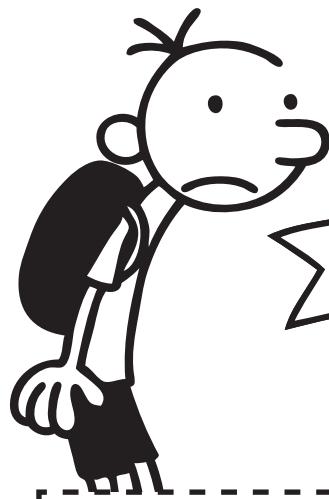
Disappointing
Christmas
gifts

Rowley's
broken hand

School safety
patrol

Designing a
new school
cartoon

Falling out
with Rowley



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Rodrick Rules



Making the
swim team

Chirag the
Invisible

Mom bucks

Rodrick's
party

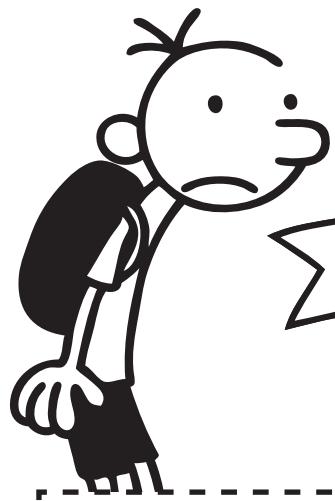
Playing magic
and monsters

Drumming
lessons with
Rodrick

Thanksgiving
celebrations

Spending time
with Grandma

Talent show
disasters



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The Last Straw

Planning a
time capsule

The mystery
of the missing
dictionary

The snack
thief

Another
half birthday
party at the
Snella's

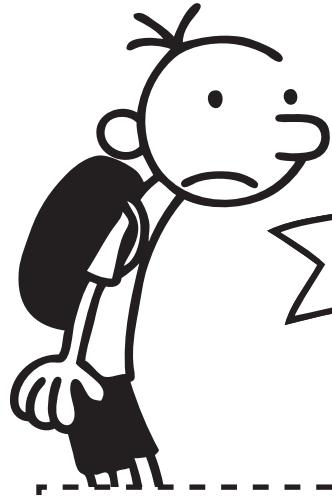
Valentine's Day
antics

Easter service
embarrassment

Running out of
clean clothes

Playing
April fools

Military school
'v' Boy scouts



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Ranking key events!
Dog Days

Mom's reading club

Lawn mower services

Friends' parties 'v' family parties

Reading 'Lil Cutie'

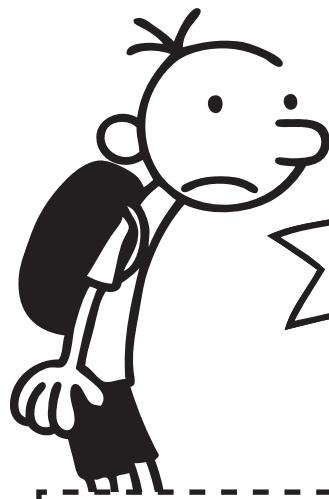
Having fun at Slipslide Water Park

Father's Day and the new dog

Visiting the town pool

Heading to the beach with Rowley

Game Hut competition



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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

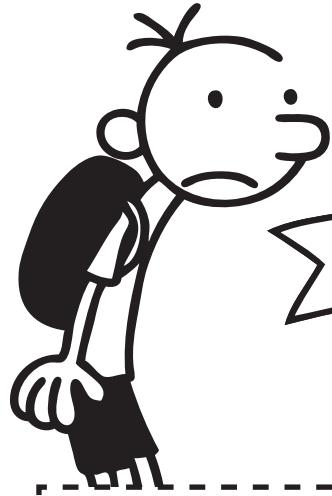
Grandpa babysitting

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

Alfrendo the
dolly

Looking after
Net Kritterz

Money making -
shovelling snow

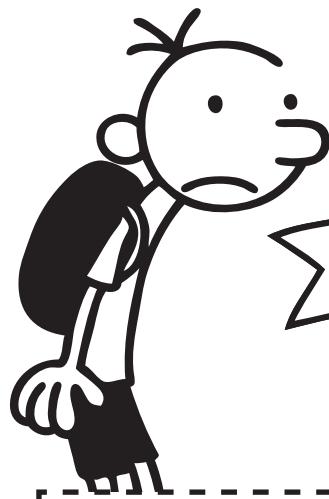
Student of
the week

The
presidential
fitness test

Ideas for the
holiday fair

School vandals
aka Greg and
Rowley

The great
flood!



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THE
THIRD
WHEEL



Ranking key events!
The Third Wheel

Greg being born

Greg rescues Manhy in Corny's

Uncle Gary comes to stay

The Valentine's Dance

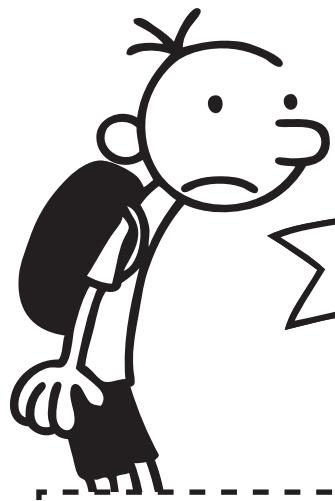
Greg babysits Wesley

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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Ranking key events!
Hard Luck

Rowley spends all his time with his girlfriend Abigail

Greg visits the playground
'Find A Friend Station'

Greg gets too hot in his 'Body Blankie'

Fregley blows a bubble with his belly button

Being chased by the Mingo Kids

Using the Magic 8 ball to make decisions

Aunt Veronica calling on video chat whilst Greg is using the toilet!

Finding Meemaw's plastic egg (with her missing diamond ring inside!)

Greg becomes friends with Rowley again



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