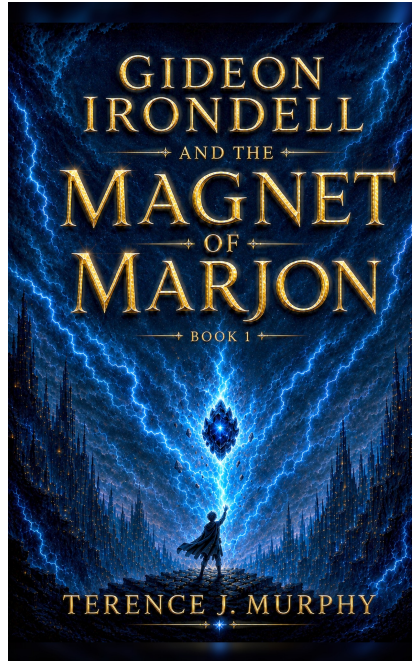




STUDENT ACTIVITY PAGES

Gideon Irondell and the Magnet of Marjon

Name: _____

Date: _____

Use these pages while reading or after finishing the novel. Your answers should show your own thinking and, whenever possible, evidence from the story.

Activity 1: Before You Enter the Barrens

Choose one and explain your reasoning.

1. Would you rather have one power you completely control or five powers you cannot yet understand?

2. Is breaking an unjust rule always justified?

3. Which matters more in a dangerous situation: courage, intelligence, loyalty, or self-control?

4. Can someone protect people without controlling them?

Activity 2: Build a Character Compass

Choose one character: Gideon, Thea, Bram, Toma, Vetra, Atticus, Fitzlin, or Kull.

Character chosen	
What this character wants	
What this character fears	
A difficult choice	
A strength	
A weakness	
How the character changes	
Best evidence from the novel	

Activity 3: Which Tribe Fits You?

Tribe	Ability	Possible strengths
Stonewake	Telekinesis	Strength, steadiness, practical action
Heartward	Empathic sight	Compassion, loyalty, understanding
Greyweave	Mind-bending	Observation, ideas, mental discipline
Twinform	Shapeshifting	Adaptability, creativity, change
Veilstep	Teleportation	Movement, instinct, independence

1. Which tribe best matches you?

2. Which tribe would be most difficult for you to belong to? Why?

3. Create one rule that every member of your chosen tribe should follow.

4. Draw a new symbol for your tribe in the box below.

Activity 4: Map the Conflict

Use the space below to sketch the continent. Include the Barrens, the Fault Lines, Karthune, Spinehold, and Marjon. Add arrows showing at least two important journeys.



1. How does geography shape the way people live and travel?

Activity 5: Real Science or Story Science?

Mark each statement R for real science, F for fictional worldbuilding, or B for a blend of both.

R / F / B	Statement
	Earth has a magnetic field.
	Earth's magnetic poles have reversed in the past.
	A reversal instantly splits continents into glowing Fault Lines.
	Rocks can preserve evidence of ancient magnetic directions.
	Magnetic powers appear in human descendants after a reversal.
	During a reversal, Earth's magnetic field may become weaker and more complex.
	The Magnet of Marjon can help a person align five powers.

1. Why do fantasy authors mix real science with invented consequences?

Activity 6: Design a Ring Rush Challenge

Create five gates. Each gate must test a different quality. You may use power, but the course should reward strategy.

Gate	Shape or obstacle	Quality tested	How a player succeeds
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

1. What rule prevents the strongest player from automatically winning?

Activity 7: Control or Leadership?

Place each action in the column where you think it belongs. Some may fit both. Explain one difficult choice below.

Control	Leadership
Forcing obedience	Earning trust
Hiding information	Sharing necessary truth
Punishing a whole group	Accepting responsibility
Making every decision alone	Listening before acting
Preventing disorder	Helping others grow

1. Choose one action that could be either control or leadership depending on the situation. Explain.

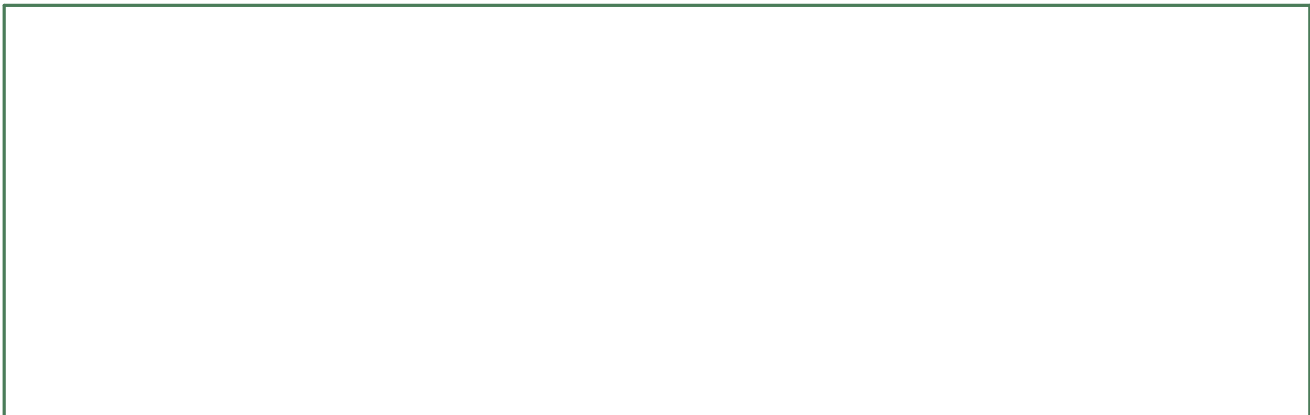
Activity 8: Vocabulary in Action

Word	Your definition	Scene or example
convergence		
restraint		
instability		
precision		
compliance		
anomaly		
proximity		
contingency		

Activity 9: Create a Sixth Tribe

Tribe name	
Ability	
What the ability cannot do	
Greatest strength	
Greatest danger	
Cultural value	
Motto	
Role in society	

Draw the tribe symbol:



Activity 10: Final Reflection

1. Which character changed the most? Explain.

2. What was Gideon's most important choice?

3. Which scene would you most like to see in a film adaptation?

4. What question do you still have at the end of Book One?

5. Complete the sentence: Power without understanding becomes...

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