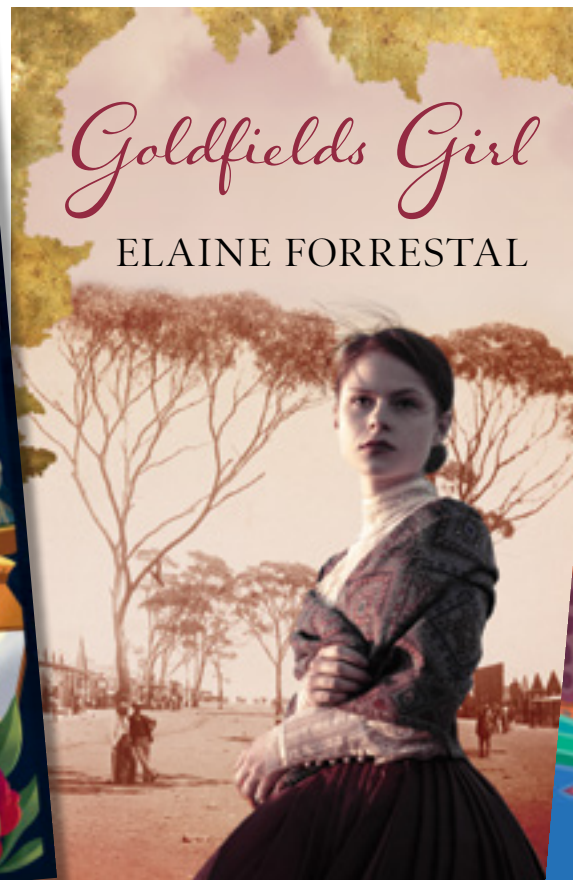


FREEBIES FOR MIDDLE READERS

Fun stuff for ages 10-14

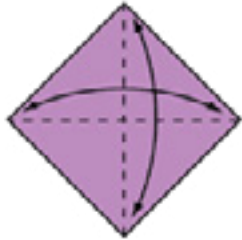


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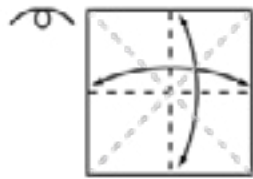


Let's create some mischief!

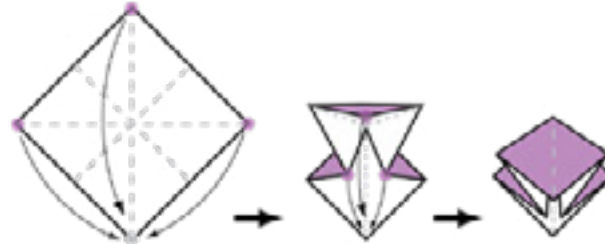
In *The History of Mischief* Jessie leaves dozens of paper cranes on the front porch of her neighbours house to cheer her up. Follow the instructions on how to make paper cranes, write a positive message on the wing and leave it anonymously in someone's locker, letterbox or front doorstep to give their spirits a lift.



1. Start with a square piece of paper, coloured side up. Fold in half and open. Then fold in half the other way.



2. Turn the paper over to the white side. Fold the paper in half, crease well and open, and then fold again in the other direction.



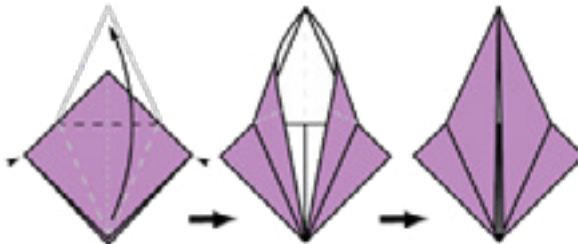
3. Using the creases you have made, bring the left and right corners together, then bring the top corner down and flatten so you are left with a square.



4. Fold top triangular flaps into the centre and unfold.



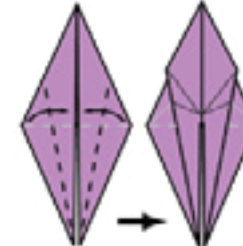
5. Fold top downwards, crease well and unfold.



6. Open the uppermost flap, bringing it upwards and pressing the sides inwards along your fold lines at the same time. Flatten down, creasing well.



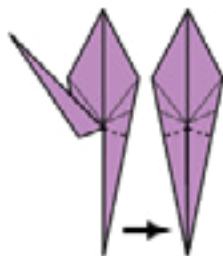
7. Turn model over and repeat steps 4-6 on the other side.



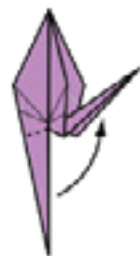
8. Fold side flaps into the centre.



9. Repeat on other side.



10. Fold both 'legs' up, crease very well, then unfold.



11. Open the side flaps a little and invert the 'legs' folding them up along the crease you just made so they sit inside the flaps.



12. Fold down a small section of one leg and invert it for the head, then fold down the wings.

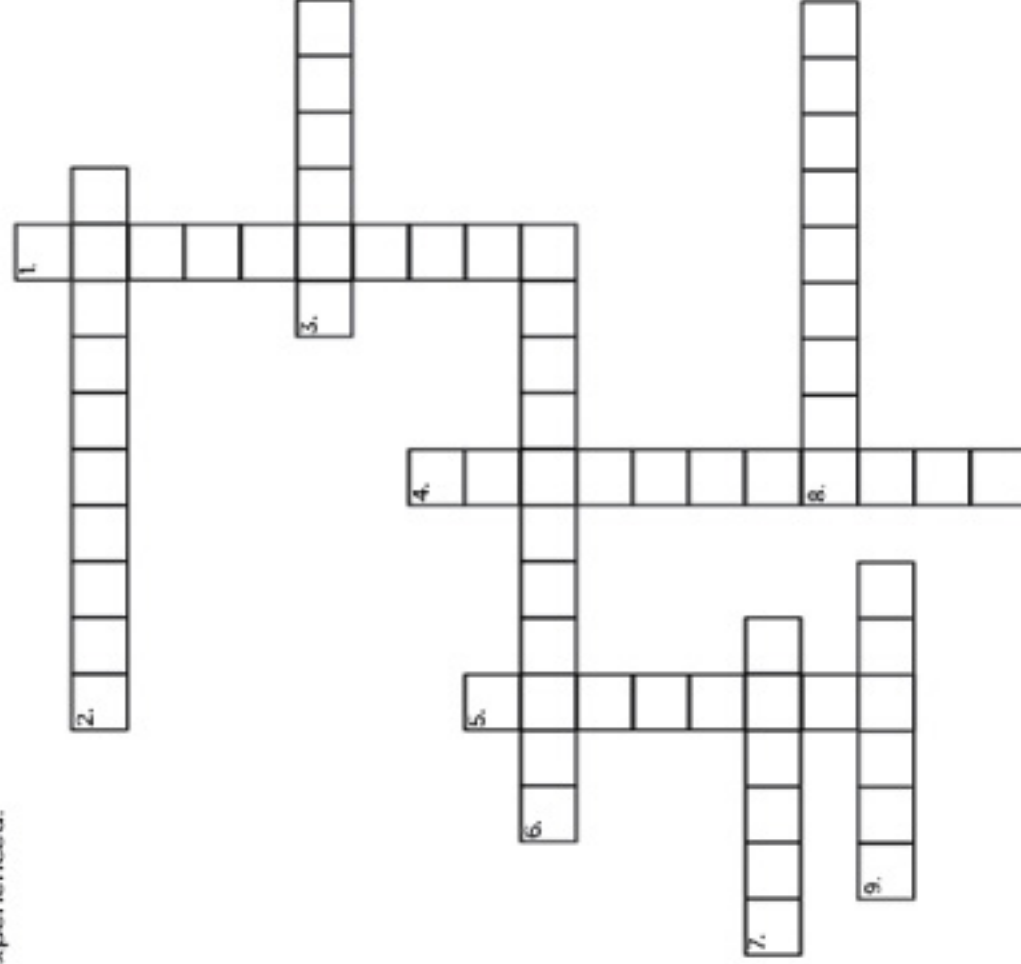


Here's what your paper crane should look like. Don't forget to write your message on the wing for someone special.



Gold Search

In *Goldfields Girl*, it's 1892 and amid a fevered gold rush, 14-year-old Clara Saunders is in search of adventure in the WA goldfields. Complete the crossword below to understand some of what Clara would have experienced.



DOWN

1. Name of a town where gold was found in WA.
4. An instrument used to check for gold.
5. Clara Saunders was _____ years old when she moved to WA.

ACROSS

2. Someone who searches for gold.
3. _____'s Reward the gold site that prompted the foundation of Coolgardie.
6. The name of a famous WA convict who escaped from jail multiple times.
7. A traditional bread that could be cooked on the camp fire.
8. A common illness of the nineteenth century that caused fatigue, abdominal pain, fever and chills.
9. The surname of the man who gave Clara Saunders a gold nugget in return for saving his life.

To find the answers for this crossword puzzle, please visit the Fremantle Press website.



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ORAL HISTORY ACTIVITY

We all have stories to tell, or an experience that we would like to share. An oral history is a way of preserving information that can then be passed on.

1. Ask for permission

Who are you going to interview and do you have permission to record them?

2. Prepare using the checklist below.

Ensure you have a recording device and/or pen and paper to take notes

Set a date, time and location for the interview.

Research the person you are interviewing and anything relevant to the topic.

Have you done research to prepare for the interview?

3. Interview

Record your interview or transcribe it



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