

Name:

Frindle

Culminating Project

Choose **one** of the options below to complete. Read the directions carefully and be creative! *Each project can be completed on a separate paper and turned in at the beginning of class on the first day of school.

1. Interview & Made-up Words

Nick gets the idea for inventing a new word partly from a word he used as a baby, “gwagala” – his word for music. Are there words that you invented as a baby, before you could read and learn the actual words? Interview someone in your family who remembers, then write a paragraph about the words you used.

Requirements:

- A list of questions and answers from your interview. Make sure you write who you interviewed!
- One paragraph minimum about one or more words you used as a baby and what the words stood for.

2. Frindle Advertisement

Draw a picture that will serve as an advertisement for a frindle. What will it look like— an ordinary pen, or something more unique? Come up with a catchy phrase so people will start using it. What famous people or celebrities might you get to endorse it?

Requirements:

- A picture advertisement (no larger than a piece of printer paper), which can be hand drawn, painted, crafted, or digitally created.
 - Must include the name of the pen “frindle”, a picture of a frindle (your design), catchy phrase, and someone giving an endorsement.

3. Letter to a Teacher

Do you have any teachers, like Mrs. Granger, who made life difficult for you as a student, but whom you came to appreciate later on? What important lessons did they teach you that you didn't want to learn? How did their being strict pay off for you? Write a letter to an old teacher, like Nick does, telling them all the important things you got out of their class.

Requirements:

- A letter addressed as “Dear __,” written to a previous teacher and signed from yourself. Read back through the assignment listed above to make sure your letter focuses on the topic explained.

4. Book Trailer

Every movie has a good trailer to spark the interest of potential viewers. Create a video trailer that introduces the idea of the book Frindle by Andrew Clements, without spoiling what happens. You can use any online software, but PowToon, Screen-Cast-O-Matic, and iMovie are just a few options. The trailer should be no longer than 2 minutes in length.

Requirements:

- A digital video introducing the plot of the popular book, Frindle by Andrew Clements.