



St. Petersburg Times Newspaper in Education

Bully Blasters Cartoon & Collage Contest

Entries must be postmarked no later than September 28, 2007 for prizes, but classes that do this activity later in the school year can send in their work for NIE to display on tampabay.com/nie.

In this series, you've read about the problems that Ben has had at school. He has had to deal with bullies and gang violence that might hurt him. He has gotten advice from his friends about the best way to handle these bullies. They've told him different things. One has advised him to tell an adult; another says he should get his big brother to help him by beating up the bullies; another has told him to fight back himself. There are probably more choices, too, but, of those three, which do you think would work the best? Victims have a couple of choices. They can ignore the bully, pretend they don't hear or see what he or she is saying. It's hard, but it's best to show no reaction at all. Or, they can respond firmly with, "Who cares what you think?" They can make a joke about it. They can remove themselves and walk away or go to an adult nearby if they feel threatened. In fact, if bullying happens over and over, the most important thing a victim can do is to tell an adult.

What do you think Ben did? We want you to share your ideas with us in a creative collage that promotes "Bully Blasting." For the last chapter of Bully Blasters, we asked you to look in the Times for your own "Bully Blaster Inspiration List." This includes:

- a picture of people getting along well,
- an organization encouraging people to work together,
- a synonym for conflict,
- a comic that shows a victim, and
- a story with a hero.

If you haven't collected those items yet, you can clip them out of today's paper. Using this guide or own your own paper, create a collage that tells the end of this story. Remember a **collage** is a collection of words and pictures glued together to tell a story or express a theme. Try and use as many of Inspiration List items as you can in your collage. Be sure to fill out the comic captions in the center that tell us how Ben's story worked out.


When you finish, mail your collage to the St. Petersburg Times to enter it in the Bully Blasters contest. All entries postmarked no later than September 28, 2007 will earn a prize. The top winners in elementary and secondary categories will each win a special backpack filled with goodies and school supplies. If you want your collage returned to you, be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. The backpacks will be awarded at the end of September, but if you or your class does this activity later in the school year, send in your work for us to display on our tampabay.com/nie Web site.

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A synonym or similar word for Conflict:

A story with a hero:

