

Everyone Has a Name

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Grades
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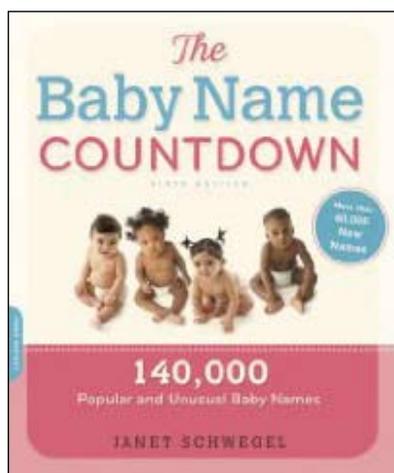
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Further Reading to Accompany Name-Related Activities

- *A Saint for Your Name: Boys* by Albert J. Nevins. Our Sunday Visitor Publishing, 2000. (o.p. but readily available.)
- *A Saint for Your Name: Girls* by Albert J. Nevins. Our Sunday Visitor Publishing, 2000. (o.p. but readily available.)
- *A Dictionary of First Names* by Patrick Hanks. Oxford University Press, 2006. Provides information about the meanings of first names, organized alphabetically by definition, with individual sections for male and female names.

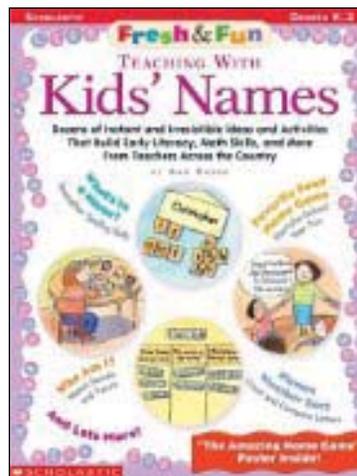
Language Arts

Have your students create a new name out of a combination of names provided in these resources, and explain its meaning. Instruct them to write a story featuring a character by this name who exhibits the traits of his or her name.



- *The Baby Name Countdown: 140,000 Popular and Unusual Baby Names* by Janet Schwegel. DeCapo/Lifeline, 2008. Over 140,000 names are included, with charts on popularity

throughout the twentieth century, and particularly the past decade. Meanings and origins of the top three thousand are given.



- *Teaching with Kids' Names* by Bob Krech. Scholastic, 2000.

Activities Across the Curriculum

Contains dozens of ideas and activities designed to help students K-2 early literacy, math, and spelling skills.

- *African Names: Names from the African Continent for Children and Adults* by Julia Steward. Carol Pub. Group, 1993. (This book will probably be at a public library.)
- *A Dictionary of Muslim Names* by Salahuddin Ahmed. NYU Press, 2009. Covers the social and cultural significance of Muslim names, including their meanings.
- *Chinese American Names: Tradition and Transition* by Emma Woo Louie. McFarland, 2008. Covers the name customs and traditions, of Chinese Americans.
- *A World of Baby Names* by Teresa Norman. Perigee, 2003. This comprehensive volume contains over 30,000 names with their backgrounds and meanings from thirty-one

