Spitfire Stories

“But Nelle was stubborn, and her Alabama spitfire streak would not let her give up.” —Alabama Spitfire

Author Bethany Hegedus says that the famous author Harper Lee was a spitfire as a girl and a spitfire throughout her long life. What do you think are the traits of a spitfire?

Can you visit the library and find a biography of another spitfire? Tell us how that person was a spitfire in words and/or pictures in the box below. Ask your teacher or librarian how to cite your sources on the backside of this paper.

Consider sharing your spitfire biography online with the hashtag #BeASpitfire. NOTE: Spitfires, like Harper Lee, protect their privacy and always ask adults for permission to post online.

The Story of a Spitfire

Inspired by the picture book Alabama Spitfire: The Story of Harper Lee and To Kill a Mockingbird by Bethany Hegedus and illustrated by Erin McGuire (Balzer+ Bray).