

Visit each of the websites below to gain background knowledge about our next novel, *Tangerine* by Edward Bloor. Background knowledge helps us to make inferences and discover deeper meaning when we read.

Welcome to Tangerine!

1. Why would Edward Bloor have a good feel for middle school students? Explain what experience he has had that gives him insight into the middle school mind.
2. What was Bloor's inspiration for *Tangerine*?
3. What did Chris Williams from St. Petersburg like about *Tangerine*?

More About Bloor . . .

4. List the novels that Edward Bloor has written and the year that they were published.
5. What is the name of his *most recently published* novel?
6. Name two of the characters from the novel *Tangerine*.
7. Name one award that *Tangerine* has won and explain what the award is for.

Tangerine on the Map

8. Enter the city/state name "Tangerine, Florida" into the blanks to see a map of Florida. Name the six lakes close to Tangerine.

Honey Tangerines

9. How much would it cost to purchase 32 lbs of Honey Tangerines?

Lightning Fatalities

10. Which state had the highest number of lightning fatalities from 1990 to 2003?
11. Which state had the least?

Lightning Safety

12. If you were attending an **Organized Outdoor Athletic Event**, and you feel your hair standing on end and/or hear a "crackling noise," what must be happening?

Sinkholes

13. What is a sinkhole?

14. If you're a Floridian and a sinkhole opens on your property, who do you call? (List three places you could contact.)

15. What is the underlying cause of sinkholes?

More About Sinkholes . . .

16. Where does most sinkhole damage occur?

17. Which type of rock is present in Florida? Evaporites or carbonates?

Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania

18. Mrs. Mancini grew up in Sinking Spring, PA. How did Sinking Spring get its name?

19. Why might sinkholes be popular in Sinking Spring?

Muck Fires

20. What causes muck fires, according to this article?

21. What three things provided the perfect conditions for the muck fire?

22. Besides smelling really bad, what other inconveniences did this muck fire cause?
23. Why did they have to close the local interstate highway?
24. When did this muck fire occur?

Lightning Strikes

Watch the video to answer the questions.

25. What is the peak month for lightning?
26. Who is more likely to be struck by lightning?
27. When do most lightning fatalities/injuries happen and why?
28. What do lightning rods do?