**All's Faire in Middle School**
Victoria Jamieson

**GENRE:** Graphic Novel, Realistic Fiction

**BOOK SUMMARY**
Homeschooled all her life, Imogen is going to public school for the first time in middle school. Her family works at a Renaissance Faire, and it’s also her first year performing as a squire. Imogene tries to fit in at her new school, but middle school turns out to be pretty complicated.

**BOOK TALK**
Imagine your first day of middle school was also your first day of school--ever. Imogene has been homeschooled at the Renaissance Fair where her parents work, but now she’s embarking on her scariest quest yet--middle school. Will she have trouble fitting in? Will the other kids make fun of her for performing as a squire at the Renaissance Fair? Imogene must learn the rules of middle school fast and figure out for herself how far she will go to get other kids to like her.

**LINKS TO HELPFUL WEBSITES**
- **Official Book Trailer:** https://youtu.be/ZjxTjBaBK3A
- **Author:** http://www.victoriajamieson.com/
- **TeachingBooks.net through INSPIRE:** www.teachingbooks.net/qlnrkzw

**MAKERSPACE ACTIVITY**
Students can create their own coat of arms and then build shields. Learn about the symbolism of the Renaissance practice of family crests and use engineering skills to make the strongest shield possible.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**
1. Why do you think Imogene drew a mean picture of Anita, even though she didn’t want to? (page 136) Have you ever done something you weren’t proud of to try to fit in? Discuss.
2. What do you think you would like about having a family who worked at a Renaissance Fair? What about it do you think you would find difficult?
3. Do you agree with Imogene that it is hard to choose happiness in middle school (page 315)? In what ways can you choose to spread happiness?

**IF YOU ENJOYED THIS BOOK, YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE**
- **Friendship Graphic Novel:** *Real Friends* by Shannon Hale
- **Middle School Graphic Novel:** *Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova
- **Sibling Relationship Graphic Novel:** *Sisters* by Raina Telgemeier

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