

## Bookfolio for **The Hundred Penny Box**

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**Recommended for:** [Grades 3-5](#)

**Classification:** Fiction

**Genre:** [Realistic Fiction](#)

**MultiCulture:** African American

**Story Summary:** Michael's great-great-aunt Dewbet Thomas now lives with Michael and his parents. Aunt Dew brought a special wooden box with her that contains one penny dated in each year of her hundred years. Michael loves to sit by her side and count out the hundred pennies as she recalls events of a particular year. Michael's mother, who has thrown away many of Aunt Dew's possessions, is not patient with Aunt Dew. Michael has been protecting many of Aunt Dew's possessions by hiding them in his closet. When Michael's mother wants to replace the hundred penny box with a new one, Aunt Dew says, "Anybody takes my hundred penny box, takes me." Michael fights to protect Aunt Dew's box for he wants to be the one to add the next penny.

**Read-aloud Recommendation:** pages 26-29

**The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:**

**R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing**

<b>The Hundred Penny Box - Independent Activities</b>	<b>Skills</b>
1. <a href="#">Michael: A Very Special Person</a> (Using dialogue and actions to write a character description)	W
2. <a href="#">A Keepsake</a> (Writing a story)	S , W
3. <a href="#">A Penny Box</a> (Sharing special events)	S
4. <a href="#">Adjusting to Change</a> (Writing about characters' feelings)	S , W
5. <a href="#">A Precious and Tender Moment</a> (Drawing a scene)	D
6. <a href="#">My Family Tree</a> (Interviewing family members)	D , S
<b>The Hundred Penny Box - Group Activities</b>	<b>Skills</b>
1. <a href="#">Between Generations</a> (Comparing two stories with similar themes)	L , R , S
2. <a href="#">A Dramatization</a> (Converting the story to a play)	R , S , W
3. <a href="#">Aging and the Care of the Elderly</a> (Giving a talk show)	S , W
4. <a href="#">"She was there when..."</a> (Making a time line)	R , W
5. <a href="#">A Collage for Generations</a> (Making a collage)	D
6. <a href="#">"Let's Talk About..."</a> (Discussing the story)	L , S

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