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## Kate DiCamillo

Just like in her books, Kate DiCamillo has traveled too. She was born on March 25 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. When she was five years old, along with her mother and her older brother, she moved to Clermont, Florida. Her health was fragile and the warm air would be better for her.

She attended College in Florida and even had a job at Walt Disney World in Florida. Sh moved more to the north to Minneapolis, Minnesota where she worked on the third fild of a second-hand bookstore

She has always had a fascination and stories. She considers herself extreme ucky to be able to be a storyteller and w stories for a living.


She has been honored and rewarded for her work. Her novel Becduse of Winn-Dixie won a Newbery Honor. Then, her following


Dook, The Tiger Rising was nominated for the National Book Award. Two years later The Tale of Despereaux received the Newbery Medal. Then in 2005, Because of Winn-Dixie came out as a movie! Today she continues to write, tells stories, speaks to students and fellow writers.

Kate lives and writes in Minneapolis, Minnesota

- The Tale of Despereaux won the 2003 Newbery Award. Kate has no children of her own but she is an aunt to Luke, Roxanne and Max.

Chapters Thirty-four to Forty

1. What do you think the fate of Roscuro, Despereaux, Mig, Furlough, the Princess and the King will be?
2. Dreams and nightmares are experienced when we are in adeep sleep. Do you often dream? What meanings, if any do they have? What was your favorite dream?


## Vocabulary

You be the teacher! A student has matched the words to their definitions. Use a dictionary to look up the meaning of the word. Then, put a check mark next to the word if it is matched to the correct definition. If it is not, use a straight line to match the word to its definition

Ability to feel what others feel
$\qquad$
Waste material or garibage Thankfulness
Not knowing, or lack of education


| Covert |
| :---: |
| Defiant |
| Empathy |
| Ignorant |
| Rubbish |
| Gratitude |


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Chapters Thirty-four to Forty

## Part A

1. Answer each question with one of the characters fiom the list.

|  | Cook Louise | Mig | Roscuro |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Despereaux | Princess Pea | Head Mous | Mouse Council |

$\qquad$ b) Who cutoff Despereaux's tail?
c) Who wore the lovely gown? ket?
e about Mig's fate?

f) Who ordered Despereaux's death?
) Who asked for forgiveness?
Who mistook Despereaux for a ghost?
Who was ignored?
Who lost his tail
2. Do you agree or disagree with each of the statements below? Circle your answers and be ready to justify youropinion
a) Mig is slow-witted
b) The cook's philosophy with mice is a good one "If they're alive, kill them. If they're dead, kill them"

Agree Disagree c) Soup is the best comfort food.

罡 Writing Task +5

## Chapter 34 to Coda

Imagine that you are in the middle of a natural disaster such as a fire, an earthquake or a flood. All of the characters in The Tale of Despereaux are caught in the disaster with you. Fortunately, you realize that you can save yourself and one other creature (human or animal). You decide to rescue one of the characters from the story! Which one will you choose?



## Chapter 34 to Coda

Imagine that you are a librarian, and it is your job to recommend a novel for The Book of Month. You have chosen Kate DiCamillo's The Tale of Despereaux.

Your task is to create a poster to promote this novel.
Your poster should have a catchy title, and be colorful so that others will want to read the book.

To help get students excited about reading the novel, you will need to include a summary of the story without revealing the ending! Your summary should be one paragraph in length, and be sure to make it interesting. An excellent book should have an excellent summary! Be neat and creative!
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## Comprehension Quiz

Answer each question in a complete sentence or short paragraph.

1. Who were the members of the Tilling family? The Royal family? What other characters form a family in the novel?
2. What was so special about Despereaux when he was born? $L$ ist three things Could he change any of these things if he wanted to?

3. What did Despereaux's brother and sister tity to teach him?
4. What gift did Despereaux have? How did this make him different from the other mice? How else was was he not like the others? List two ways.
5. How did Despereaux get himself in trouble? What two things did he do that were against the Council
6. Who saw Despereaux andreported it? What did the Council want Despereaux to do?
7. What happened to Despereaux? Who is Roscuro?
8. When was Roscuro first attracted to light? Who is Roscuro's friend?
9. Who was the new prisoner? What crimes did he commit?
$\qquad$ Despereaux to do?

Causes and Effect

Choose one important event that happened in the story.
Write the effect on the backbone of the fish. Write the four most important causes on the fish
bones. (If there are more than four important causes, add more bones to the fish!) bones. (If there are more than four important causes, add more bones to the fish!)
In the fish's tail, record the names of the characters who were touched by


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## Chapters Eleven to Fifteen

## Part B

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1. Do you believe that there is such a thing as Happily Ever After? Give good reasons for your answer.
2. How would you feel if you were in Despereaux's situation? Try to list five words that describe how you would feel.
3. What do you think about Despereaux's fate? Is it reasonable or unreasonable? Explain your answer.
4. If you were on the Mouse Council, what would your verdict be? Why?


We have read what Furlough, Lester, Antoinette and Despereaux think. We don't know what the Most Very Honored Head Mouse thinks. Rewrite Despereaux's frail from the point of view of the Head Mouse. Include new details and evidence that only the Head Mouse would know. Will your verdict be the same? Why or why not?

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## (8) ...... <br> poticicit On... <br> Kate DiCamillo

Kate DiCamillo writes in an easy-to-read manner, using carefully chosen words to create realistic characters and settings.

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ince she published her first novel, Because of Winn-Dixie, Kate DiCamillo has been sharing her fine writing style and sensitive stories with us all. Because of Winn-Dixie was recognized as a Newbery Medal Honor Book, and The Tale of Despereaux won he Newbery Medal, as the best children's book of 2004!

Kate DiCamillo has introduced us to a wonderful world of characters with whom can all make connections. The characters her novels all deal with similar feelings. themes of abandonment, sadness, longing eventual love for the things around us, bring her characters to life with a richness that
hem seem so believable to us. In Becaus Winn-Dixie, India Opal Buloni searches for o reason why her mother left she ond her fathe: She longs for an answer, butinstead is faced with her father's silence on the matter. It is on after she rescues Winn-Dixie from the groce
store that events begin to unfold that show that it is all right to remember things that ho passed, but that it is more important to love those around you in the present, and to move on. Strangely, it is through her developing relationship with Winn-Dixie that she opens up to her father, and he to her. And it is through Winn-Dixie, whether he is running through a

ry store, entering a library or a pet store nging India Opal and others, all of whom have some sense of being left out or abandoned, together as friends, that India Opal at last finds contentment and a place where she truly feels she belongs

Kate DiCamillo writes in an easy-to-read manner, using carefully chosen words to create realistic characters and settings. Her books are easy to enjoy, because we each can find a little bit of ourselves in the actions, situations, thoughts, and feelings that her characters experience.

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## Chapters Eight to Ten

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. Before you begin the next few chapters, think about Opal and Winn-Dixie. Before Opal found Winn-Dixie, she was alone most of the time. Now that she has Winn-Dixie as a pet, she has discussed her mother with the preacher and she has made her first friend in Naomi. Explain, in your own words, how Winn-Dixie has helped Opal do these things.
2. Have you ever been to a pet store? Which one was it? Which part of the store is your favorite? Explain

## Vocabulary

Using a dictionary, find the meaning of each of the following words. In the boxes, write each word's part of speech (noun, verb, adjective, etc.). You may illustrate your definitions if you wish.

1. gerbil
2. furious

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3. installmen $\qquad$
4. trustworthy

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5. crinkly $\qquad$

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## Chapters Eight to Ten

## Part A

1. Number the events from (1) to 5 in the order they occurred in the chapters.
a) Sweetie Pie Thomas laughed at the bird on Winn-Dixie's head, and then invited Opal to her birthday party with the theme of pink.
b) Opal went to Gertrude's Pets to get Winn-Dixie collarma a leash. At the store she met Otis, and asked to pay for Winn-Dixie's new collar and leash by working part-time at $t$
c) Opal met Gloria Dump, and sharéd some peanut butter sandwiches with her. Gloria Dump and Opal planted a tree, and Opal began to feel much better about living in Naom
d) Gertrude, the parrof, fiew over and landed on top of Winn-Dixie's head, so Otis hired Opal to Work in the pet store because Gertrude and Winn-Dixie get
e) Dunlap and Stevie Dewberry, the brothers who looked like two bald headed babi
t going into the "witch's" garden.
2. Which answer best describes.

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## Chapters Eight to Ten

Part B
Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. When Opal meets Otis, he seems shy and nervous. Give two examples from the chapters that show this character trait.
2. If you were Otis, what questions would you ask Opgl in an interview for the job at the pet shop? Think of the three most imp

3. Gloria Dump says that she has to rely on her heart to, know people. What does she mean by this, and what does she ask Opalito do to help her get to know her?
4. When Opal gets nome that night, she is very excited about her past day. Summarize every thing she tells herfather, and tell why it excites her.

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## Chapters 1 to 5

In the early chapters of the novel, we are introduced to Opal and her father and the relationship they have. Into this family comes Winn-Dixie, and things begin to change for Opal. Pretend you are Opal, and write a diary of the first few days that you have Winn-Dixie, from the first time you see him in the grocery store, to the time he catches the mouse in the Open Arms Baptist Church.

## For each diary entry, consider:

- what your family situation is, and your relationship with the preacher; - what events happen because of Winn-Dixie;
- how your relationship with the preacher begins to change; - how Winn-Dixie begins to change both yourself and the preacher


Wrating Task +2

## Chapters 6, 7, 15, 16 and 17

Opal's first friend in Naomi is Miss Franny Block, the librarian at the Herman W. Block Memorial Library. Think about Miss Franny, and the stories she tells, and pretend you are writing a chapter in a nonfiction tour book about the famous people and history of Naomi, Florida.
Write the chapter about Miss Franny, her library, and her family's history. Include as many details from the novel as you can.

For example, you may wish to begin in this way: One of Naomi's oldest living residents is Miss Franny Block, the librarian at the Herman W. Block Memorial Library, and heiress to the Block family fortune.

## Word Search

Find all of the words in the word search. Words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. A few may even be backwards. Look carefully!

| jungle | knuckle | apologize | lizard |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| melancholy | pathological | slither | weight |
| wrappers | neighborhood | lozenge | hollered |
| trustworthy | whistling | whimpering | memorize |
| department | vegetables | thunderstorm | surprise |
| squawked | peculiar | everybody | wagging |
| orphan | swollen | entanged | tongue |


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## Comprehension Quiz

## Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. Where does Opal first see Winn-Dixie? What is he doing, and what does she do to save him?
2. What important things does Opal learn about her mother when she asks the preacher to tell her ten things about her?
3. What does Opal think of the Dewberry boys stevie and Dunlap? How does her opinion of them slowly change throughout the novel?
4. At first, Opal thinks that Amanda Whikkinson is pinch-faced and unfriendly. How does her opinion of Amanda chtonge, and why?
5. Why does the story of Amanda's brother Carson affect Opal so much? How is Amanda's loss like the situation with Opal's mother?
6. How does Gertrude the parrot help Opal get a job in Gertrude's Pet Shop? How does she help Otis decide to hire Opal?

Fishbone Organizer


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## Chapters Twenty-One to Twenty-Three

## Part B

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. Look at Gloria Dump's words in question 2 c) of the previous page. We know she is talking about Winn-Dixie here, but how might her words also be about Opal's mother? Explain your thoughts.
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2. What can we infer about Opal from her reaction to forgetting about Winn-Dixie? Why did she feel like crying?
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3. Evaluate Opal as a pet owner. Has she done a good job of caring for Winn-Dixie? Support your opinions with proof from the story.

## EASY MARTKING




Pretend you are Opal, just at the moment that she realizes that Winn-Dixie is missing. How would you feel? Why would you feel this way? Write Opal's journal entry showing her feelings at this moment.


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## Sopoticight on.

## Andrew Clements

Andrew Clements was born in Camden, New Jersey in 1949.


- Andrew spent his early summers in a small cabin in Maine.
- Andrew was once a singer-songwriter in New York
- Andrew writes in a small shed in his backyard - that has no TV, no phone, no doorbell and no email.

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Chapter Eight

2. Number the events from 10 6 in the order they occurred in the chapter.

b) Mrs Granger posted a notice on the main bulletin board.
whole fifth grade asks to borrow a frindle.

d) The school bus drivers threatened to go on strike.
e) Two hundred kids were kept after school.
f) Mrs. Granger asks Nick to talk to her after school.

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## Chapter Eight

Answer each question with a complete sentence or short paragraph using examples from the text to support your answers.

1. Why did the school bus drivers threaten to go on strike?
2. Do you agree with Nick that Mrs. Granger "likes this war, and she wants to win real bad?" Why or why not?
3. Why are parents starting to complain?
4. What choice would you have made if you were a fifth grade student at Lincoln Elementary - follow the crowd ordecide foryourself?
5. What inference can you make about the lefter that Mrs. Granger has written to Nick given that she wants him to sign his name across the back to show that she hasn't changed it?
6. Why did the superintendent and school board get involved?

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Imagine you are one of the fitth grade students of Lincoln Elementary. Write a journal entry about having to stay after school with the Lone Granger because you used the word frindle.

## Chapter 14

Nick had lots of other adventures not described in the story Write about one of his other adventures. Describe what you think happened and who was involved in the adventure with Nick.

Write the adventure in a narrative format. Be sure to include enough details to make the story exciting.

## Chapter 15

## Dear Mrs. Granger

Imagine that youare Nick. Write a letter to Mrs. Granger expressing your thoughts and feelings in response to her letter. Describe why you feel as you do and how she influenced you as a student and young man.

You might tell her about what you have done with your life since you ast saw her. You might also mention your aspirations for the future.

Your letter should be in standard letter format and at least a full page in length.
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## Comprehension Quiz

1. Put a check mark $(\checkmark)$ next to the answer that is most correct.
a. How long did Mrs. Granger teach fifthgrade language arts?

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\text { O } & \text { A twenty years } \\
\text { ○ } & \text { B } & \text { thirty-five years } \\
\bigcirc & \text { C forty years } \\
\text { O } & \text { D } & \text { forty-five years }
\end{array}
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c. Who took the oath with Nick about the Frindle?

O A Allen, Nancy, Amy, Bob, Doug
O B Pete, Nancy, Bob, Chris, Judy
O c John, Pete, Dave, Chris, Janet O d Judy, Janet, John, Chris, Ted

Who made a lot of money off of the frindle?

A Mr. and Mrs. Allen
B Buad Lawrence
O c Mrs. Granger
D NickAllen
d. Mrs. Granger loved the dictionary
because
had words in it. It endured. it was heavy.


## One Event Leads to Another

Choose specific events from the story that influence each other and put them in order in the cycle graphic organizer below. Be sure to describe the event and how it influences the next one.



## Chapter Twelve

## Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. When the article is published, all of the adults seem to blame each other for talking to Judy Morgan. Describe a time when you have been unfairly blamed for doing something and how the situation was resolved.
2. Suppose you were a detective and could solve mysteries. What would you do to find out who had sent the fifth-grade class photo to Judy Morgan?
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## Vocabulary

With a straight line, connect each word on the left with its meaning on the right.


Legal resident of the country.
Court case between individuals.
: Agreement to allow something to happen.
A serious struggle or conflict.

- RSL.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.
- RSL.3.2 Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.
- RSL.3.3 Describe characters in a story and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.
- RSL.3.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from non-literal language.
- RSL.3.5 Refer to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking about a text, using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.
- RSL.3.6 Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters.
- RSL.3.7 Explain how specific aspects of a text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story.
- RSL.3.10 By the end of the year read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, at the high end of the grades 2-3 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
- RSL.4.1 Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- RSL.4.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.
- RSL.4.3 Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text.
- RSL.4.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology.
- RSL.4.6 Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations.
- RSL.4.10 By the end of the year read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, in the grades 4-5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
- RSFS.3.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words. A) Identify and know the meaning of the most common prefixes and derivational suffixes. B) Decode words with common Latin suffixes. C) Decode multi-syllable words. d. Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.
- RSFS.3.4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. A) Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding. B). Read grade-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings $\mathbf{C}$ ) Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.
- RSFS.4.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words. A) Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.
- RSFS.4.4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. A) Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding. B) Read grade-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings. C) Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.
- WS.3.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons. A) Introduce the topic or text they are writing about, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure that lists reasons. B) Provide reasons that support the opinion. C) Use linking words and phrases to connect opinion and reasons. D) Provide a concluding statement or section.
- WS.3.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. A) Introduce a topic and group related information together; include illustrations when useful to aiding comprehension. B) Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details. C) Use linking words and phrases to connect ideas within categories of information. D) Provide a concluding statement or section.
- WS.3.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences. A) Establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally. B) Use dialogue and descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to develop experiences and events or show the response of characters to situations. C) Use temporal words and phrases to signal event order. D) Provide a sense of closure.
- WS.3.4 With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose.
- WS.3.7 Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.
- WS.3.8 Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories.
- WS.4.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information. A) Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support the writer's purpose. B) Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details. C) Link opinion and reasons using words and phrases. D) Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.
- WS.4.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences. A) Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally. B) Use dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations. C) Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events. D) Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely. E) Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
- WS.4.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- WS.4.7 Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.
- WS.4.8 Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources.
- WS.4.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. A) Apply grade 4 Reading standards to literature. B) Apply grade 4 Reading standards to informational texts.

