

Edward and the Pirates by David McPhail

Character Connections

David McPhail has given the main character, Edward, many positive character traits. Edward is very **MOTIVATED** to read. In fact, he reads everything he can get his hands on. He shows **RESPECT FOR LEARNING** as he reads everything from cereal boxes to seed catalogs to monuments to books. He demonstrates the traits of **INITIATIVE, EFFORT** and **SELF-RELIANCE** by going to the library on his own and checking out his own books (not depending on Mom or Dad to do it for him). His **CREATIVITY** allows him to become part of the stories he reads. In his mind, he travels along with Admiral Peary, rescues Robin Hood from the evil Sheriff of Nottingham, carries the shield for Joan of Arc, and even sees a tyrannosaurus outside his window. This **CREATIVITY** also carries over into his dream as he **COURAGEOUSLY** stands up to the pirates and imagines his parents coming in to save him. When he realizes the pirates can't read, Edward shows **COMPASSION** by offering to read the book to them after **RESPECTFULLY** asking his parents' permission.