

Title: The Adventure of the Buried Treasure

Author: Nancy McArthur

Genre: Fiction

Theme: Adventure, Mystery

Setting:

Characters: Megan, Susie, Annie, Pud (their dog), Eric, Tim

Summary:

Susie's dog Pud digs in the backyard; Susie sees something and begins digging with the help of her friends. They find a time capsule from a boy named Eddie. In the capsule Eddie put some coins, an eraser and a baseball card, along with a note to them. The kids do some investigating and track down Eddie, who comes over and meets everyone. The kids make a time capsule of their own, but have trouble deciding what to keep in there, and keep digging it up to change their objects out for other ones.

Chapter 1 & 2:

Pages 1-14

- Spelling words
 - o Squirrels (1)
 - o People (1)
- Questions
 - o The author has breaks in the pages (the paws) what do those mean? It shows a change in viewpoint or setting.
 - o Whose voice do you hear in this story (dog's, people's) It is through Pud's view
 - o What do you think will be in the box? Answers will vary

Chapter 3 & 4:

Pages 15-36

- Questions
 - o What is a time capsule?
 - How long ago do you think Eddie wrote the note?
 - o Do you think that they can find Eddie?
 - o Who tore the piece of paper (p 24)? Tim tore the paper.

Chapter 5 & 6:

Pages 29-53

- New Vocabulary
 - o Scolded (29)
- Spelling words
 - o Growled (32)
 - o Orange (36)
- Questions
 - o What is Mrs. Johnson's pet? A parakeet named Bitsy.
 - o Whose house did the girls go to after Mrs. Johnsons? They went to Mrs. Amato's house.
 - o Should Susie give Eddie his things back? Answers will vary.

Chapter 7 & 8:

Pages 45-64

- Questions
 - How old is Eddie now? (55) He is 57 years old now.
 - What was his grandson's name? Matt
 - Do you think Fluffo and Pud will get along from now on?
Answers will vary.

Chapter 9 &10:

Pages 65-75

- Questions
 - What were some things the kids put in their treasure box?
They put in a stuffed dinosaur, a wallet card with calendar, a picture of everyone with Eddie, a red yo-yo, an old broken necklace, a pencil, a quarter and notes from everyone.
 - What did they dig up and trade their objects for?
 - Susie took her quarter back. The necklace for a broken earring, the two-dollar baseball card for a ten-cent baseball card, the dinosaur for the plastic teddy bear and the pencil for a comb with three teeth broken off.
 - What would you put in a time capsule?

Extension/Projects to go with the book

- Make a class time-capsule.
- Write letters to people in the future telling them about yourself.
- Draw a picture of your favorite part in the book.
- Draw a picture using the same style as the illustrator.