

# DIARY of a Wimpy Kid

THE MUSICAL

# ABOUT THE SHOW

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"Diary of a Wimpy Kid the Musical" follows Greg Heffley's misadventures in middle school as he navigates popularity, friendship, and the challenges of growing up, all while trying to avoid the dreaded "Cheese Touch." The musical explores Greg's **obsession** with popularity, his strained friendship with Rowley, and the humorous chaos that ensues as he tries to reinvent himself.

The musical centers on Greg's first year in middle school and his plans to become super popular. Besides being terrified to start middle school, Greg gets thrown into many awkward social situations and the pressure to fit in during his first year gets more intense with each musical number. Greg is determined to become one of the popular kids and believes being voted a class favorite in the yearbook will be the key. This is a great idea except for being best friends with Rowley. His new **pursuit** of popularity strains his friendship with Rowley, as he worries that Rowley's **quirky** nature is holding him back from making new friends and reaching his yearbook goal. The show intensifies with the arrival of the infamous "Cheese Touch" (from the books) a source of both humor and **anxiety** for Greg and his classmates. Throughout his year, Greg documents his adventures in his **Diary** journal from the dreaded cheese touch to the life of being named one of Larry Mack Junior Middle School's Safety Patrol Guards, "the police of the school" to finding out who your true friends are, Greg learns that nothing is simple in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Book Origins

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid" originated from a college cartoon called "Igdoof" by Jeff Kinney. He initially wrote it as a 1300-page manuscript for adults before realizing it was better suited for children. Kinney then developed the story further, creating the online version on FunBrain.com. The online version's popularity led to its publication as a printed book in 2007 after it already had received approximately 20 million views. Many online readers requested a printed version. Although it was originally conceived as a book for adults, the Abrams publishing board, convinced Jeff Kinney that it would be better aimed towards children. It has **spawned** countless sequels, a musical and a feature length film!

# ACTIVITY PACKET

## VOCAB FROM THE READING

1. **Obsession (noun):** an idea or thought that continually preoccupies or intrudes on a person's mind.
2. **Pursuit (noun):** the action of following or pursuing someone or something.
3. **Quirky (adjective):** characterized by peculiar or unexpected traits.
4. **Anxiety (noun):** a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease, typically about an imminent event or something with an uncertain outcome.
5. **Spawned (verb):** produce or generate, especially in large numbers.

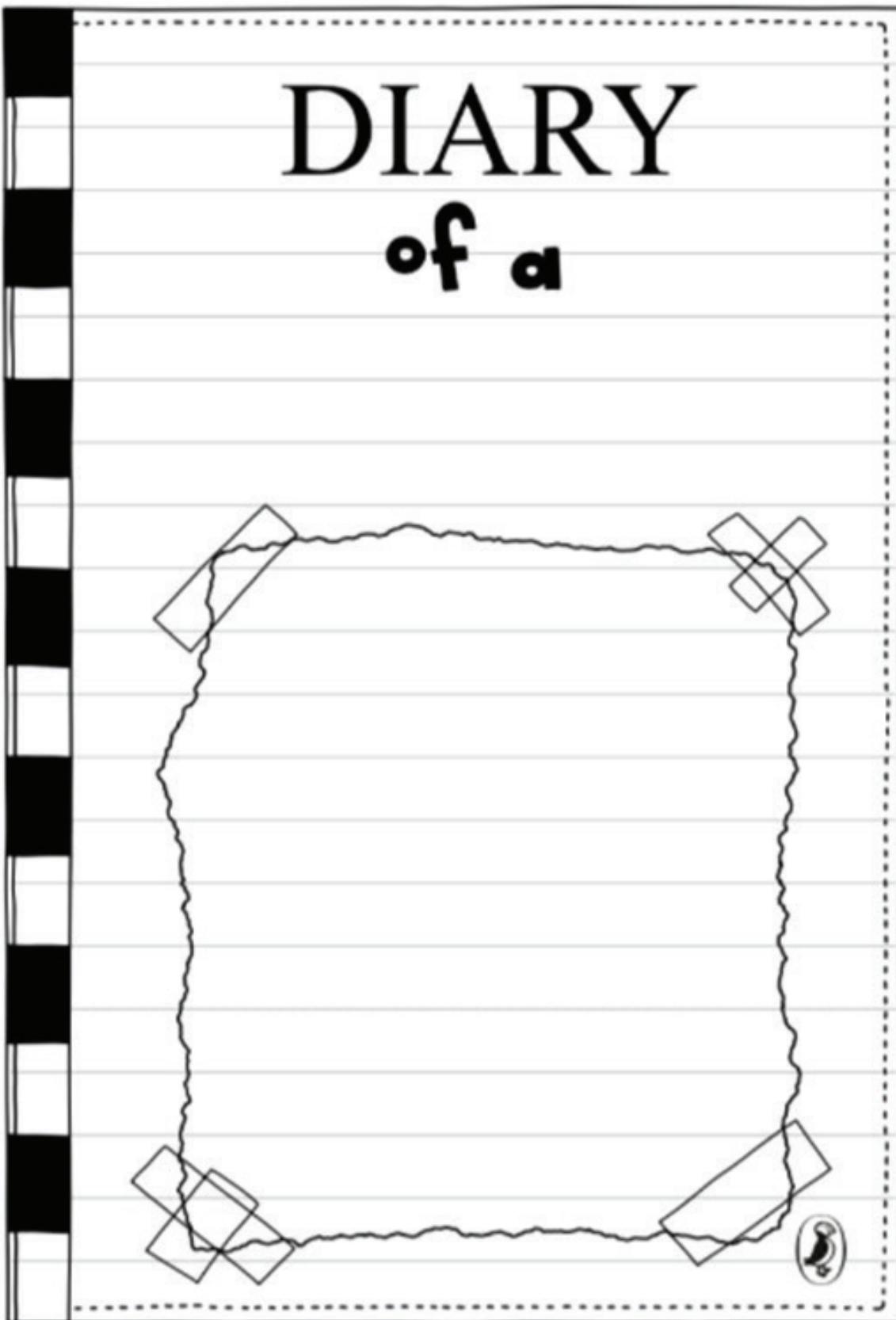
## Questions from the Reading

1. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* was originally intended for adults to read not kids!
  - a. True
  - b. False
2. In the story, Greg is about to start which grade?
  - a. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - b. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - c. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - d. Kindergarten
3. The original cartoon was called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. "Ignite"
  - b. "Igor"
  - c. "Igloo"
  - d. "Igdoof"
4. Greg is trying to win the yearbook title of the most \_\_\_\_\_ person in school.
  - a. Funny
  - b. Popular
  - c. Smelly
  - d. Awkward
5. The first printed book was released in what year?
  - a. 2017
  - b. 1997
  - c. 2007
  - d. 2009

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## DIARY/JOURNAL ENTRY

Design your own Diary book cover and journal one full day using the template below!



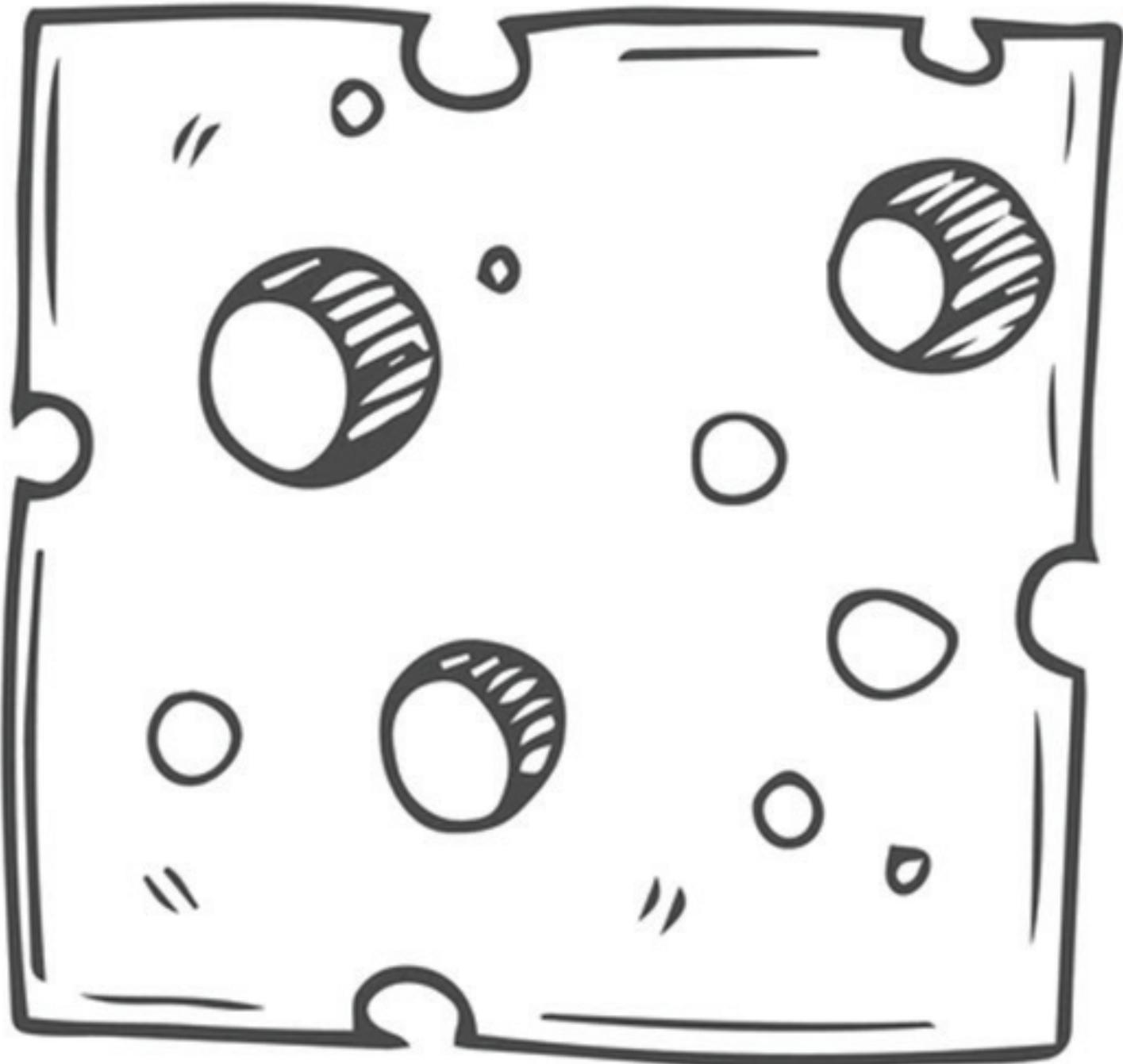
# ACTIVITY PACKET

	7:00 AM
	10:00 AM
	2:00 PM
	5:30 PM
	9:00 PM (BEDTIME)

# ACTIVITY PACKET

## DRAW THE MOLDY CHEESE

The “Cheese Touch” is caught by touching the moldy, smelly piece of cheese on the playground. Once someone has the “cheese touch” they can only be cured by touching someone else! Draw the grossest, moldy old cheese slice you can imagine using the cheese slice below!



# ACTIVITY PACKET

Being part of the safety patrol at school is a huge responsibility. To become one of the "Police of the school", match the street signs to their meaning by drawing a line to connect them to prove your knowledge and become leader of the Safety Patrol squad!!

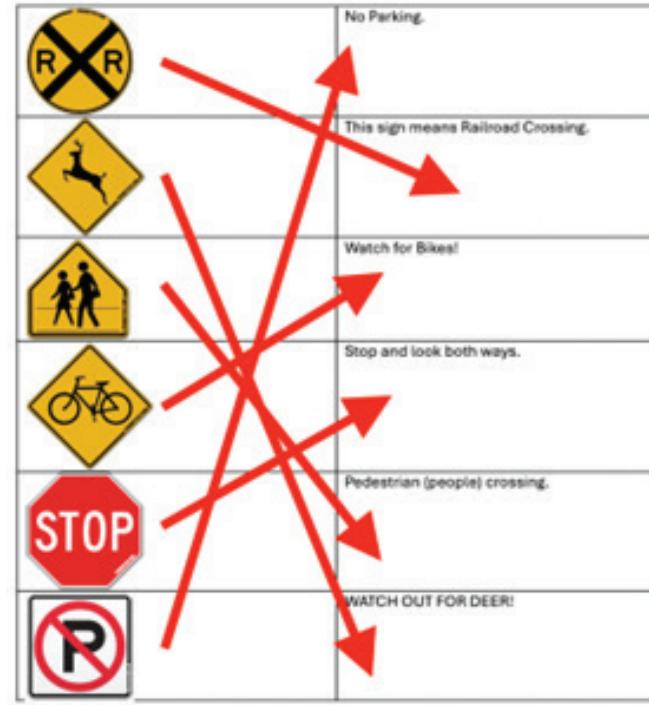
	No Parking.
	This sign means Railroad Crossing.
	Watch for Bikes!
	Stop and look both ways.
	Pedestrian (people) crossing.
	WATCH OUT FOR DEER!

# ANSWER KEY

## Answer Key

### Questions from the Reading

1. A.
2. C.
3. D.
4. B.
5. C.



## Standards

**RI.1.1:** Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.

**RL.3.1:** Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

**W.2.3** Write narratives to recount a well elaborated event or short sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure.

**Kindergarten THEME: A CHILD'S PLACE IN TIME AND SPACE GEOGRAPHY STRAND SPATIAL THINKING AND SKILLS**  
Content Statements: 5. Terms related to direction and distance, as well as symbols and landmarks, can be used to talk about the relative location of familiar places