

The Westing Game

Book Unit



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Instructions

Making the Pockets

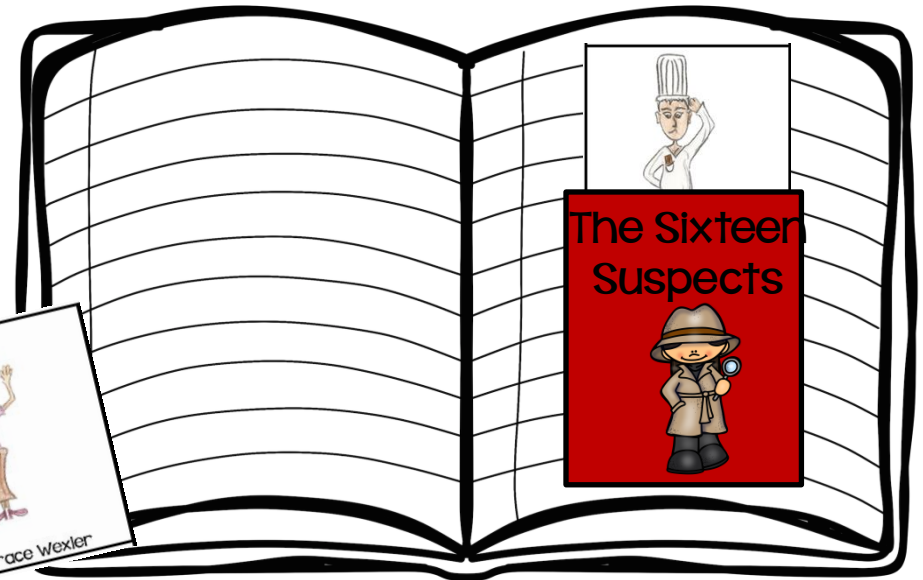
1. Print the pockets on colored paper.
2. Student cut out the pockets on the bold lines.
3. To make the pockets, fold the left and right sides toward the back of the pockets on the dotted lines.
4. Next fold the bottom flaps up toward the back.
5. Glue the flaps in place.
6. Have students glue the pocket in their interactive notebooks to store character cards.

Making the Cards

1. Print the cards onto cardstock. If you wish students to have lines for writing, you will need to print back-to-front copies (Page 11 is the back for all three picture cards).
 2. Students cut the cards apart.
 3. Have students write character traits and/or a brief description of each character on the back of the cards.
- [Note: You can use this idea with index cards. Have students draw their own suspects on the back (unlined side) and list character traits on the front (lined side).]

Activities

- Sort the character cards by the places the characters live, families they belong to, etc.
- Use the cards to discuss suspects.
- Make a T-Chart on a large piece of construction paper. Sort cards by guilty or not guilty as evidence is revealed.



The Sixteen Suspects



After printing this page on colored paper, have the students cut out the pocket on the bold lines. Next fold the left and right sides toward the back of the pocket on the dotted lines. Then fold the bottom flap up toward the back. Glue the flaps in place. Finally glue the pocket onto your interactive notebook.



Alexander McSouthers



Angela Wexler



Berthe Erica Crow



Chris Theodorakis



Denton Deere



Doug Hoo

- known as Sandy
- doorman at Sunset Towers
- From Chapter 21
- age 65
- born Edinburg, Scotland
- immigrated to Wisconsin at age 3
- education: 8th grade
- jobs: mill worker, union organizer, prizefighter, doorman
- married – 6 children, 2 grandchildren
- worked in Westing Paper plant for 20 years, fired by Sam Westing for trying to organize the workers – no pension

Alexander McSouthers

- golden-haired
- angel-faced

From Chapter 19

- age 20
- engaged to marry Denton
- 1 year of college
- bombing victim

Angela Wexler

- cleaning lady at Sunset Towers
- Crow’s clothes were black; her skin, dead white. She looked severe.

From Chapter 19

- age 57
- mother died in childbirth – raised by her father who is deceased
- 1 year of high school
- married at age 16; divorced at 40
- name Windy Windkloppel
- alcoholic; gave up drinking and took up religion; started the Good Salvation (soup kitchen)
- 3 arrests for vagrancy

Berthe Erica Crow

- 15 years old
- doesn’t have control over his body
- has trouble speaking
- likes watching birds
- pyramidal tract involvement

From Chapter 20

- disease struck him four years ago

Chris Theodorakis

- engaged to Angela

From Chapter 18

- age 25
- Graduate of UW Medical School. First-year intern, plastic surgery. Parents live in Racine.

Denton Deere

- high school senior
- track star

From Chapter 17

- age 18

Doug Hoo



Flora Baumbach



Grace Wexler



Jake Wexler



James Hoo



Judge J. J. Ford



Otis Amber

- pudgy dressmaker
- The next heir, short and round, entered timidly, her lips pressed together in an impish smile that curved up to what must be pointed ears under her straight-cut, steely hair.

From Chapter 18

- maiden name Flora Miller
- age 60
- husband left her and sends no money
- daughter named Rosalie –person with Down’s syndrome
- made a wedding gown for Violet Westing (The reader learned this in Chapter 13.)

Flora Baumbach

- favors Angela over Turtle
- honey blond
- housewife with good decorating skills

From Chapter 19

- born Gracie Windkloppel
- age 42

Grace Wexler

- Podiatrist
- Doesn’t come to the reading of the will

From Chapter 19

- age 45, graduated from Marquette
- married for 22 years

Jake Wexler

- runs a Chinese restaurant
- gets stomach ulcers

From Chapter 17

- born in Chicago, age 50
- first wife died of cancer
- married last year
- rumored he married Madame Hoo for a recipe

James Hoo

- drives maroon Mercedes
- A tall black woman in a tailored suit, her short-clipped hair touched with gray...
- wears tailored suits with heels
- She should not have said that, not her, not the first black, the first woman, to have been elected to a judgeship in the state

From Chapter 21

- Josie-Jo (with a hyphen between Josie and Jo)
- age 42
- education Columbia and law degree from Harvard
- jobs: Assistant district attorney. Judge: family court, state supreme court, appellate division
- My mother was a servant in the Westing household, my father worked for the railroad and was the gardener on his days off.” - Education paid by Westing

Judge J. J. Ford

- 62 year old delivery man
- “Otis Amber is a stupid man, if not downright mad.”

From Chapter 18

- (Note: Sandy laughs when he reads the notes on Otis, so something is wrong.)
- IQ 50
- lives in the basement of Green’s Grocery
- bachelor, no living relatives
- delivered letters from E.J. Plum, the attorney

Otis Amber



Sun Lin Hoo



Sydelle Pulaski



Theo Theodorakis



Turtle Wexler

- a small, delicate woman in a long white apron
- From Chapter 17
- age 28
 - born in China, immigrated from Hong Kong two years ago

Sun Lin Hoo

- overweight secretary
- "It's really nothing," she reported bravely, "just some sort of wasting disease. But pity me not, I shall live out my remaining time enjoying each precious day to the full."

From Chapter 18

- age 50 Education: high school, one year secretarial school. Secretary to the president of Schultz Sausages. Is taking her first vacation in 25 years (six months' saved-up time)
- lived with widowed mother and two aunts until she moved to Sunset Towers

Sydelle Pulaski

high school senior
His Greek skin was darker than her "black" skin.
From Ch. 20
age 17
works in family coffee shop
wants to be a writer
seems lonely
can't find anyone to play chess with

Theo Theodorakis

- junior high student
 - skinny, one-pigtailed girl
- From Chapter 19
- real name
Tabitha-Ruth
 - age 13; junior high student
 - smart

Turtle Wexler

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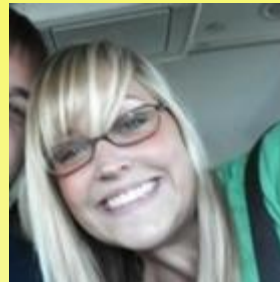
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