

Betsy-Tacy Lapbook Plan

by Maud Hart Lovelace, published in 1940

Summary: *Betsy-Tacy* is the story of two girls living across the street from one another just before the turn of the 20th century in a small town in Minnesota. They become friends at Betsy's fifth birthday party, and are quickly inseparable. The book follows them through the many ways they have fun playing and imagining together, their first day of school, birth and death in their families, and finally, meeting a new friend. This is the first in a ten book series following the childhood through young adult years of Betsy and her friends.

Chapter 1: Betsy Meets Tacy *and* **Chapter 2:** Betsy's Birthday Party

Minibook: How did Betsy and Tacy meet? How did they become friends?

Minibook: When and where did Betsy and Tacy live?

Minibook: Betsy's Birthday – How was Betsy's birthday celebrated?

Chapter 3: Supper on the Hill

Minibook: What Betsy and Tacy ate at the bench (draw or cut out pictures of some of the food they ate for supper)

Chapter 4: The Piano Box

Minibook: The Chicken and the Egg

Chapter 5: The First Day of School

Minibook: School Days

Chapter 6: The Milkman Story

Minibook: How was life different in Betsy and Tacy's day?

Continue filling in this mini-book throughout the following chapters.

Examples: People traveled by horse-drawn carriages, milk was delivered to homes (no refrigerators), coal stoves and heaters, ladies use a "calling card" and go calling, whistle blows for noon and 6pm, some families had a hired girl

Chapter 7: Playing paper dolls

Minibook: Paper Doll Pocket

Chapter 8: Easter Eggs

Chapter 9: The Sand Store

Minibook: The Sand Store

Minibook: Flowers matchbooks

Various spring flowers are mentioned in the chapter (Violets, Hepaticas, bloodroots, dutchman's breeches).

Minibook: Ten Cents

Chapter 10: Calling on Mrs. Benson

Minibook: Going Calling

Chapter 11: The Buggy Shed

Minibook: Horse and Buggy Vocabulary

Minibook: Betsy and Tacy's imaginary trip

Minibook: My imaginary trip – Write a story about your own imaginary trip to a far off place

Chapter 12: Margaret

Minibook: The Name Game

Chapter 13: Mrs. Mueller Comes to Call *and* **Chapter 14:** Tib

Minibook: How did Betsy and Tacy meet Tib?

Additional Mini Book Ideas:

~About the Author

~My favorite part of the book

Betsy-Tacy and Tib Lapbook Plan

by Maud Hart Lovelace

published in 1941

Summary: Betsy, Tacy and Tib are now eight years old. The grown-ups think that three girls will quarrel, but Betsy, Tacy and Tib do not. They are the best of friends. Whether they are carrying out plans that eventually get them into trouble (like cutting their own hair or “going begging” at a neighbor’s house), or using their vivid imaginations to pretend they can fly or to explore a mirror palace, Betsy, Tacy and Tib are always having a good time together.

Chapter 1: Begging at Mrs. Eckstrom’s and **Chapter 2:** Learning to Fly

Minibook: Flower Matchbooks (continued from the other book)

Betsy, Tacy and Tib see Columbine on the Hill. Julia and Katie bring back wild sweet peas, Queen Anne’s lace, and white and yellow daisies.

Minibook: Maple Syrup

Minibook: Pretending to be birds

Chapter 3: The Flying Lady

Minibook: Treats and Toys at the Street Fair

Chapter 4: The house in Tib’s basement

Minibook: Tib’s House

What made Tib’s house different?

Chapter 5: Everything Pudding

Minibook—Everything Pudding

Chapter 6: The Mirror Palace

Minibook- The Mirror Palace

Chapter 7: Red Hair, Yellow Hair, Brown Hair

Minibook: How Are You Feeling?

Minibook: Acme Pills

Chapter 8: Being Good

Minibook: Heaven

Minibook: Being Good

Chapter 9: The Secret Lane

Minibook: Secret Clubs

Chapter 10: Aunt Dolly

Minibook: Aunt Dolly's Dresses

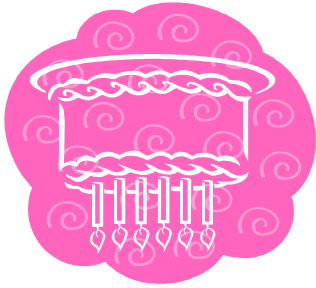
How did Betsy and
Tacy meet each
other? How did they
become friends?

How did Betsy and
Tacy meet Tib?

Betsy and Tacy met each other when Tacy's family moved in across the street. Betsy saw Tacy out the window and followed her to the bench. Tacy was too shy, and ran away from Betsy. She yelled out her name, but Betsy didn't understand and thought Tacy was calling names. They became friends a little while later at Betsy's 5th birthday party.

Betsy and Tacy had "gone calling" at the Chocolate Brown house and left Betsy's mother's calling card there. When they returned to Deep Valley, Tib's mother came to call on Betsy's mother. Tib's mother introduced the girls to Tib.

My favorite part of <u>Betsy-Tacy</u> was	My favorite part of <u>Betsy-Tacy</u> <u>and Tib</u> was



At Betsy's 5th Birthday party, they played games on the lawn. When they came inside the house, Betsy's mother played the piano, and the children marched around the house. They ate cake and ice cream. The guests brought Betsy gifts.

How did Betsy and Tacy think they could get a chicken to lay an egg?

How do chickens really lay eggs?

The chicken and the egg (paste box above into center of box below after book is folded).

How did Betsy and Tacy try to get the chicken to lay an egg? They trapped the chicken in a box and ran around yelling, "lay an egg, lay an egg!"

How do chickens really lay eggs? Chickens usually lay eggs once per day, in the morning. No amount of asking or yelling will get them to lay more eggs! :)

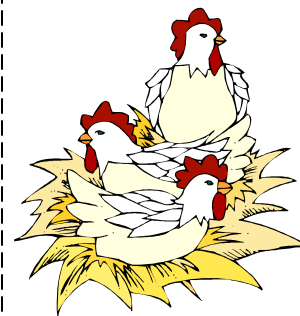
Betsy's 5th
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... and
the Egg

The
Chicken . . .





Supper on the Bench

When
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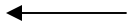


Where?



Betsy and her friends lived in Deep Valley MN (based on Mankato, MN). The books are based on author Maud Hart Lovelace's life. She turned five in 1897.

Glue this box inside "When and where" book



Fold this book like an accordion. Paste this piece to your lapbook.

Supper on the bench:

The girls took their supper plates to the bench, ate their meal and told stories.

They ate whatever their families were having for supper — one night it was strawberries, scrambled eggs, and bread. Betsy really loved Tacy's mother's cake without frosting.



Horse and Buggy Vocabulary

Buggy:

Surrey:

Whip:

Dust Robe:

The Sand Store

Here's how I think the bottles in the
sand store might have looked . . .

A light, simple two person
carriage

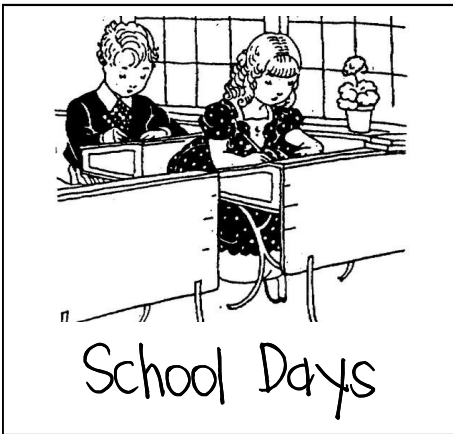
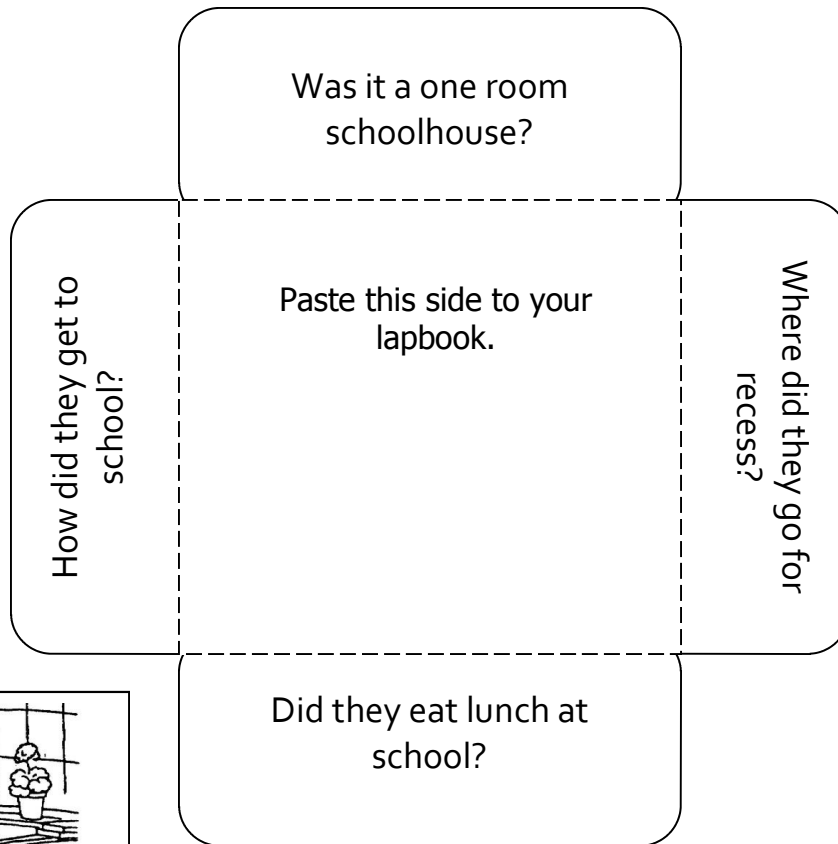
A covering to protect the
rider in a carriage from dust

A horse-drawn, two seated
pleasure carriage, usually
with an open spindle seat

A long stick-like device,
usually slightly flexible,
with a small bit of leather or
cord, called a "popper", on
the end.

Cut pages out. Paste definitions on. Stack together
with cover on top and staple at the top of the book.

Cut on solid lines. Fold on dotted. Answer questions under flaps. Paste title piece to the center (when opened).



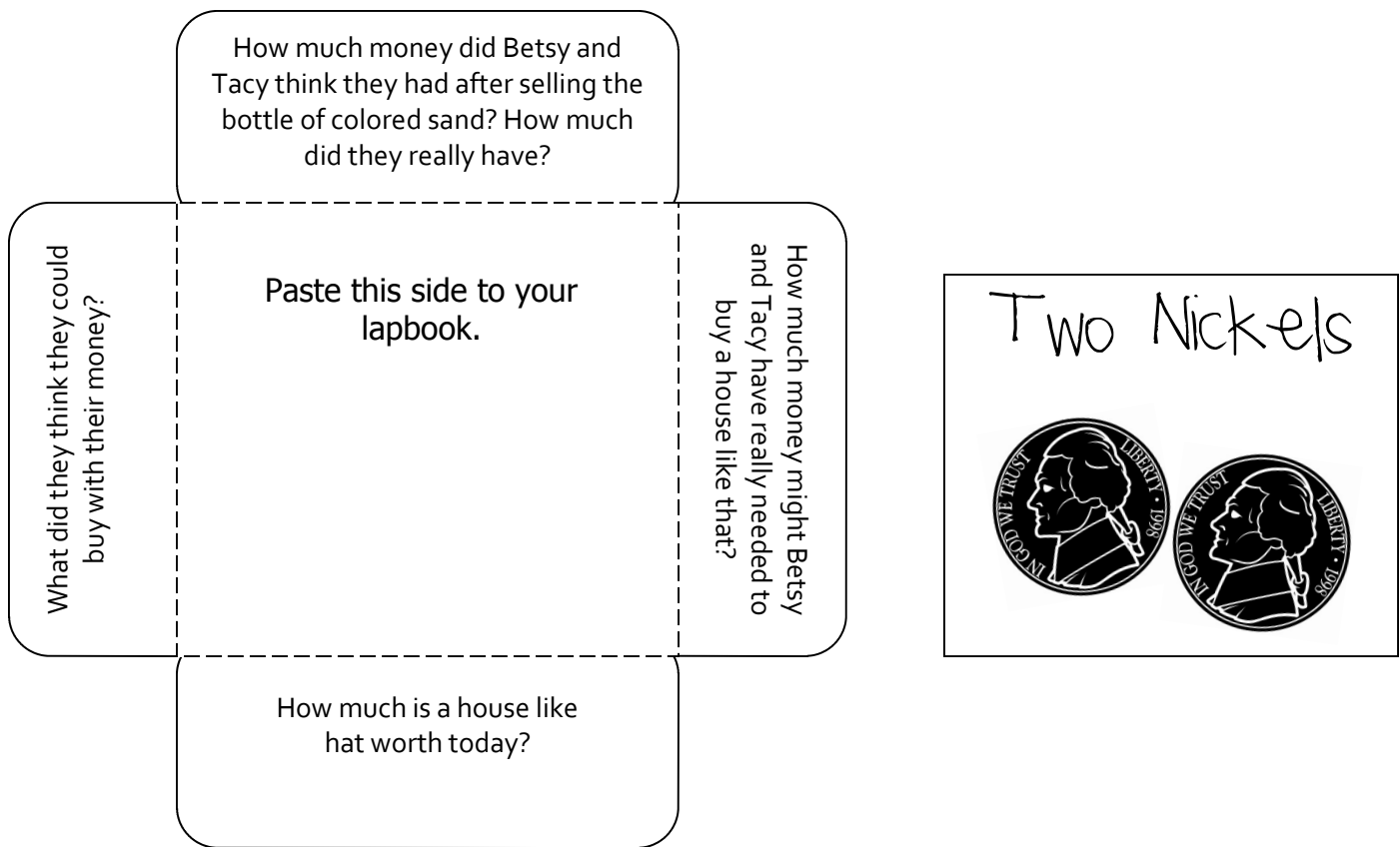
It was not a one-room school — each grade had its own room.

They did not eat lunch at school — they could go home for lunch.

At recess, the girls went to the “girls’ yard” while the boys went to the “boys’ yard.”

They walked to school.

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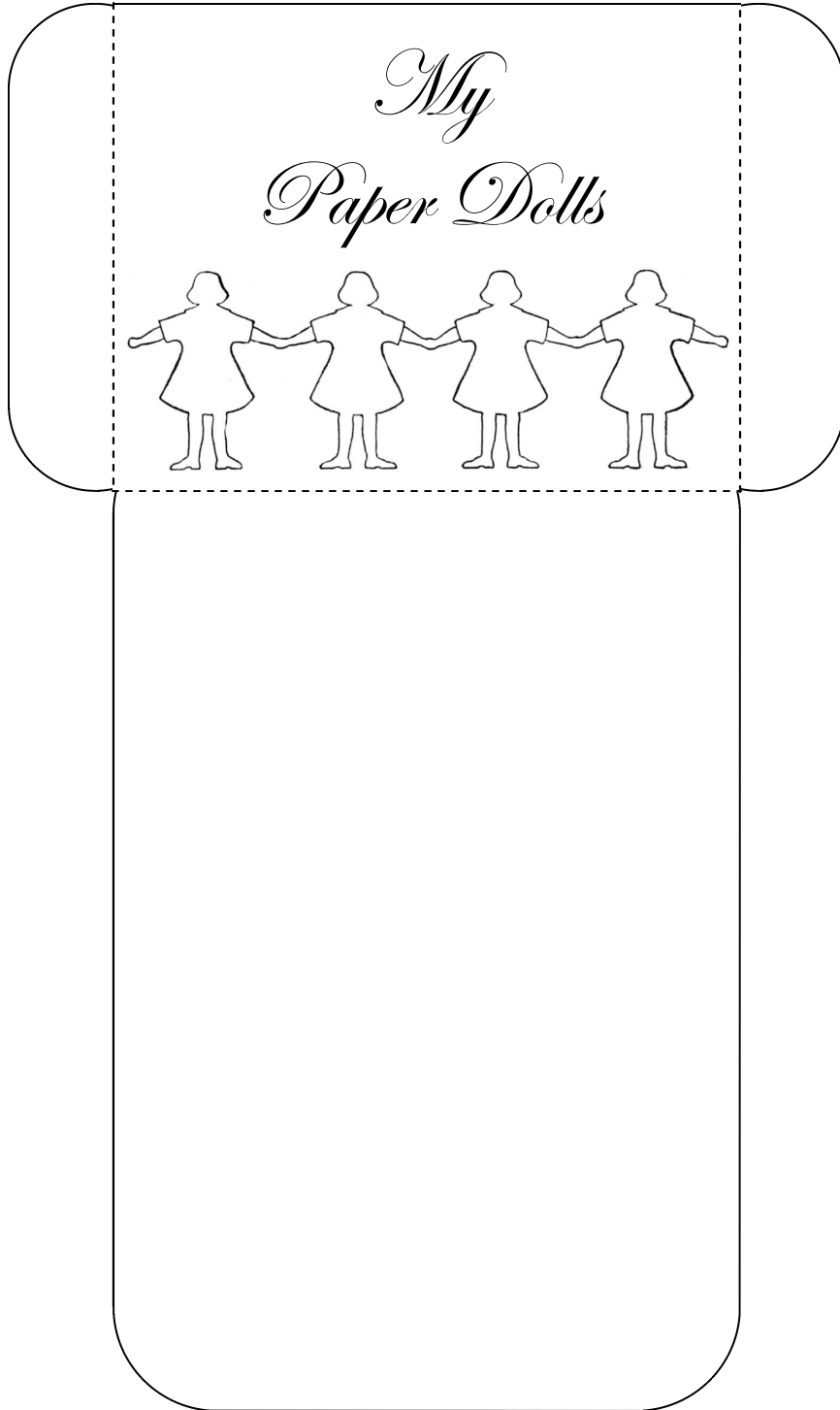


They thought they had nine cents, but it was really 10 cents.

They wanted to buy the chocolate brown house

As of 2010, the brown house that Tib's real-life counterpart lived in was worth \$206,500. (Source: Blue Earth County Assessor's office website)

A house like the chocolate brown house would probably have cost at least \$2,000 and possibly as much as \$4,000 to \$6,000!.



Betsy and Tacy made paper dolls from pictures cut out of magazines. Make your own magazine paper dolls to put in the pocket.

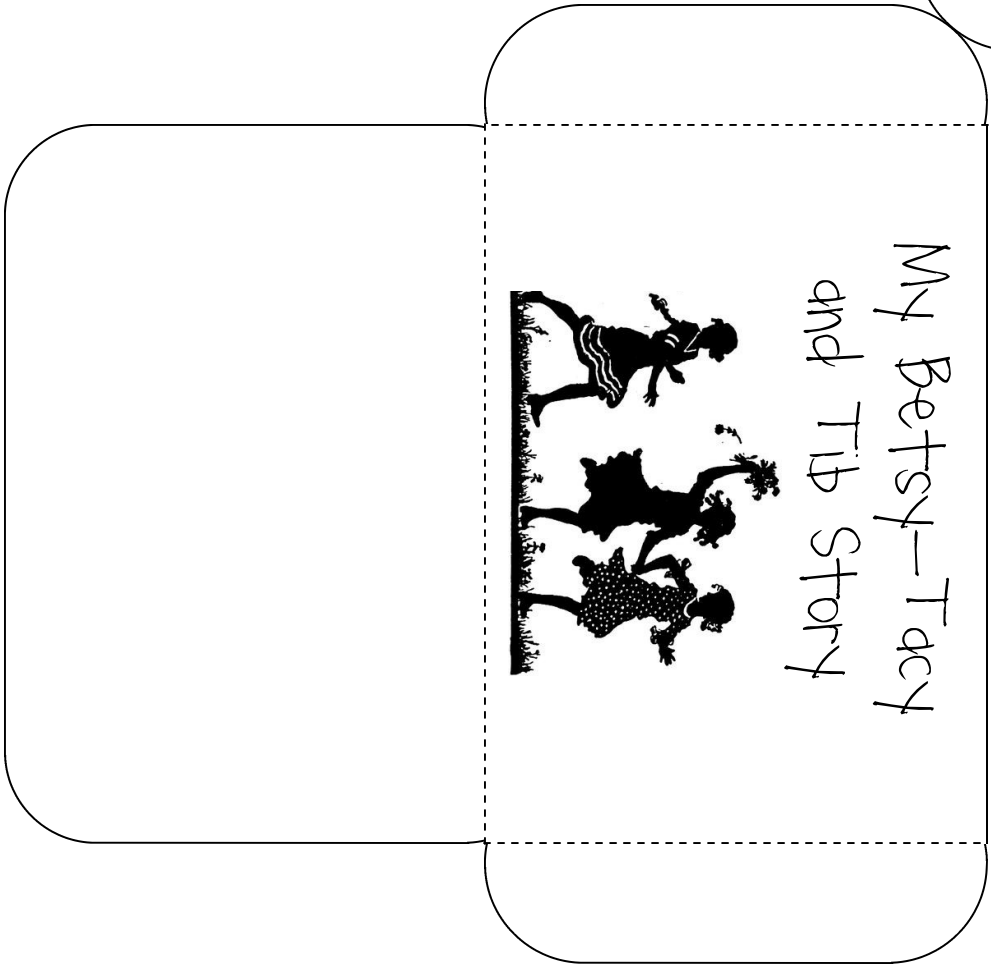
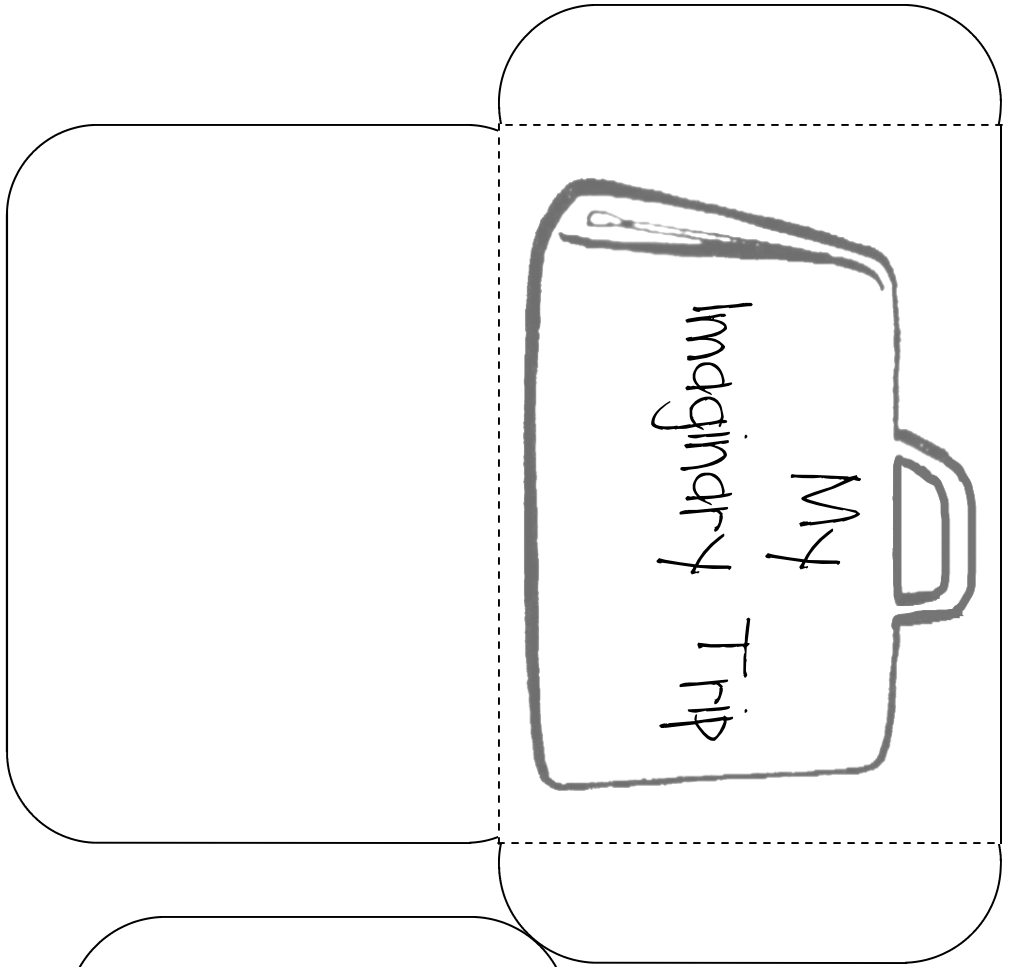


*The Mirror
Palace*

Draw a picture of what you might see in your "mirror palace" or draw a picture of what Tib might have looked like as the mirror palace princess. Cut out your mirror. Assemble pocket and insert mirror in pocket.

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Directions:
Assemble
pockets and
insert
student's
creative
writing in the
pocket.



The Name Game




The Name Game		
What names are most popular for baby girls today?	What names were most popular for baby girls in 1898?	What names did Julia and Betsy suggest for their baby sister?

What names did Julia and Betsy Suggest? Rosy and Ginivra. Margaret was the name chosen by Betsy's father.

What names were popular in 1898? Mary, Anna, Helen, Margaret, Ruth, Florence, Elizabeth, Ethel, Marie, Lillian

What names are popular today? Isabella, Emma, Olivia, Sophia, Ava, Emily, Madison, Abigail, Chloe, Mia (in 2009)

Name data from <http://ssa.gov/OACT/babynames/>

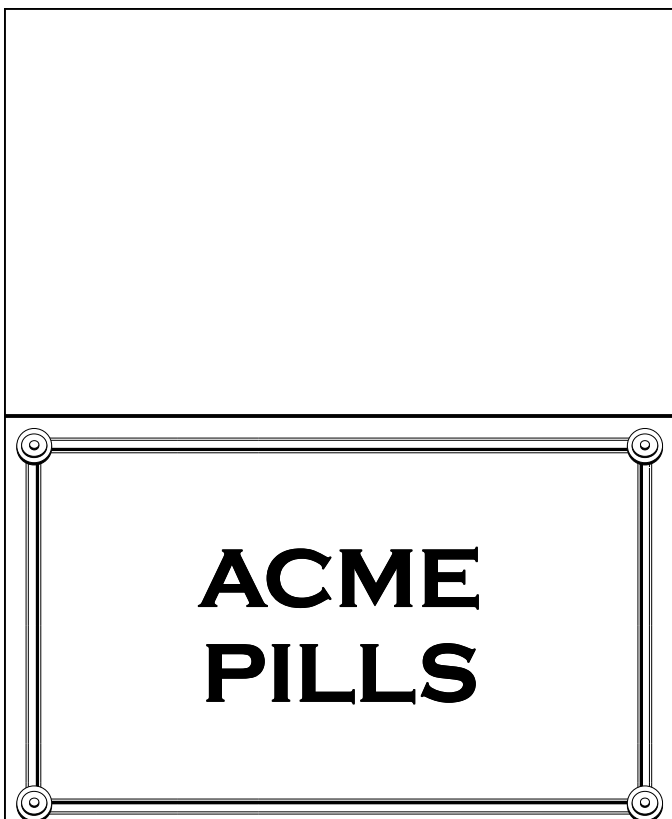
 <p>How are you feeling?</p>		
<hr/>		
<p>Is it common today?</p> <p>Why?</p>	<p>Was this illness common at the time?</p> <p>Was it considered serious?</p>	<p>What illness did Tacy have in <i>Betsy-Tacy and Tib</i>?</p>

"Acme Pills":

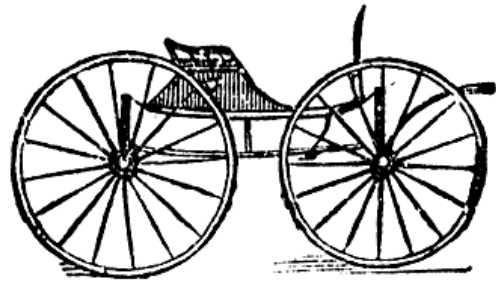
Betsy, Tacy and Tib cut off locks of their hair to keep in a pill box. Draw a picture of their locks of red, yellow and brown hair or cut strands of yarn to put in this "pill box" — decorate the outside of the pill box too if you like.

"How are you feeling":

What illness did Tacy have? Diphtheria
Was this illness common at the time?
 Yes — many thousands of cases in the USA each year; tens of thousands died.
Is it common today? Why? No — it is very rare today because of better sanitation, clean drinking water and immunizations.



*How was life different
at the turn of the
20th century?*



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1. People traveled in horse-drawn _____
2. Milk was brought by _____
3. Houses were heated with _____

4. Ladies go _____
5. Some families had helpers called _____

6. More things we have today that most people didn't have when Betsy, Tacy and Tib were young girls:

1. Buggy, carriage or surrey
2. The milk man
3. Coal or wood heaters
4. Calling
5. Hired girls or Hired men
6. Suggestions: cars, telephones, electricity, computers, etc

Going Calling



What did Betsy
and Tacy take
with them when
they dressed up
and went calling?



Betsy, Tacy and Tib
pretended to be birds.
This is the kind of bird I
would pretend to be . . .

Accordion fold
and paste this
piece to your
lapbook.

Aunt Dolly brought many
beautiful dresses with her to
Deep Valley. Here's what I
think one of her dresses might
have looked like . . .

Answers: Lace veil, parasol, lace-edged handkerchief,
card case with calling cards.



Treats and Toys at the street fair:

Games and things to do at the street fair:

Cut out pages of book and staple together at the bottom.

Answers:

Treats and Toys: whips, balloons, lemonade, popcorn, peanuts, ice cream

Games and things to do: merry go round, ferris wheel, shooting game, flying lady show

How the flying lady really flew:
She was on one end of a board like a teeter-totter, with something heavy on the other end. They moved her from side to side and up and down.

How the flying lady really flew:

1.

Going on an
imaginary
Trip

2.

Where did Betsy and Tacy initially plan to go on their imaginary adventure?

3.

What food did Betsy and Tacy pretend to take with them on their trip?

After Tom came into the buggy shed, what did the imaginary destination become?

4.

2. Milwaukee

3. Hard boiled eggs, chicken sandwiches, potato salad, watermelon, chocolate cake, sweet pickles, sugar cookies and ice cream

4. St. Paul



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About the Author




Maud Hart Lovelace was born on April 25th, 1892 in Mankato MN. She loved to write, even as a child. She graduated from high school in Mankato, and then went on to college at the University of Minnesota, though she did not graduate. She married Delos Lovelace in 1917. They lived in both Minneapolis and New York until 1928, when they moved permanently to New York. Maud and Delos had one child, a daughter named Merian. They lived in New York for much of their lives, then retired to California.

Maud's first novel was published in 1926. The Betsy-Tacy series of books was published between 1940 and 1955. Much of the Betsy-Tacy series of books is based on Maud's experiences growing up. She wrote a total of 24 novels. Maud died in 1980.

Information summarized from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maud_Hart_Lovelace

Clubs – What was the name of Julia and Katie’s Club? (B.H.M./Big Hill Mystery Club) What was the name of Betsy, Tacy and Tib’s Club (T.C.K.C/The Christian Kindness Club). If you had a club, what would you name it? What would you do at your meetings?

<p>What was the name of Betsy, Tacy and Tib’s club?</p>	<p>What was the name of Julia and Katie’s Club?</p>	<p>If I had a secret club, I would name it . . .</p>	<p>This is what I would do at my secret club meetings . . .</p>
			

What did Betsy,
Tacy and Tib put in
their Everything
Pudding?

Did it taste good?

If you could invent
a flavor of
pudding, what
would it be?



Everything Pudding

bacon grease, sugar, milk, eggs, flour, raisins, coffee, tea, tapioca, corn starch, gelatin, soda, cinnamon, other spices, molasses, bay leaves, vinegar, olive oil, coconut, cocoa, chocolate, butter, lard, onion, syrup, saleratus, baking power, rice, macaroni, citron, and flavorings.

No — it tasted awful and made them sick

bacon grease, sugar, milk, eggs, flour, raisins, coffee, tea, tapioca, corn starch, gelatin, soda, cinnamon, other spices, molasses, bay leaves, vinegar, olive oil, coconut, cocoa, chocolate, butter, lard, onion, syrup, baking power, rice, macaroni, citron, and flavorings

Being Good



When Betsy, Tacy and Tib had a club for being good, they put a stone in a pouch every time they did something bad. What happened?

Why didn't it work?

Fold like an accordion and paste back of last piece to your lapbook.

Betsy, Tacy and Tib ended up wanting to do bad things instead of good things. They were very naughty and put lots of stones in their bag.

Once they started putting stones in, they wanted to keep up with each other. Putting stones in the bag was too much fun! It wasn't really a punishment.

How was Tib's house different?



Tib's house had a basement instead of a dirt cellar. The basement had a furnace, instead of the house being heated by wood or coal on the main floor. It was much larger than the other two girls' houses, with both a front and back stairway and a tower.

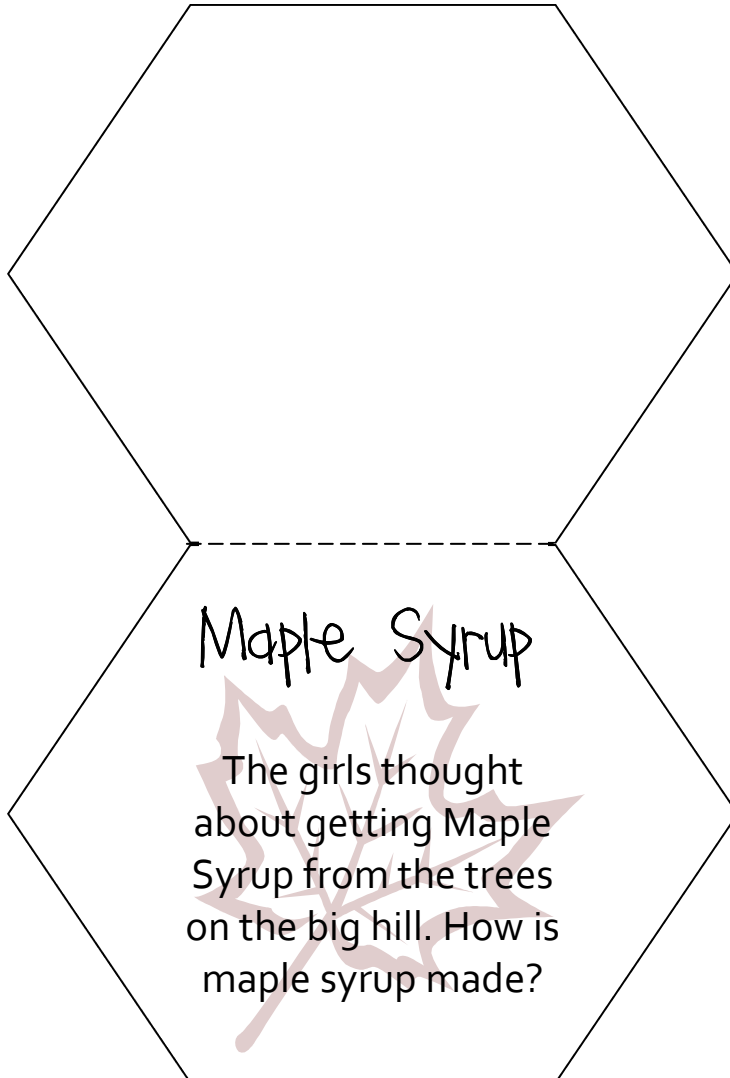
They thought that heaven would be up in the clouds. They thought that everyone would be beautiful with long hair and everyone would sail around with palm leaves in their hands. They also thought there would be a lot of yummy things to eat.

What did the girls think heaven would be like?



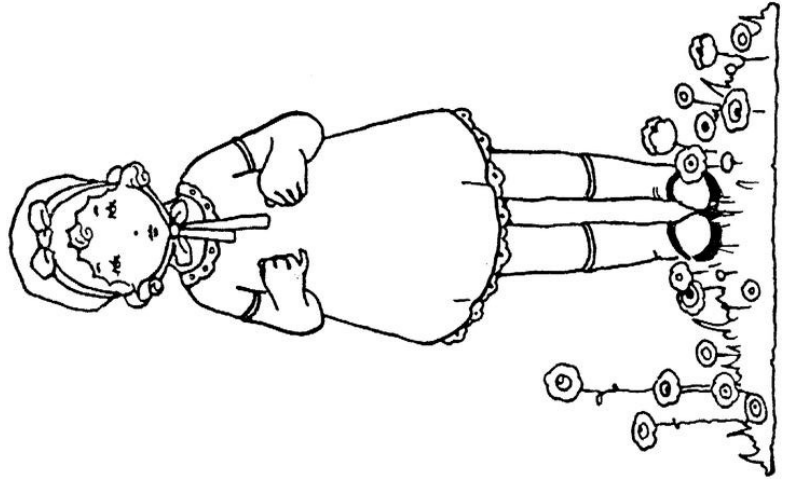
What do you think it will be like?

In the spring, maple trees may be tapped to catch the sweet sap that will flow out. The sap must then be boiled down to get pure syrup.



This cover book goes with the flower matchbooks in the other Betsy-Tacy lapbook file.

The Flowers of
Betsy-Tacy
and
Betsy-Tacy
and Tib



Directions. Cut out book on first page and fold twice (tri-fold style—folding both flaps in over toward the middle). Write a title on the front. Unfold. Cut out each matchbook (there are 12) and fold matchbook style. Paste three on each part of the inside of your tri-fold book, and on the blank inside flap.

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On the inside of each matchbook, write where the characters from Betsy-Tacy or Betsy-Tacy and Tib saw the flowers, or a quote from the book involving the flower

Abbreviations: BT = Betsy-Tacy, BTT=Betsy, Tacy, Tib. Special thanks to the Maud Hart Lovelace society for providing a download with a complete list of all the wild flowers mentioned in the Betsy-Tacy series. Page numbers taken from this download.

Bloodroot

Bloodroot. (Glue into lap-
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Dutchman's Breeches

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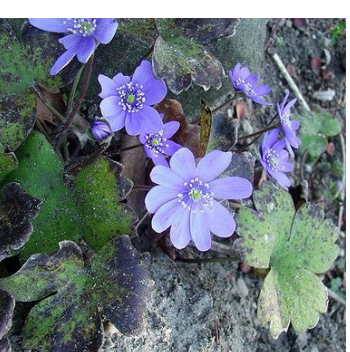


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Hepaticas

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Violet

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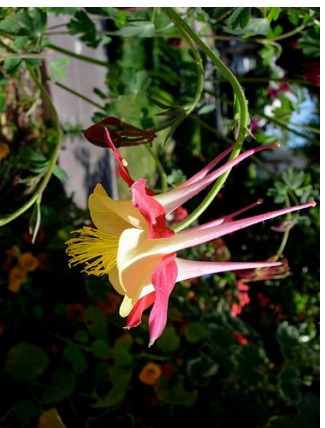
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Red and Yellow Columbine

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Sweet Peas

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Queen Anne's Lace

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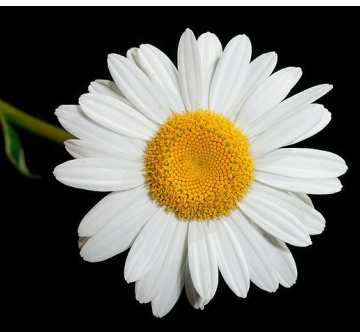
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White and Yellow Daisy

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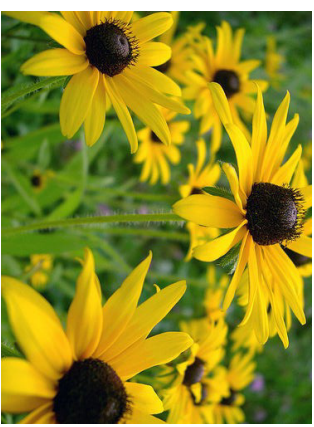
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Brown Eyed Susan

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Forget-me-not

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Aster

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Wild Plum

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