

Searching for Home: The Lives of Lucy Maud Montgomery

Activity 2.0 - Creative Writing & Art

Student Instructions

Introduction

Lucy Maud Montgomery (and many of the characters she developed) had the desire to create the perfect home (for her family and herself). Montgomery's perfect home would be a place to care for her husband and two sons, would include her library of books, a place to write, and, of course, her cats –after all, “a home is not a home without a cat” (Montgomery). Montgomery created ideal settings in *Anne of Green Gables*, *Anne's House of Dreams*, and *Emily of New Moon*. You will create a visual display, and describe it through words. Give names to gardens, trees, objects, and places important to you as Montgomery created such as Lover's Lane, The White Way of Delight, or the Lake of Shining Waters.

Materials

- Student handouts
- Computer (with Internet access)
- Scrap paper
- Pencil or pen
- Art supplies (paint, pencil crayons, glue, fabric, etc.)
- Magazines or newspapers
- Photographs

Activity: Step by Step

1. Listen to the examples from Lucy Maud Montgomery's stories and make notes on how she created settings in her novels *Anne of Green Gables*, *Anne's House of Dreams*, and *Emily of New Moon*.
2. Create a setting or your own “House of Dreams” either by drawing it, painting it, or making a collage. Include people, places, objects, pets, or things important to you.
3. Answer the following question on the worksheet: How did Lucy Maud Montgomery describe settings and places? What are some of the names she gave to important places (i.e Lover's Lane)?
4. Describe the setting or “House of Dreams “ you have created with words. Descriptions must be at least one (1) paragraph.
5. In groups, take turns sharing your creative setting and paragraph.
6. Discuss with classmates how words can give new meaning to places and objects.

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Resources

www.lmmrc.ca

- Lucy Maud Montgomery Research Centre - Biography and chronology

<http://lmm.confederationcentre.com/>

- L.M. Montgomery's Personal Scrapbooks and Book Covers

www.ourontario.ca

- Photograph and image database (search "Lucy Maud Montgomery")

http://archives.cbc.ca/arts_entertainment/literature/topics/1630/

- CBC Digital Archives - Biographical videos and learning modules

www.lmmontgomery.ca/

- L.M. Montgomery Institute University of PEI

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