

# The Grannie Annie Extension Activities

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## Scrapbooks and Quilts

Laura Amburgey, Gifted Resource Teacher at Anthony Wayne Schools in Whitehouse, Ohio, has her students follow their Grannie Annie interview and writing with the design of scrapbook pages and quilt squares. Although Laura refers to a “grandparent,” these activities could follow interviews with anyone.

### *Scrapbook pages*

After my students have interviewed their grandparent, they design two scrapbook pages based on what they learned about their grandparent. They put their essay on one page and create a design around that, and on the other they put old photos of their grandparent, other pictures, clip art, etc. I provide the scrapbook supplies: punches, stickers, paper, glue, vellum, etc., and sometimes the students bring in other things that go along with the theme of their story. The final pages are beautiful, and many students give the pages to their grandparent. As a class, we put the pages into scrapbooks and display them in the hall with the quilt (see below) on an antique tablecloth so that the whole school can browse through them.

### *Quilt squares*

The first year I did the quilt, I had two members of the local quilt club come in with sewing machines, ironing boards, the whole bit—and they made an actual quilt. The students designed quilt blocks from white muslin using fabric crayons, markers, permanent pens, etc. They designed their square with their grandparent’s last name, and illustrations and dates to represent what they found out about their grandparents and their heritage. I still have that quilt hanging in my classroom today. Since I see each class only once a week, that project took a little longer than I had expected, so for the last two years, I’ve just ordered a basic package of quilt squares from The Oriental Trading Company ([www.orientaltrading.com](http://www.orientaltrading.com)) and the students put the squares together by using a variety of colored ribbon. At the end of the project they have their essay, scrapbook pages, and quilt square to take home and share with their family. They are very proud of their work.