

Magic Squares *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë

Purpose: This vocabulary strategy will help students to be excited about matching terms and definitions from the novel *Jane Eyre*. The magic square is an arrangement of numbers that can be added down, across, or diagonally and will always equal the same sum...if students' answers are correct!

Objective: Students actively participate in matching up vocabulary terms with their definitions as they attempt to find the “magic number.”



A	B	C	D
E	F	G	H
I	J	K	L
M	N	O	P

The Magic Number: _____

Directions: The student activity sheet has two columns: one for vocabulary terms found in the novel and one for definitions of those terms. Students are to match terms with definitions, and then put the correct number in the box with the corresponding letter. After students have filled in all of the boxes, they must total each row and column to make sure that the sum total of all equals the same number—the “magic number.” (Students do not actually need to count up each row or column, but they do need to count up at least three rows or columns to make sure they have the correct number.) Finally, students are to write the correct “magic number” in the magic number box.

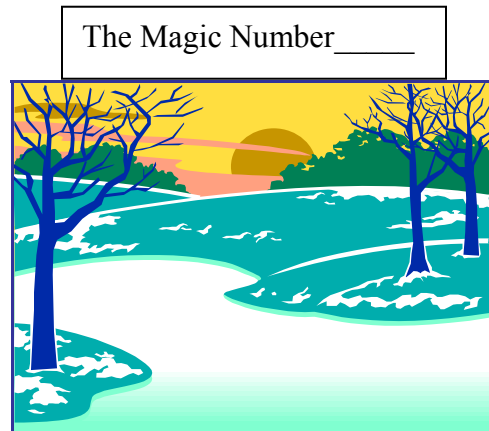
Match each term with its definition. Then place the number inside its matching lettered box. After you are finished, the sum total of all the numbers should be the same across each row and down each column. Add up several of these rows or columns to determine the “magic number,” and place the number in the magic box.

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 B. truculent
 C. inure
 D. fetid
 E. ostensible
 F. corroborate
 G. preclude
 H. soporific
 I. throe
 J. bilious
 K. moiety
 L. effluvium
 M. efface
 N. remonstrate
 O. caviler
 P. interloper</p> | <p>1. causing sleep or drowsiness
 2. ardent, zealous
 3. to obliterate or obscure by or as if by rubbing out
 4. a byproduct usually in the form of waste
 5. marked by or suffering from disordered liver function
 6. one who makes frivolous objections
 7. to accustom to accept something undesirable
 8. to support with evidence
 9. one of two equal or approximately equal parts
 10. to speak in protest or reproof
 11. feeling or showing ferocity
 12. to make impossible
 13. shown outwardly; apparent
 14. having an offensive smell
 15. one who intrudes or interferes
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Answer Key

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A 2	B 11	C 7	D 14
E 13	F 8	G 12	H 1
I 16	J 5	K 9	L 4
M 3	N 10	O 6	P 15

The Magic Number 34



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