

The Rules

Now, kids, before we begin, I want you to know, Granny's got some rules. (I know, I know...rules, rules, rules! But trust me on this, you'll like these.)

- ✓ Please write and illustrate your story using the characters, FIG and Bella.
- ✓ Also, on the assignment page, please read the **BOLD** type. That's where you'll discover **what** you'll be writing about.
- ✓ **Do your best**—that's all Granny asks. I promise, I won't compare your writing to anyone else's. This is **YOUR** story! As long as you do your best, I'm happy, and you should be, too!
- ✓ Be sure to write your first name and the initial of your last name along with your age and grade on your story. Then put the name of your school and state. Thanks!

Do it like this: Jasmine T.

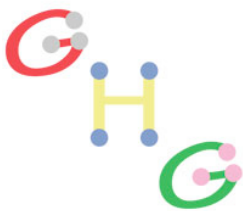
age 7, grade 1

Oakfield Elementary, NC

That wasn't too painful, now was it?

Can't wait to read your story!

Love much,



Gray-Haired Granny

P.S. Every month, we'll showcase a student's story—one from each grade level—on GHG's Blog! Who knows? We might put YOURS on Granny's blog one day!

P.P.S. Your story will become the property of StoryTime Club, Inc., and won't be returned.



FIG and Bella



I created some characters that live at the bottom of my long purple coat. And, yes, I gave them names and personalities. I even gave each of them a dog and named their dogs as well!

But before you begin your writing adventure, I want you to meet FIG and Bella along with their trusty dogs, Zinger and Zinnia. Then, after you meet them, go on over to YOUR ASSIGNMENT to discover what you'll be writing about. So, go ahead, roll up your sleeves, start reading, and then—Let's Write!

Are you ready to meet them? Great! I'll let them introduce themselves.

Drumroll, please. BA—DRRRRRRRRRRRUUUUMMMM—DUM! Presenting...

Let's Write with Gray-Haired Granny and Friends

With one great leap, FIG jumps onto my sleeve, then says, "Hey, there. I'm Franklin Inglebert Gordon. **I'm** 7 years old, and **I'm** a STICK kid. My parents named me after the great inventor, Benjamin Franklin, because they like to invent things, too. I'm Inglebert with an 'I' after my great, great, great uncle. They wanted me to have **that** name since they thought it was just so cool. And to top it off, my last name is Gordon. Now, putting all these names together is **real—ly** long, so they always call me 'FIG.' You can call me, FIG, too.

"Oh, and I can't forget my super dog named Zinger. I taught him lots and lots of tricks.

We live happily on Gray-Haired Granny's long purple coat. Yes, that's where you'll find us STICKS."

Bella carefully climbs up my purple coat. When she spots FIG on my sleeve, she quickly runs over to him, turns, and says, "Hey everybody, I'm Isabella Gunnison. **I'm** six years old, and **I'm** a stick kid, too. 'Bout everybody I know calls me 'Bella' for short. I don't mind it at all...I think it's kinda cute, just like me.

"I live next to FIG. We're best friends. Folks say we're like two peas in a pod. Where you see one of us, you'll most likely see the other. I have a dog named Zinnia. She's Zinger's sister."

FIG adds, "Hey, why don't you come along with us? Let's see what Gray-Haired Granny has on her mind. She's always doing something fun, no matter what the time."

"And if we tag along with her, she'll show us a REAL good time!" says Bella. "Wanna come?"

Granny says, "Well, I reckon since all the introductions are out of the way, we should get started writing. Now, don't forget, go on over to YOUR ASSIGNMENT to discover what you'll be writing about."

Your Assignment

“What are we going to write about today, Granny?” FIG and Bella say.

“Hmmm...,” Granny says as she rubs her chin. “I’ve got it! **All our new friends can write a story about you, FIG and Bella! The story can be about FIG being made fun of (bullied) at school because he’s a STICK kid.**

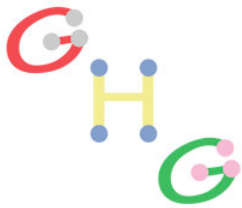
Everyone can write what the bully does to you, FIG, to make you feel sad, and how they think you would handle being bullied. They can even include Bella in the story—whether Bella helped you or not? And if they like, they can draw pictures to illustrate their stories!”

FIG and Bella shout, “Granny, that’s a GREAT idea!”

Okay, kids....**LET’S WRITE!** Think how FIG and Bella would act if FIG was being bullied and write it down. Remember, this is YOUR story. When you’re through, show it to your teacher and have her send me your very best work! I look forward to reading it!

Here’s a great BIG Granny hug.....Mmmmm—mmmm—uuuuhhhh!

Love much,



Gray-Haired Granny

