

T. A. Barron's Adventure for Young Readers

# TREE GIRL

## Chapter 3 — Questions and Activities

### Language Arts: Personification

Have you noticed that “Old Burl” has many traits and characteristics of a person? In this chapter we read that Old Burl shrugs, shudders, and seems to stroke Anna’s shoulders. When we give objects the characters of people, this is called personification. If you’ve ever seen Disney’s *Beauty and the Beast*, you saw how candlesticks, clocks, teapots and more were personified.

Do you ever pretend that an object, like a stuffed animal or action figure, has human characteristics? Write a short story using personification of your favorite toy or household object.

Additional resources for learning about personification:

- 🌳 <https://kids.kiddle.co/Personification>
- 🌳 <https://home-school.lovetoknow.com/homeschool-basics/examples-personification-kids>
- 🌳 <https://literarydevices.net/personification/>
- 🌳 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VqBZMR83wCg>



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## Science: Onions

In Chapter 3, Anna is planting a garden by the water. We don't know everything she has in her garden but we know she planted onions. Did you know onions are one of the oldest foods known to humankind and that they grow underground? Onions are really fascinating! If you want to learn more about them, you can look at these:

- 🌱 <https://www.scienceforkidsclub.com/onions.html>
- 🌱 <https://kids.kiddle.co/Onion>
- 🌱 <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/onion/353567>

Growing onions is pretty easy to do. If you have an onion and a glass of water, you can try this right now: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dvaCwAkAbaE>

**Mini Book:** In this chapter, we read about an Oak tree. Read about the Oak Tree here: <https://www.thefactsite.com/oak-tree-facts/> and add it to your mini book.

## Art and Life Skills: Make a Woven Basket

In this chapter, Anna has trouble with her basket. Make your own basket out of paper using one of the options for instructions below:

- 🌱 <https://www.creativeramblingsblog.com/how-to-weave-a-basket-with-kids/>
- 🌱 <http://allparenting.com/my-family/articles/970733/how-to-weave-a-may-day-basket-with-the-kids>
- 🌱 <https://www.instructables.com/id/How-Easy-to-Diy-Paper-Basket-for-Kids/>



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## Social Studies: Small But Mighty

Eagle, the baby sparrow, is growing stronger every day but because of his damaged wing, he can't fly. But, he doesn't let that stop him! We read in the beginning of this chapter that Eagle is up to his antics and "attacking" a garlic clove. Anna says, "It's that warrior in you, aye."

Just because someone is small or has a disability doesn't mean they can't do great things! There are lots of kids and young adults that have done big things. You can read their stories:

- 🌱 <https://barronprize.org/meet-the-winners/2019-winners/>
- 🌱 <https://www.forbes.com/sites/jeffkart/2019/09/17/25-young-heroes-who-are-tackling-environmental-and-social-issues/#28f21c293866>
- 🌱 <https://ysa.org/category/everyday-young-heroes/>



What are some things that you can do that would make you "small but mighty?"

