



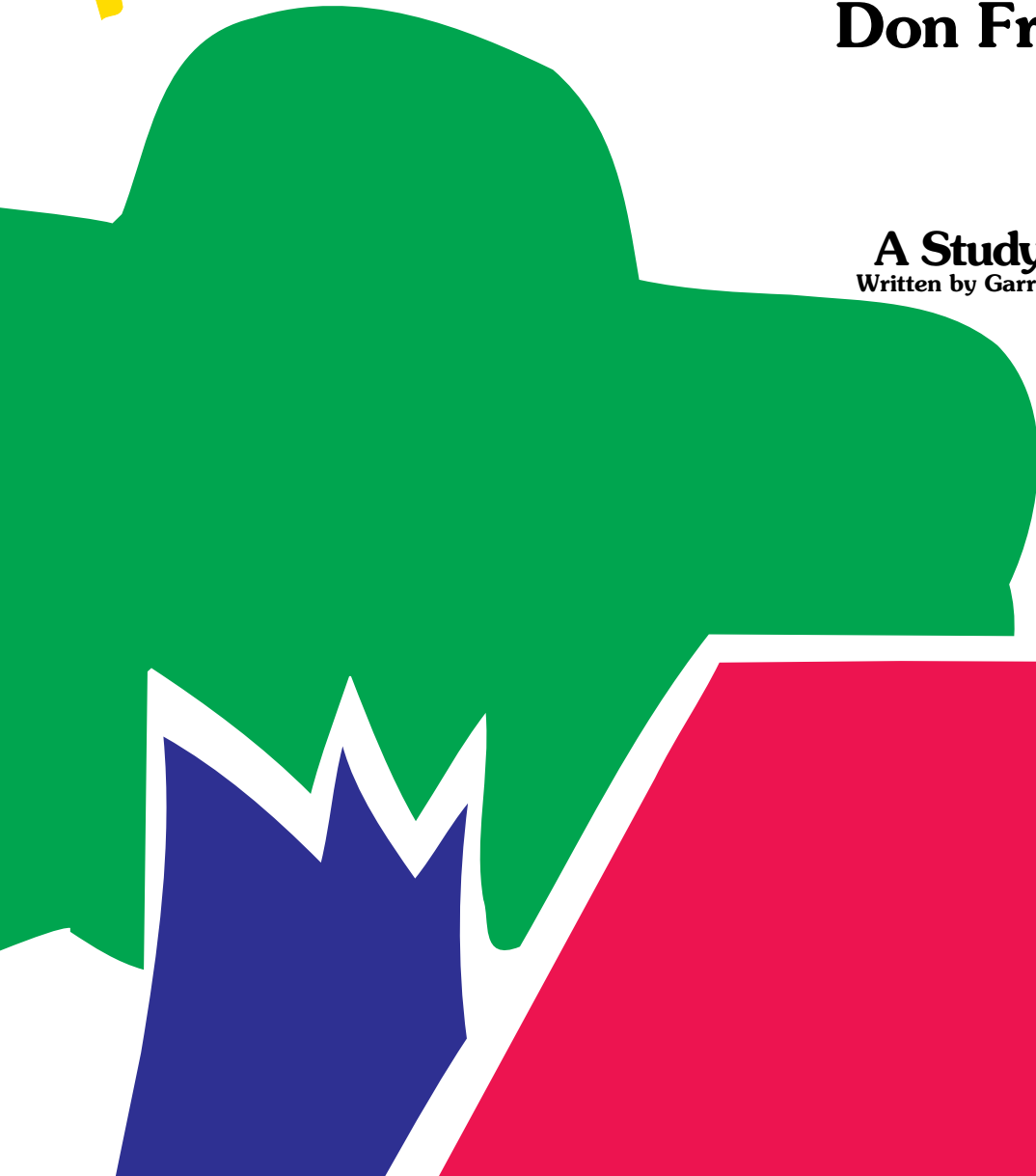
**Little  
Novel·Ties**



# **DANDELION**

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## **For the Teacher**

This reproducible **Little Novel-Ties** study guide consists of activities to use in conjunction with the book *Dandelion*. The picture book and its corresponding guide can become an important element in your whole language reading program. The guide contains a synopsis; background information on the author and illustrator; suggested pre-reading activities; exercises that focus on vocabulary; visual literacy, story comprehension, and critical thinking skills; and extension activities that link the story to other curriculum areas.

## **Suggestions For Using Activities**

### **Pre-Reading Activities – Before You Read**

These activities are designed to activate children’s prior knowledge and build concepts or background information. They will motivate children to read and help them to understand the story better. Children can discuss answers to the questions with a partner, in a small cooperative learning group, or with the entire class.

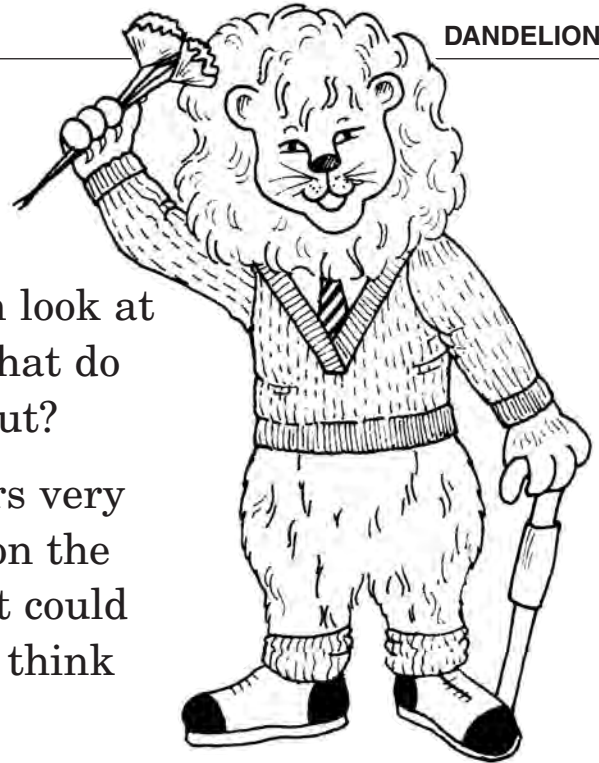
### **Word Study – Crisscross Words**

This page reinforces the meaning of twelve words, most of which are used repeatedly throughout the story. After reading the twelve words, children are asked to use them to complete a crossword puzzle.

### **Understanding the Story – Story Questions, Picture Questions**

The story questions include a number of literal, inferential, and evaluative questions that help children focus on major story elements. The picture questions help children draw inferences from the illustrations.

## BEFORE YOU READ



1. Read the title of the book. Then look at the illustration on the cover. What do you think this story will be about?
2. A “dandy” is someone who wears very fancy clothes. Look at the lion on the cover. Is Dandelion a name that could fit this character? Tell why you think as you do.
3. Have you ever gotten dressed up for a holiday or a special party? Think about how you looked. Write a description telling what you wore. Share it with a partner.
4. Do you have a special cap or sweater you like to wear? Draw something that you like to wear when you are having a good time with friends.



## STORY QUESTIONS

1. What surprise does Dandelion discover in his mailbox?
2. What happens to Dandelion at the barbershop? Why is he disappointed in the way he looks? What does Lou suggest? What happens when Dandelion takes Lou's advice?
3. Where does Dandelion go after he leaves the barbershop? What does he buy?
4. What does Happy Crane sell Dandelion? How does Dandelion look now?
5. Why does Dandelion stop at the flower shop?
6. What problem does Dandelion have when he rings Jennifer Giraffe's bell? Why does this happen? How does Dandelion feel?
7. What unexpected change occurs in the weather? How does this help solve Dandelion's problem?
8. What happens when Dandelion rings the bell once more?
9. What surprising news does Dandelion share with Jennifer Giraffe and the other guests?
10. What important lesson does Dandelion learn from his experience? What do you think he will do the next time he gets an invitation to a come-as-you-are party?