

# Tic Tac Toe: "The Smallest Dragonboy"

## Travel to Pern!:

Create a travel brochure for the planet Pern. Use words and illustrations to convince people to come and visit this unique planet. (at least 3 paragraphs and three pictures)

## Inferring:

Use the inferring handout to complete this assignment. You will be making inferences about the text "The Smallest Dragonboy"

## Weyrleader:

You are a weyrleader and are looking for candidates for the next hatching. Write a classified ad describing what characteristics you think are important for a potential dragonrider to have. (1 paragraph, 1 picture)

## Create Your Own Dragon:

Use the Create Your Own Dragon handout to create your own dragon. Read the directions carefully! On the back of your dragon, answer the questions found on the handout.

## Find 15 Adjectives in "The Smallest Dragonboy":

Look in the text and find 15 adjectives. Write these 15 adjectives down on a sheet of paper. You must write what page you found the adjectives on.

## Re-Live a Scene in "The Smallest Dragonboy":

Look in the text and find your favorite scene. On a sheet of computer paper, draw this scene using color! By looking at the scene, I should be able to tell what is happening.

## POV- Heth:

Imagine you are the bronze dragon Heth. The other dragons are questioning you as to why you chose Keevan, the smallest dragonboy, as your dragonrider.

Write a speech where you describe Keevan and why you chose him. (1 page, front only)

## Identifying the Dramatic Structure:

By using the events in the story, plot the dramatic structure. Use the dramatic structure handout to complete this activity. Use your past notes to help you.

## POV- Keevan:

Imagine you are Keevan and you have just impressed the bronze dragon Heth. Write a letter to your parents telling them how they have influenced your life and helped you to become a dragonrider. (at least one page, front only)



# Classified Ads!

You are a weyrleader and are looking for candidates for the next hatching. Write a classified ad describing what characteristics you think are important for a potential dragonrider to have. Must be at least a paragraph with one picture.

# WANTED

CANDIDATES FOR NEXT HATCHING!



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# Create Your Own Dragon

**Directions: Make sure you read the directions carefully. You must do everything in order to receive credit.**

**1. Color your dragon. You may color it ANY way you choose to. Make it unique. Pretend this will be your dragon that you will ride for the rest of your life.**

**2. AFTER YOU COLOR YOUR DRAGON: Answer the following questions:**

**1. Why did you color your dragon the way you did? (Answer with at least 2 sentences)**

**2. Name your dragon. What name did you give it? Why? (Answer with at least 2 sentences)**

**3. What is your dragon's personality? Give some character traits of your dragon like what it likes to eat, is it friendly, mean, scared, does it like to**

# Dramatic Structure of "The Smallest Dragonboy"

**Directions:** Fill in the information below. Then, on the dramatic structure chart, put the letter that corresponds with the correct part of the plot.

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**B. (Rising Action):**

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**C. (Rising Action):**

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**D. (Climax):**

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**E. (Falling Action):**

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**F. (Falling Action):**

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**G. (Resolution):**

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# Making Inferences about “The Smallest Dragonboy”

**Pg. 148:** “Just as he knew many other things that his foster mother told him he ought not to know, Keevan knew that Beterli, the most senior of the boys, set that spanking pace just to embarrass him, the smallest dragon-boy.”

1. What can we infer about Keevan based on this excerpt?

**Pg. 150:** “That particular egg was the one Beterli had marked as his own, and no other candidate dared, on pain of being beaten by Beterli at his first opportunity to approach it.”

2. What does this suggest about Beterli’s character?

**Pg. 150:** “And naturally, Beterli, who’d been presented at eight Impressions already and was the biggest of the candidates had chosen it.”

3. What can we infer about Beterli from his having been presented at eight Impressions?

**Pg. 151:** “You’d better make sure a dragon sees *you* this time, Beterli,” Keevan replied. “You’re almost overage, aren’t you?”

What can we infer about Keevan’s taunting of Beterli?

4. What might happen when a potential dragon-rider is overage?

**Pgs. 153-154:** “With a sinking heart, Keevan knew what the news must be, and he could only stare with intense desolation at the older boy.”

5. What inference does Keevan make? What does he base his inference on? Is it correct?



**Pg. 157:** “Gingerly, he took a step. The broken leg dragged. It hurt in spite of the numbweed, but what was pain to a dragonman?”

4. Why does Keevan deny or ignore the pain in his leg?

**Pg. 158:** “Never seen anything like it,” the Weyrleader was saying. “Only thirty-nine riders chosen. And the bronze trying to leave the Hatching Ground without making Impression.”

“A case in point of what I said last night,” the Weyrleader replied, “when a hatchling makes no choice because the right boy isn’t there.”

“There’s only Beterli and K’last’s young one missing. And there’s a full wing of likely boys to choose from...”

“None acceptable, apparently. Where is the creature going?”

5. What does the dragon’s refusal to choose a rider suggest about him?

**Pg. 149:** “People were always calling him “babe” and shooing him away for being too small or too young for this or that. Keevan was constantly working, twice as hard as any other boy his age, to prove himself capable.”

6. What motivates Keevan to work so hard?

### Comprehension Questions:

1. What does Keevan want as the story opens?
2. How are dragonriders chosen?
3. Why does Keevan think he might be kept from the Impression?
4. How does the bully Beterli try to ruin Keevan’s chances on Hatching Day?
5. Describe Keevan’s struggles to reach the Hatching Ground.
6. What happens to Keevan just when he is most discouraged?
7. Who is the smallest dragonboy?
8. Why are the dragons needed in Pern?
9. What is the event everyone is waiting for?
10. Explain what an Impression is.
11. Describe what happens to Beterli after his fight with Keevan.

