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 Language Arts
 Grade 6
 “Maniac McGee”
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Creative Thinking Activity Grid

	Brainstorm	Connect	Creative Problem Solving	Create	Elaborate
Characters	Brainstorm characteristics of the main character.	Connect in what ways Maniac is like an animal, place, object, and you.	Solve the character's problem in the story in your own way.	Create a collage which represents one of the main characters.	Elaborate on the characteristics of the main characters.
Setting	Brainstorm possible settings where this story could have taken place..	Connect this time setting to a setting to an animal, place, object and you.	Solve the problem the setting causes in the story.	Create a map of the city of Two Mills with the Hector Street division of the east and west sides.	Elaborate on the effects of the setting of the story and its impact on the reader.
Conflict	Brainstorm all the possible areas of conflict in the story.	Connect a major conflict in the story to an animal, place, object and you.	Solve the conflict in the story.	Create a poster advocating for the rights of one of the characters in the story who is suffering from a conflict.	Elaborate on the impacts of one of the major areas of conflict in the story on several main characters.
Resolution	Brainstorm reasons why resolution of a conflict helps a character to become more tolerant.	Connect a resolution of the conflict of the story to an animal, place, object and you.	Use the creative problem solving process to determine if the resolution is the best solution for this story.	Create a piece of art work which shows a positive outcome of one of the the story's resolutions.	Elaborate on how the story's resolutions are relevant to conflicts in current events.
Theme	Brainstorm and minor themes in the story.	Connect a theme of the story to an animal, place, object and you.	Identify whether the theme in the story helps to solve the main problem.	Create an original art composition which illustrates a theme of the story.	Elaborate on the use of themes in literature.