

# SIMON AND BARKLEE

## Passport Pals Guidelines

Students are invited to create their own Simon and Barklee adventures and send them to the author of the books. Writing projects from these entries will be selected for publication on Simon and Barklee's website.

### WHAT TO DO:

- Select a favorite Simon and Barklee book
- Select a place in that country that Simon and Barklee did not visit.
- Plan a story about what they might have done and what might have happened to them if they had visited that place. Include details about the setting, new characters, conflict or complication and resolution.
- Plan the story. Include the beginning, the middle, and the ending.
- Decide what they need to research for their story. (famous landmarks, history, local festivals, famous people, events, regional details such as mountains, rivers, seaside that could play a part in the story.)
- Write the story
- Illustrate the story
- Put the story and the illustrations together on the Passport Pals template and send it to:

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2280 E. Whidbey Shores Rd.  
Langley, WA 98260

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Research tools
  - Atlas and/or wall maps
  - Travel books about the chosen country
  - History and geography books
  - A basic foreign language/English dictionary
  - Encyclopedia or world books
  - Currency and metric conversion tables, charts and tools
- Relevant website addresses if computer access is available.

### DESIRED OUTCOMES:

Students develop research skills and test new research methods.

Students develop increased curiosity about an important world region.

Students discover interesting differences and recognize cultural foundations.

Students creatively apply what they learn and experiment with writing for publication.

If you need more information, feel free to contact us through our web site any time:

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