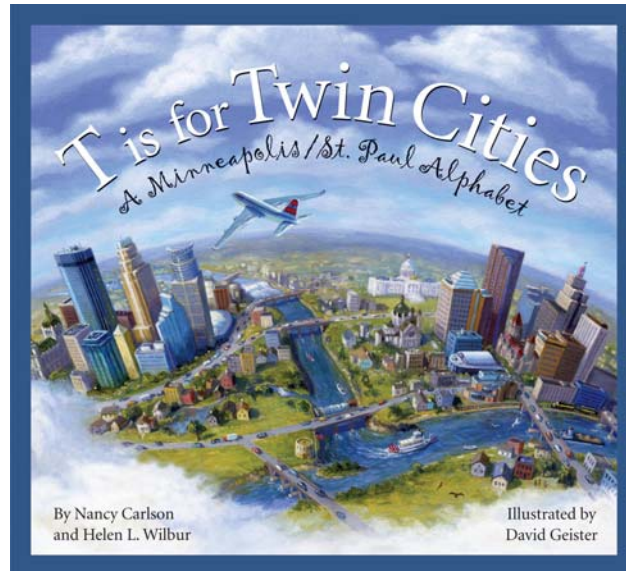


# Teacher's Guide



## **T is for Twin Cities A Minneapolis/St. Paul Alphabet**

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**5 Days in the Twin Cities**



You are going on a trip to Minneapolis/St. Paul for 5 days. Use the book *T is for Twin Cities* to plan your trip.

Circle a season you would like to go:    Spring    Summer    Winter    Fall

Create a list of items that you would need to pack in your suitcase for a 5-day adventure in the Twin Cities.

Create a schedule of where you will go each day. You must visit at least 3 man-made structures and 3 natural landforms during your 5-day stay.

Day 1

Day 2

Day 3

Day 4

Day 5

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**People of the Twin Cities**

Below is a list of people featured in the book *T is for Twin Cities*. Using facts from the book and the Internet, create a trading card to represent one of the famous people. Be sure to include things such as their name, birth date, picture, importance to the Twin Cities, and three interesting facts.

Wanda Gag  
Tyrone Guthrie



Elizabeth C. Quinlan  
Wilbur B. Foshay



James J. Hill  
Charles Schulz



Garrison Keillor  
Swan Turnblad

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**Acrostic Poetry**

After reading the book *T is for Twin Cities*, create an acrostic poem. An acrostic uses a name for its subject. Then, each line begins with a letter from the subject chosen. These types of poems do not need to rhyme. They can range from serious to goofy, as long as they are creative! Below is an example of an acrostic poem using the word “St. Paul.” Below that is the word “Minneapolis” for you to try your own acrostic poem!

S et on the Mississippi River,  
T win cities: Minneapolis & St. Paul.  
P eople enjoying the parks,  
A venues filled with people.  
U niversity of Minnesota and the  
L akes bustling with people.



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**All about the Book**

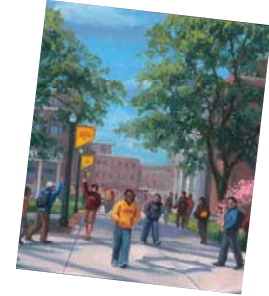
Use the book *T is for Twin Cities* to answer the questions below. Hint: you will find most answers on the first page and the last page of the book.



1. What two people wrote *T is for Twin Cities*? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who illustrated *T is for Twin Cities*? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the copyright date of *T is for Twin Cities*? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What company published *T is for Twin Cities*? \_\_\_\_\_
5. In what city is the publisher located? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Most books have an ISBN. ISBN stands for International Standard Book Number. It is kind of like an address for a book. What is the ISBN for *T is for Twin Cities*?  
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7. Where was *T is for Twin Cities* printed and bound? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What school did Nancy Carlson graduate from? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Where does Helen L. Wilbur live? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Since 2000, David Geister has lived in what city? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Scavenger Hunt**



While reading *T is for Twin Cities*, find the answers to the following facts about people, places, and events in the Twin Cities.

1. Charles Schulz wrote and drew the comic strip called \_\_\_\_\_

2. What month and year was the Foshay Tower completed? \_\_\_\_\_

3. In what month is the Lake Harriet Kite Festival? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How many rooms does the James J. Hill House have? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How many feet tall is the Minnehaha waterfall? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Who was Nicolett Avenue named after? And what did the person do for a living?

\_\_\_\_\_

7. About how many performances does the Minnesota Orchestra perform each year? \_\_\_\_\_

8. The Twin Cities sit \_\_\_\_\_ miles apart on the banks of the Mississippi.

9. How many states does the Mississippi River touch before it flows into the Gulf of Mexico? \_\_\_\_\_

10. How many days does the Minnesota State Fair last? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Professional sports play an important role in the Twin Cities. Write the name of the sports teams for each of the following:

National Football League (NFL): \_\_\_\_\_

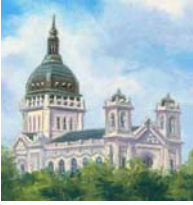
National Basketball Association (NBA): \_\_\_\_\_

Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA): \_\_\_\_\_

Major League Baseball (MLB): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Create a Flag**



Most countries and states have flags to represent them. After reading *T is for Twin Cities*, your task is to create a flag for Minneapolis and St. Paul, the Twin Cities. When you have created your flag, use the space below to explain what each symbol, picture, and color represents in your flag.

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**Famous 5 Questions**

After reading *T is for Twin Cities*, think of 5 different questions that you would ask each of the famous people listed below. Before writing the questions, reread the information about each famous person in the book. After you have finished, switch papers with a classmate and answer their questions as if you are that famous person.



**Tyrone Guthrie**



- \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_

**James I. Hill**



- \_\_\_\_\_

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**Elizabeth C. Quinlin**



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- \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_



**Elapsed Time in the Twin Cities**

There are lots of things to see and do in the Twin Cities. After you have read *T is for Twin Cities*, complete the elapsed-time word problems below. Be sure to show your work.

1. Mary begins riding her bike on a trail around the lake at 3:00pm. She stops to take a break on a park bench at 4:10pm. How long did she ride her bike before taking a break?



\_\_\_\_\_

2. A performance at the Guthrie Theater starts at 5:30pm and ends at 6:45pm. How long will the performance last?



\_\_\_\_\_

3. John and Mark were swimming in the lake from 3:15pm to 3:45pm, from 4:00-4:15, and from 5:00-5:20. How much time did they spend swimming in the lake?



\_\_\_\_\_

4. Jenny went to the Minneapolis Farmers Market on Thursday at 4:20pm. The Farmers Market closes at 5:00pm. How much time did Jenny have to shop at the Farmers Market?



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**Answer Key**

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Examples answers:

**Man-Made:** Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Walker Art Center, Basilica of Saint Mary, St. Paul's Landmark Plaza, Minnesota Capital Building, Foshay Tower, The Guthrie Theater, James J. Hill House, Turnblad House, University of Minnesota, Nicolett Mall

**Natural Landforms:** Lakes, Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Minnehaha Falls, Mississippi River

**All about the Book**

- 1) Nancy Carlson & Helen L. Wilbur
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- 7) United States of America
- 8) Minneapolis College of Art and Design
- 9) New York City
- 10) Minneapolis

**Scavenger Hunt**

- 1) *Peanuts*
- 2) August 1929
- 3) January
- 4) 42 rooms
- 5) 53 feet
- 6) Joseph Nicolett – geographer and cartographer
- 7) about 200 performances
- 8) 13 miles
- 9) 10 states
- 10) 12 days
- 11) National Football League (NFL): Minnesota Vikings  
National Basketball Association (NBA): Timberwolves  
Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA): Minnesota Lynx  
Major League Baseball (MLB): Minnesota Twins

**Elapsed Time in the Twin Cities**

- 1) 1 hour and 10 minutes
- 2) 1 hour and 15 minutes
- 3) 1 hour and 5 minutes
- 4) 40 minutes