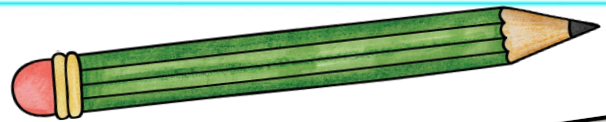


VIRTUAL BIOGRAPHY:

Beverly Cleary



A Big Move

Beverly and her family moved from Yamhill to Portland, Oregon when she was six years old. At the time, many people were trying to recover from the Great Depression (a time when the entire United States was poor). Moving to the big city was challenging for Beverly. School was especially challenging.

Have you ever ever moved to a new town or city? How was it?



Author Study



Integrates Reading Skills

Going to school ABC

Despite Beverly's love of books, when she moved to Portland and attended school, she was thought to be "behind" in reading. Although all people learn at different speeds and in different ways, Beverly's teacher made her spend a lot of time focusing on reading so that she could improve.

By third grade, Beverly was an amazing reader, but she was still struggling. The books all around her were written by European authors and were about children who had lives very different from hers. She just couldn't find books that were about kids like her.

What are your thoughts on reading books about kids like you?
Are there benefits to *also* reading about kids who are not like you?



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FIRST BOOK!

While she was a school librarian, Beverly Cleary recalls a young boy asking her, "Where are the books about kids like us?"

This is something that she had also wanted when she was a child - books about kids like her. This question inspired Beverly to start writing, and soon, her first book was published.

Watch the video to learn about that book and the following series written by Beverly.



What was the name of Beverly's first book?

What was Beverly Cleary one of the first to do?

What kinds of topics did Beverly Cleary discuss in her books?

Interactive Timeline

Beverly Cleary's Life

Collect the stickers for each part of Beverly Cleary's life.
Cut them from each section (Ctrl + X) and paste them here (Ctrl + V) on the

Born April 12, 1916



Birth

Childhood



Childhood

College Graduate



College

1st Book Published!

1st Book

Series and Awards

Career





Critical Thinking

Title:

Ages:

Synopsis:

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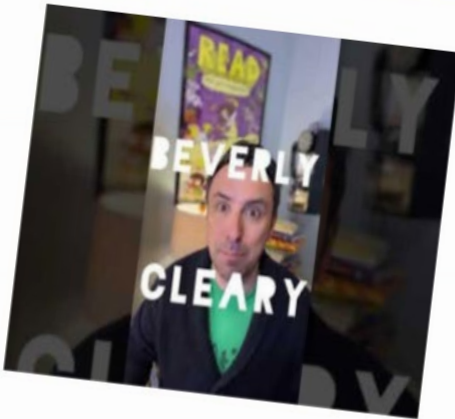
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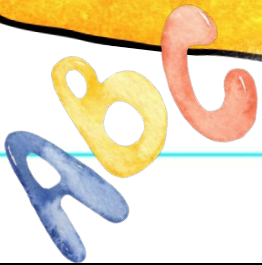
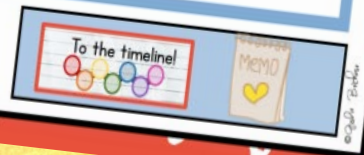
Writing

Write A Foreword

A "foreword" is an essay or paragraph that comes before the story in a book. Watch the video to learn more, then answer the question posed in the video.



If you had the opportunity to write a foreword for one of your favorite author's books, which author and/or book would you choose, and why? What might it say?

A large, empty rectangular box with a blue border, intended for writing a foreword.

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Beverly Cleary's Career

Beverly is considered one of the greatest authors of children's books due to the relatability of characters. She wrote 39 books during her career, all of which were well-loved.

Click [here](#) to read a biography about Beverly Cleary on her website, then watch the videos below.



*Please Note: This resource includes instructions to show how to embed videos as shown.