

Student Link

Lesson Activity for Grade 8

Author *Gordon Korman!*

Student Name: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Once you enter StudentLink 2, click on the Grade 8 door. Next, click on Language Arts. Under Media Literacy, select *Gordon Korman*. Get Ready!!
2. **Scanning and skimming:** Take a minute or so to scroll down the webpage. Answer the following comprehension questions below:
3. *Korman's career spans how many years?* _____.
4. *The name of the company that maintains/designs this website?* _____
5. *The number of hotlinks listed underneath the "Information" header?* _____



6. Under "Reviews" (located on the left-hand side) click on the link titled *Series books*. Select **This Can't be Happening** underneath the MacDonald Hall header.

Read the selected paragraph to yourself quietly, including the extra bonus epilogue.

How old was Korman when this first book was written? _____.

Gordon Korman is known for his fascinating characters, bringing them to life with Lots of detailed description. In the space below, take a few minutes to create a character of your own!

_____ Age: _____ Hobbies (list 2): _____
(character name)

Provide 5 adjectives to *describe* your character *physically* (ex: tall, blonde, etc)! _____



7. Now that you're done, click the "back" button twice in order to return to the homepage. Locate the link called "biography", listed under "Information". Read through his autobiography and list 5 interesting facts about this successful Canadian author!

Point 1: _____

Point 2: _____

Point 3: _____

Point 4: _____

Point 5: _____

Student Link

Lesson Activity for Grade 8 Author Gordon Korman!!

Student Name: _____

1.	Click the "back" button again to return to the mainpage. Now, under the header "Reviews", select Series books once again.
2.	Make a comprehensive list of 5 of Korman's series books. Include the number of titles in each series as well! Series 1: _____ Number of titles: _____ Series 1: _____ Number of titles: _____ Series 1: _____ Number of titles: _____ Series 1: _____ Number of titles: _____ Series 1: _____ Number of titles: _____

4.	Free choice. Choose one of the series books and click on a title link.
5.	What series did you select? _____ What is the name of the title? _____ Read the excerpt provided on the screen. After you read it, rank the selection out of 10. I would give this a / 10

Time to defend your choice!

In Question #5, you gave your book excerpt a mark out of 10. Explain why below, using persuasive language and vocabulary!

6.	Click the "back" button twice again to return to the homepage. Select "what's new?" And read 3 of the most recent updates. On what dates were these updates posted? _____, _____ and _____
7.	<i>Final thoughts:</i> Check out Gordon's "top 10 questions" link which is found under the "information" Header. Use them to inspire you to create 3 questions that <i>you</i> could ask Mr. Korman! 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

