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orn February 1st, 1941 in Norristown, Pennsylvania, Jerry Spinelli did not plan to be an author as his future career. His first love was to be a major league football player. At age sixteen, he wrote a poem about a football victory. His father thought it was

so well done that—unknown to Jerry—he sent it to a local newspaper and it was published. When Jerry realized that he was not going to make it in football to the major leagues, he decided to become a writer instead.

Spinelli graduated from Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania in 1963. While a student there, he wrote short stories and was the editor of the college magazine. After he graduated, he became a writer and editor for a department store magazine. During the next twenty years, Jerry worked at ordinary jobs during the day so he would have the energy to write fiction in his spare time. Like many writers, he also wrote during his lunch breaks, at night and on weekends.

His career as a children's author began in 1982 with the publication of *Space Station Grade Seven*. He became a very productive writer and has a long list of titles to his credit. His stories contain a sense of humar and vocabulary easily understood by teens and young adults.

Spinelli's books for children have won recognition and awards: *Maniac Magee* won the Newbery Award in 1991 and *Wringer* won the Newbery Honor in 1998. All of his stories reflect his understanding of young people and their relationships with others.

•Jerry Spinelli's first four novels were written for adults, and all four were rejected by publishers.

Did You Know? • His fifth novel was intended for adults, but the publisher wanted it to be marketed as a young adult book. This novel, Space Station Seventh Grade, was published in 1982.

• Jerry Spinelli's wife, Eileen Mesi, is also an author of children's books.

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Chapters Fifteen to Twenty-One

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. In this section, Maniac's fame spread all over the East End. Think about what it would be like to be famous. List three pros and three cons of being a famous person.

Pros	Cons
1.	
2.	
3.	

2. Also in this section, Maniac is confronted with **discrimination**. What are some ways that people discriminate against other people?

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1	. A slang terr	m meaning "an old	fool".	
	2. Very long p	eriods of time.		
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	4. Small bits o	f colored paper.		
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7	Nitting on e	ggs to hatch them.		
	B. A person w	ho steals from your	pocket.	
9	9. Taking awa	y one's attention.		





their own children. But trouble is growing in the neighborhood. In your own words explain these sentences: "Maniac loved almost everything about his new life. But everything did not love him back."

2. Reread the section where the old man confronts Maniac and tells him to leave and go back home to his own kind.

a) Why do you think the old man is behaving this way'

T F c) Maniac learned not to talk trash to Mrs. Beale.

f) Amanda tried to talk Maniac out of leaving town.

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b) How does Maniac react to the old man's words?
c) Irony occurs in a story when one action results in another unexpected and opposite event. What is the irony of the prize that Maniac receives for untangling the Knot?
4. "Maniac Magee walked -- not ran --- right out of town." What do you predict Maniac will do next?



In your journal entry, write a detailed account of your amazing feat of untangling Cobble's Knot. Begin with Amanda's idea for you to attempt it. Describe the Knot and your first impressions as to whether you could untangle it. Include the part where you take a nap and the crowd's reaction to your doing so. Finally describe the scene that followed your success in conquering the Knot.

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Writing Task # 5 Chapters 40 to 46

Stereotyping

A stereotype is a fixed idea or a prejudice held by a number of people or by a specific group of people. Sometimes people believe that any different group of people is inferior. Stereotypes can be based on people's gender, race, weight, economic status, how they dress or look, what language they speak or physical disability.

Construct a chart like this one on a separate sheet of paper.

Add four more features of your own. Then complete the chart with ideas of stereotypes.

Common Stereotypes

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Chapters 1 to 46

Maniac's Time Capsule

A time capsule is a collection of items that are stored and left for a future person to open. Some things that are chosen to be placed into a time capsule might include:

- An item that is important to the person,
- A fad of the time,
- Something essential for living, and
- Personal photos, books, videos, notes, toys, newspapers.

Describe the items that you think Maniac Magee would place into a time capsule. State the reason for each of your choices.

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Comprehension Quiz

Why did Jeffrey run away from his aunt and uncle? What was his plan

How do you know that Mrs. Pickwell is a generous person

Then, create a time capsule using the items you described in your story.

HINT: A box or plastic container makes a good "capsule".

Answer each question in a complete sentence.

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Word Search Puzzle

Find the following words from the story. The words are written horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and some are written backwards.

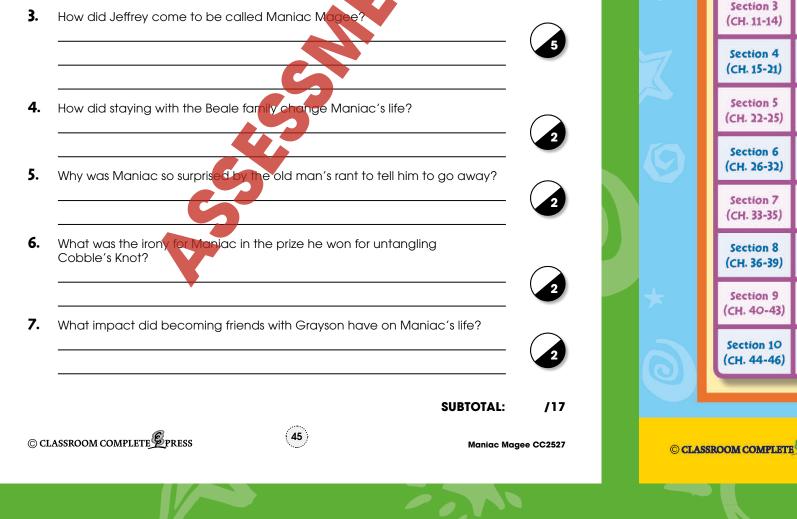
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Chapters Eleven to Fourteen

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

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- 1. How do you think Jeffrey felt when Amanda showed up and confronted Mars Bar? Give reasons for your answer.
- 2. How did Mr. Beale react when he realized that Jeffrey had no home?
- 3. List eight chores Jeffrey did while at the Beale's house.

4. Describe Jeffrey's experience of going to church.



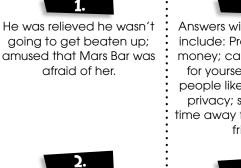


In your journal entry today, tell how you feel about moving into the Beale household. Include your time with the little ones and your feelings toward the other family members. Tell what it feels like to "have an address", a family who cares about you, about going to church and the Fourth of July block party. Then tell how you will react when the time comes that you can no longer stay there.

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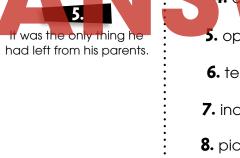


He made a U-turn in the street and took Jeffrey back to the Beale house.



Played with the little ones; took Bow Wow out for a walk; did the dishes; carried out the trash; wed grass; turned ghts; flushed toilet; cleaned his room.





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L. Answers will vary, but may include: Pros: have lots of money; can buy anything for yourself and others; people like you; Cons: no privacy; spend a lot of time away from family and friends. L. Answers will vary, but may include: Spread rumors; damage property or belongings; undermine	1. a) F b) T c) T d) F	Left Anniac has a happy life and does not seem to be aware of the racial issues or the trouble he may be causing.
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Bud, Not Buddy CC2502



Christopher Paul Curtis was born in Flint, Michigan, the city he used in Bud, Not Buddy. He lived there throughout his childhood and attended school there. After high school, he worked for thirteen years as an assembly worker on a automobile assembly line at the Fisher Body Flint Plant No.1. He fixed 80-pound doors.

He worked at the Plant during the day, and at the night, he attended the University of Mich gan, Flint campus.

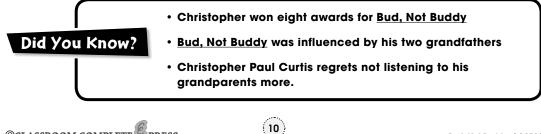
Eventually, he decided to take a year lon from working at the Plant, and he use off to write The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963. He wrote the entire manuscript by hand, nd with the help of his son, Steven, he got it onto the computer.

He is married to a special woman named Kaysandra. Together they have two children, Stev and Cydney. They all live in Windsor, Onta Canada.

Chirstopher Paul Curtis no longer works at the

Body Flint Plant. Now he is a full-time Fish writer! Not surprisingly, he also loves to read. He ound reading difficult as a child because the books were never about him. All of the books that he write are about children.

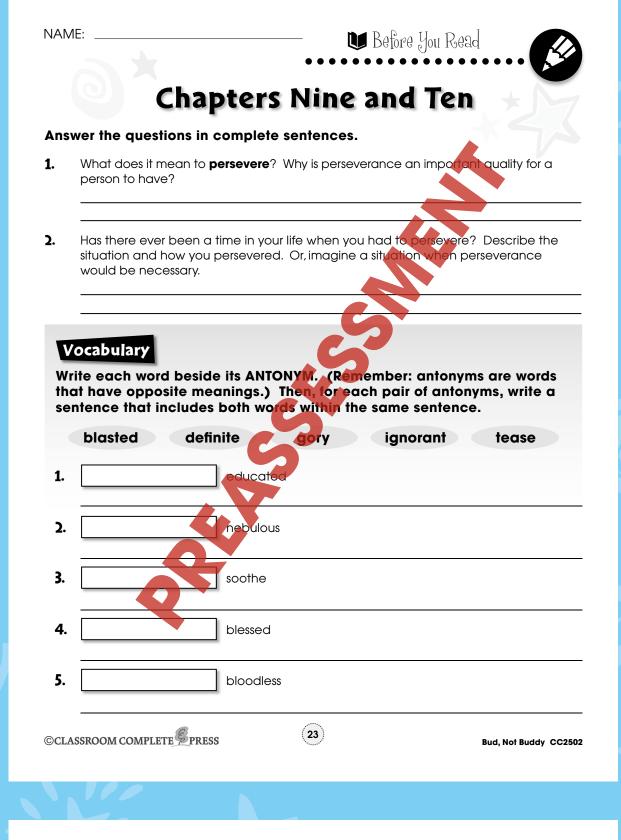
When he is not writing, he likes to play basketball, spend time with his children, and collect old music records.



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NAME: After You Read 🌪 **Chapters Nine and Ten**



Answer the questions in complete sentences.

Why was Bud so upset by the box on the car seat? 1.

Why did Bud accept the ride and the meal from the stranger? 2.

- 3) What did Bud do when cars came along his way?
- A He would duck behind the build
- **B** He would start running.
- O C He would ignore the continue walking.

5) What did the man feed Bud?

- A spare baloney a mayo sandwich with ed tomato orange r
- **B** A spare baloney and ket with an orange and red pop sang
- O C A spare baloney and mustard sandwich with an apple and red pop
- 7) What did Bud do in the car as the man went around to get back into the car?
- A He locked the doors and fell asleep.
- **B** He quickly got out of the car and ran as fast as he could.
- **C** He pressed on the gas pedal and took off.

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Where did the man stop to talk to

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B Just outside Owosso, Michigan **C** Just before the outskirts of Ovid

What was inside the box located on the seat in the car?

- A Vampire blood \cap
- 0 **B** Human blood
- **C** Human and vampire body parts Ο

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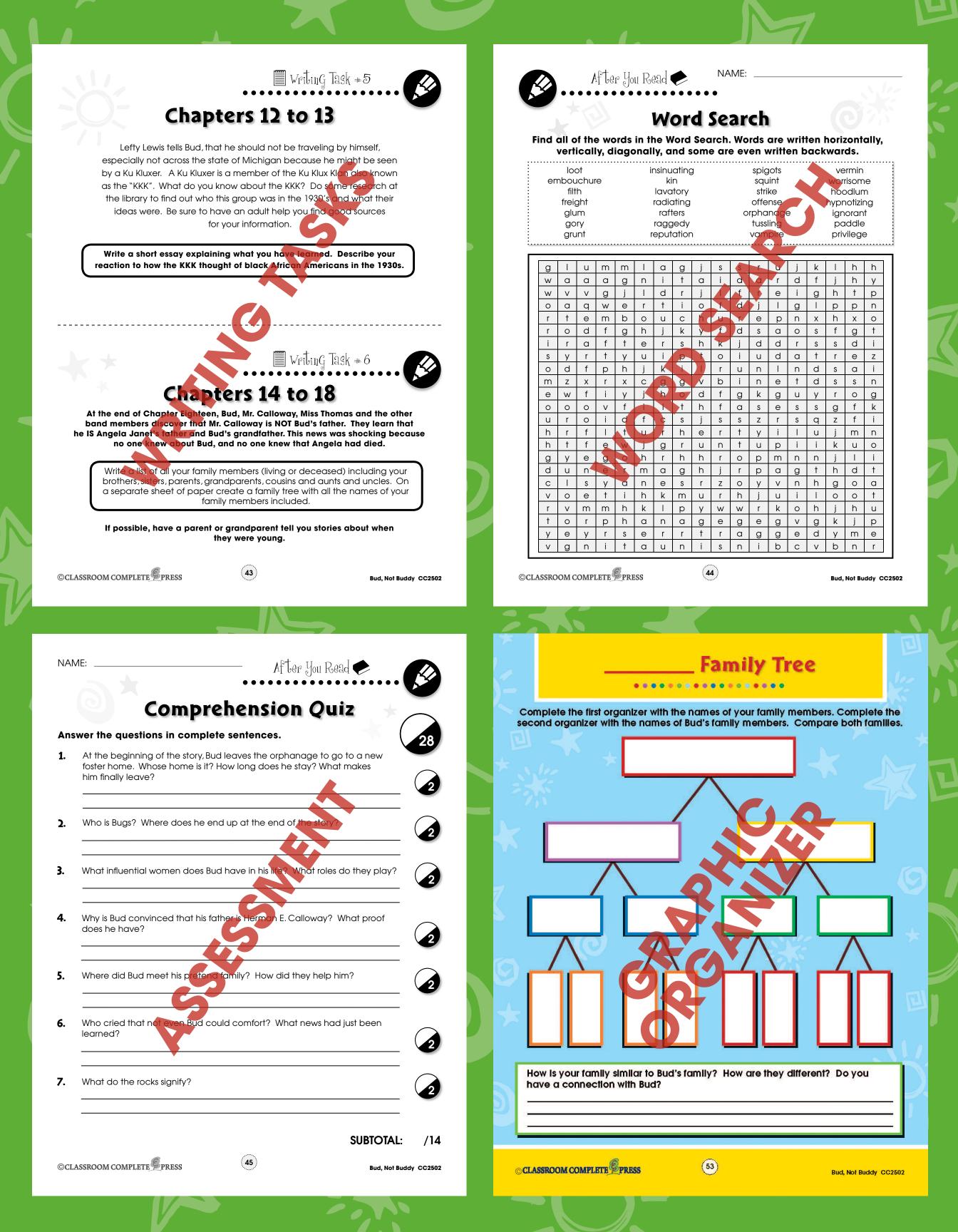
- 3. If you had been in Bud's situation, would you have en the car, just like he did?
- Do you think the violence we have read about in the novel so far is similar to or 4. different from violence that exists in the world today? Justify your answer.
- This novel is told from Bud's point of view. As Bud tells the story, we learn about his 5. character - how he thinks, his strengths, weaknesses, etc. How would the story be different if the author had written in the third-person (from the point of view of a Chapter Nine or Ten from another point-of-view. narrator)? Rewrite a passage fro
- **Journaling Prompt**

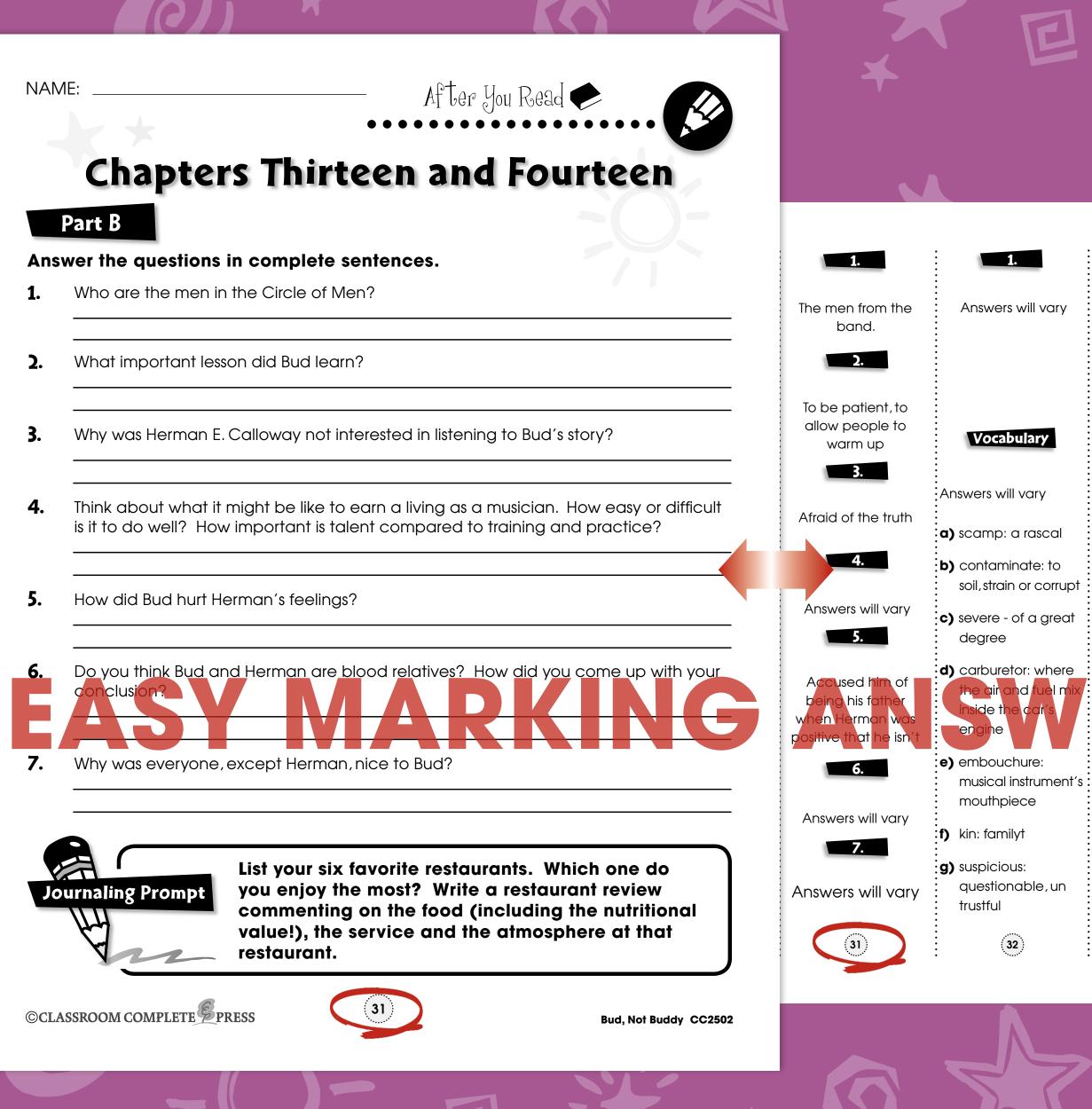
Reread the end of Chapter Ten. Beginning with the last sentence of the chapter, continue the story. What happens next? Decide whether your continuation will be funny, tragic or mysterious.

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- a) Miss Thomas
- b) Bud
- c) Herman
- d) Momma
- e) Steady Eddie
- **f)** Jimmy
- g) Dirty Deed
- h) Doo-Doo Bug



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Possible answer: Maybe he felt something the others did not

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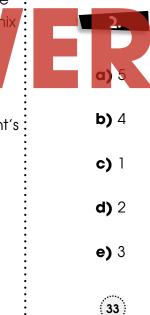
Answers will vary. Time, patience, motivation, desire and talent.



Possible answer: He is maturing







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Katherine Paterson

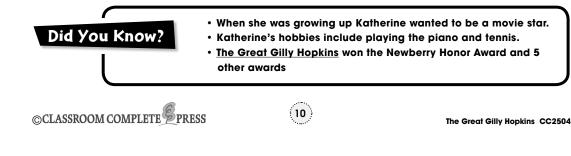
atherine Paterson was born in Qing Jiang, Jiangsu, China in 1932. Her parents were American missionaries working China. As she was growing up she learned the Chinese language, and how to respect differences between people. By the time she was eighteen years old, she had moved eighteen times. She felt terribly lonely and found refuge in books.

Back in the United States, Katherine graduated from King College in Bristol, Tennessee with an English degree. She worked in a small rural school in Virginia for a year before returning to school in Richmond, Virginia. Like her parents, she nad wanted to become a missionary in China, c in the late 1950's China was not all Americans into their country. She decided go to Japan instead where she lived f

By 1962, Katherine had returned to the United States, and her life as a writer began. She beg process, writing nonfiction books, and in th realized that what she really wanted to write fiction. Then, after taking a creative writing clo for adults she wrote and published her first ork of fiction, The Sign of the Chrysanthemum in 973.

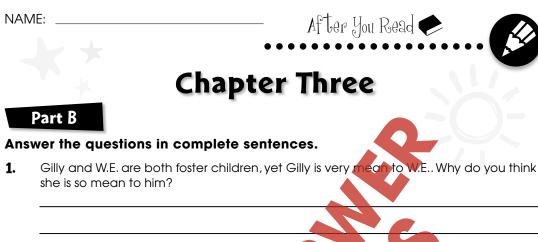
Katherine has always loved reading fiction. She believed it was important for children to read fiction and connect with the real world through stories. Katherine creates realistic characters

at young people can relate to. Her characters real life experiences, and by reading about them, young people can learn important lessons bout life and the world in which they live. It was katherine's experiences of being a foster mother herself that inspired her to write The Great Gilly Hopkins. She didn't think that she was a good foster parent and decided to write something from the point of view of a foster child. Looking back, Katherine feels that her experiences in China and Japan, and her strong Biblical heritage all contributed to the tone, ideas and themes in her books.





• n	swer the questions in complete sentences.
	Chapter Three is entitled, More Unpleasant Surprises . What do you think the unpleasant surprises will be?
	Do you think Mr. Randolph has much of a chance of getting to know Gilly? What good could a blind man bring to an eleven-year-old girl?
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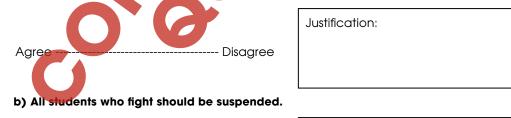


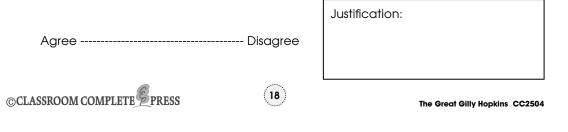
Have you ever changed schools? How did you feel? How do you think you 2. would react?

- et Gilly.
- d) Mr. Evans believes that Gilly should be in a challenging class. Τ F
- Т e) Gilly was placed in a regular grade class.
- f) Gilly compared school to a prison, Τ

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- Read the following statements. Put an X on the line to indicate how 2. much you AGREE or DISAGREE with each. Justify your decisions in the space provided. Compare and discuss your opinions with a partner.
 - a) It is okay for a student who is new at school to do whatever it takes to get respect.





- 3 a) What went wrong at recess with G and the boys? Do you think she got into a fight with six boys on purpose?
 - b) In your opinion, what shi Id the consequ nces be for her actions?
- A metaphor is a comparison of two things in which one thing is described as being 4. something completely unrelated. For example, in Chapter Three, the author writes, "From the doorway (Gilly) could hear Old Mother Goose honking over her gosling". Find one more example of a metaphor in this chapter.

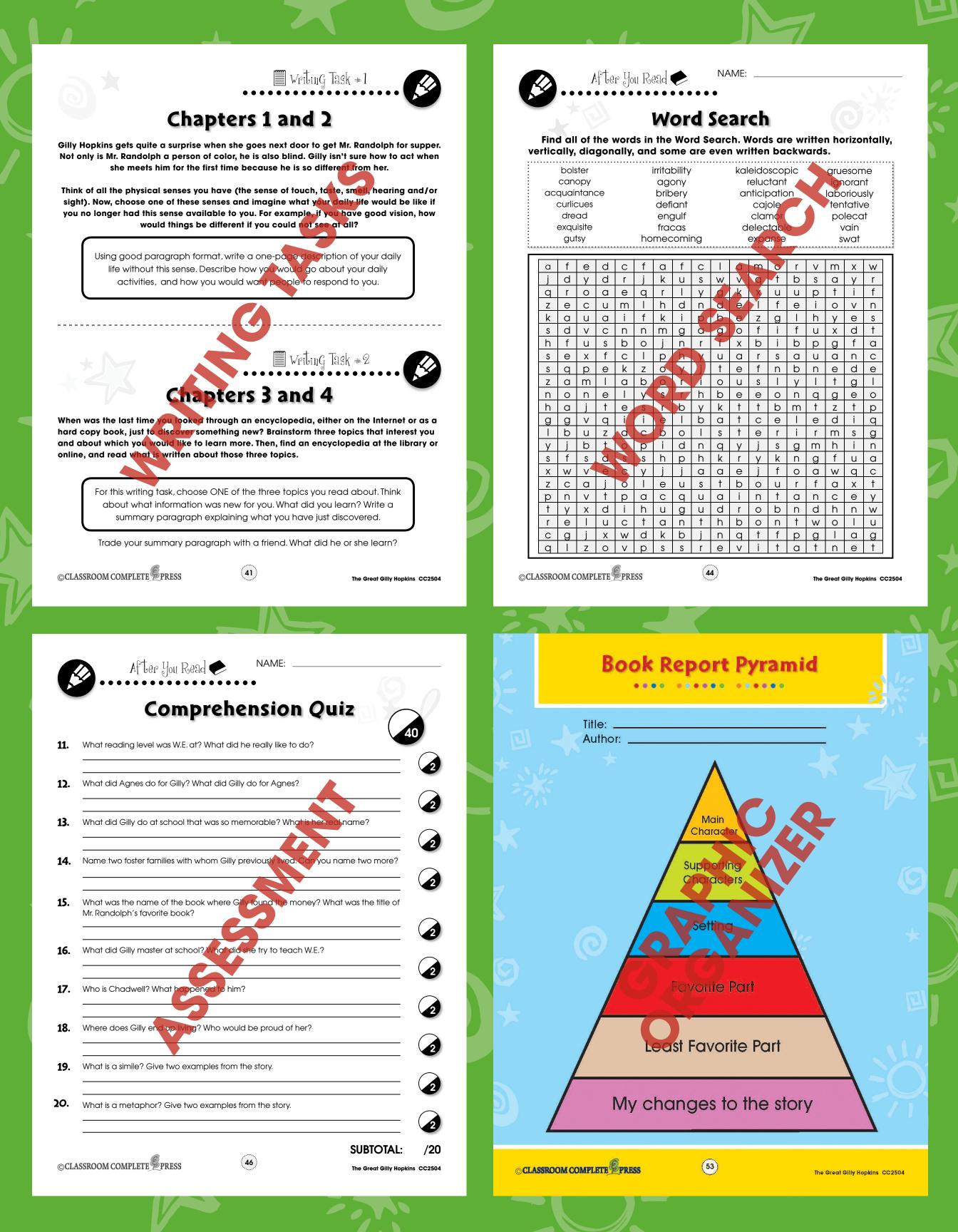


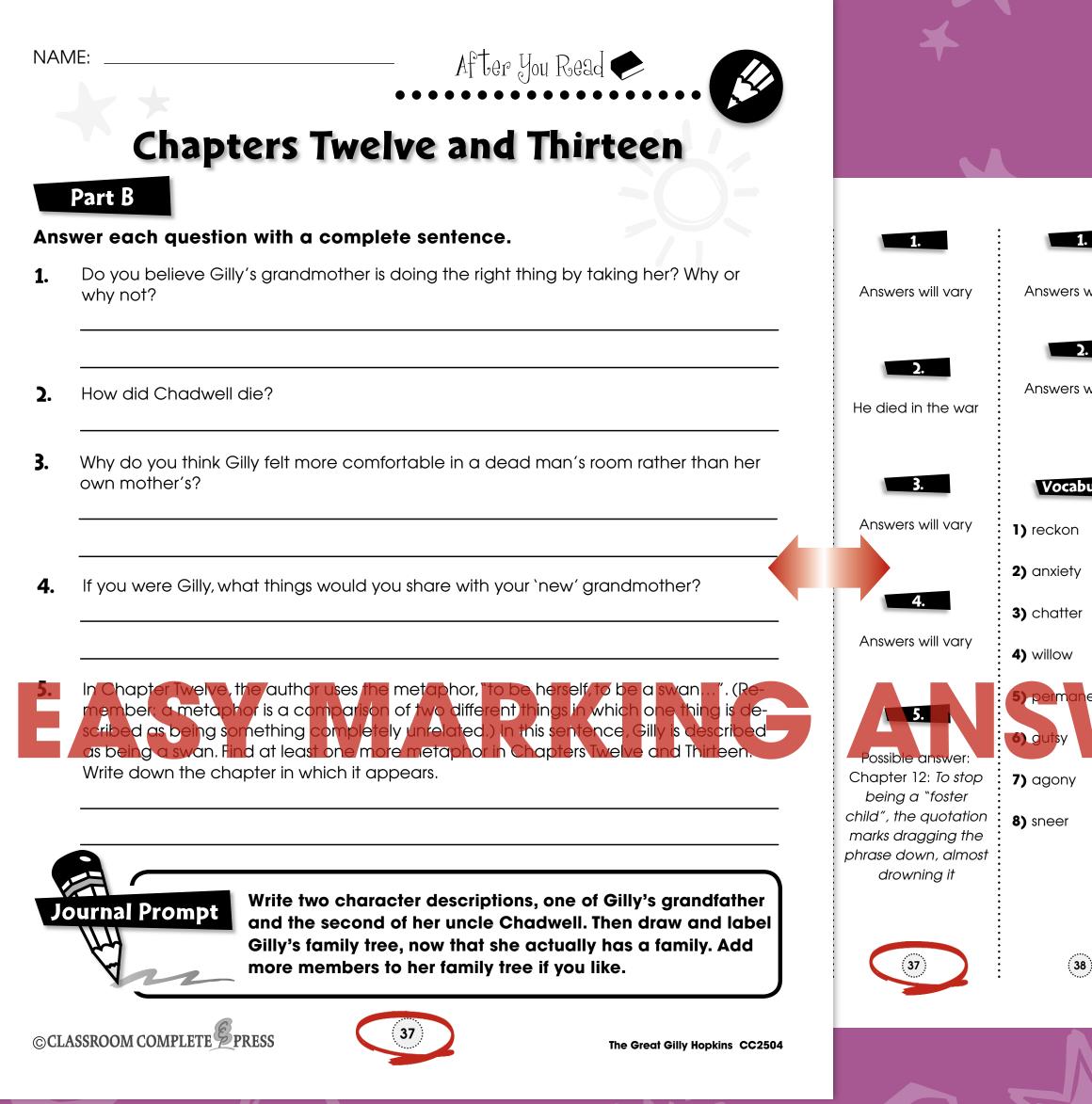
Reread the section of Chapter Three in which Miss Harris is introduced to Gilly. Then, write an alternative scenario describing how things could have happened differently. Perhaps Miss Harris and Gilly know each from another school. Maybe they argue when they first meet. Be creative!

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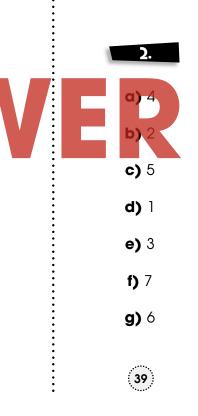


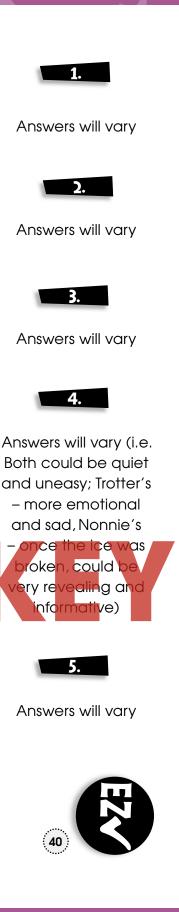
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Vocabulary



- busy with horses
- worn out
- shoveling manure
- half-million-dollar prize
- have three maids
- school is terrible
- nobody knows anything
- won one race
- will skip to ninth grade





Running Away Stories Lit Kit Set - Gr. 5-6

- **RSL.5.1** Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- **RSL.5.2** Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text.
- **RSL.5.3** Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text.
- **RSL.5.4** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes.
- **RSL.5.5** Explain how a series of chapters, scenes, or stanzas fits together to provide the overall structure of a particular story, drama, or poem.
- **RSL.5.6** Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described.
- **RSL.5.9** Compare and contrast stories in the same genre on their approaches to similar themes and topics.
- **RSL.5.10** By the end of the year read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, at the high end of the grades 4–5 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
- **RSL.6.1** Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- **RSL.6.2** Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
- **RSL.6.3** Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.
- **RSL.6.4** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
- **RSL.6.5** Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.
- **RSL.6.6** Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text.
- **RSL.6.10** By the end of the year read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6–8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
- **RSFS.5.3** 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.5.4** 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.5.1 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 ideas are logically grouped to support the writer's purpose. B) Provide logically ordered reasons that are supported by facts and details. C) Link opinion and reasons using words, phrases, and clauses. D) Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.
- WS.5.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. A) Introduce a topic clearly, provide a general observation and focus, and group related information logically; include formatting, illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
 B) Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic. C) Link ideas within and across categories of information using words, phrases, and clauses. D) Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic. E) Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.
- WS.5.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
 Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally. B) Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, description, and pacing, to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations. C) Use a variety of transitional words, phrases, and clauses 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.5.4** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- WS.5.7 Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.
- **WS.5.8** Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources.
- WS.5.9 Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources.
- WS.6.1 Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence. A) Introduce claim(s) and organize the reasons and evidence clearly.
 B) Support claim(s) with clear reasons and relevant evidence, using credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text. C) Use words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among claim(s) and reasons. D) Establish and maintain a formal style. E) Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the argument presented.
- WS.6.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. A) Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension. B) Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples. C) Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts. D) Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic. E) Establish and maintain a formal style. F) Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
- WS.6.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences. A) Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically. B) Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters. C) Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another. D) Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events. E) Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
- WS.6.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- **WS.6.7** Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
- **WS.6.8** Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
- WS.6.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. A) Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literature.
 B) Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literary nonfiction.

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