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Literary Elements: Character, Setting, and Plot

Characters are the people in the story.

5 I F setting is where and when the story takes place.

5 I F plot is the sequence of events.

Directions Read the following passage. Then fill in the chart and answer the questions below.

In the 1870s the Dunton family, the first settlers, came to build our town. At the time, it looked very different from the busy place it is today. Wild horses and buffalo roamed the plains. When the settlers came, they plowed the fields and built homesteads. In town they built



Writing Parody

Key Features of Parody

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Lewis and Clark and NOT ME

“Look alive! Here’s buyers.”

Our owner pointed at the men walking toward us on the dock. Seaman, the Newfoundland dog next to me, wagged his tail. I could tell he liked these people. Leon, the parrot on my other side, squawked loudly. But I just closed my eyes and waited for them to move on. The last thing I wanted was to be bought by these strangers.

“What’s this one’s name,” the tallest man said and pointed at me.

“Sir, that’s Tuffy. And she’s a charmer,” my owner said.

Charmer! Who’s he kidding, I thought to myself.

The man tried to pet me and asked, “How would you like to come with me on an adventure? You’d be the first cat to explore the Missouri River.”

EOOWWW! River! That’s water! I don’t get near water. How could I tell this man that my idea of adventure is to chase a mouse, then curl up on a sofa and sleep.

I budged Seaman with my head. Do something, you silly dog! Make him notice you.

Seaman took the clue and barked happily.

“Well, who do we have here?” the man asked and smiled at the dog.

Thank goodness, I thought to myself. I closed my eyes and went back to sleep.

1. Reread the selection. Select one example that shows this parody is a humorous imitation of Lewis and Clark and Me

2. Underline aspects of the characters and setting that are like the original story.

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Vocabulary

Directions Choose the word from the box that best completes each sentence. Write the word on the line.

1. The furry _____ waddled down the forest path.
2. The little animal's coat _____, or stood up stiffly, when it picked up the scent of the dogs.
3. At the river's _____, it stopped for a drink of water.
4. We could hardly see it through the tall grasses and _____.
5. A woodpecker sat in the _____ place of a tree where two branches formed a kind of crook.
6. A deer sniffed at the flowers with _____ silky petals that grew along the river.

Check the Words You Know

___badger
 ___bank
 ___bristled
 ___jointed
 ___patched
 ___ruffled
 ___rushes

Directions Circle the word that has the same or nearly the same meaning as the word or words in each group.

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|-------------|---------|--------|---------------|
| 8. bank | edge | cliff | path |
| 9. rushes | seaweed | sod | marsh grasses |
| 10. patched | painted | mended | chopped |

Write an E-mail Message

Pretend you have just moved to a new part of the country. On a separate sheet of paper, write an e-mail message to a friend back home explaining how you have adapted to life in this new place. Use as many vocabulary words as you can.



Home Activity Your child identified and used vocabulary words from On the Banks of Plum Creek. With your child, look at a book about plant and animal life. Use some of the vocabulary words to describe what you see.

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Spelling Words

SWEET EACH THREE LEAST FREEDOM
 BELOW THROAT FLOAT FOAM FLOWN
 GREET SEASON CROAK SHALLOW WAGLE
 INDEED RAINBOW GROWN SEAWEED FOLLOW

POSITION. WRITE THE LIST WORDS THAT HAVE THE OPPOSITE MEANING TO THE WORDS BELOW

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WORDS IN CONTEXT. LIST WORD FROM THE BOX TO COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE

THE OCEAN WAVES WERE WHITE WITH _____

WINNERS DESCRIBE TWO PEOPLE AND _____

DESCRIBE _____ PEOPLE

SPRING IS MY FAVORITE _____

WHEN I WAS SICK I HAD A SORE _____

SOME OCEAN PLANTS ARE CALLED _____

WHEN I LOST MY VOICE I COULD _____

THE BALD _____ IS THE NATIONAL BIRD OF THE UNITED STATES

SPELLING IS SERIOUS BUSINESS _____

I SAW A _____ AFTER THE THUNDERSTORM

BY THE TIME I GOT THE CAMERA THE BIRD HAD _____

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Name _____

T-Chart

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Vocabulary t . V M U J Q M F . F B O J O H 8 P

r Multiple-meaning words



Name _____

Electronic Media

Name _____

Directions Use the Internet search results found on a search engine to answer the questions below.

WEB SEARCH

Results 1-4 of about 25,000

Search Results

Other Animals & Plants

Information on shorebirds of the Great Plains

Planet Earth

"Great Plains" video by David Attenborough

Great Plains

Before any people arrived in the Great Plains, there were the animals.

Great Plains Toad: Nature Snapshots from Minnesota

About the same size but more sharply marked than the widespread American toad, the Great Plains toad can be found along Minnesota's western border.

6. Where could you find a quote by the biologist David Attenborough?

7. At which Web site might you find out about ancient animals of the Great Plains?

8. Which keywords might you use to search online for toads in Minnesota?

9. At which Web site might you learn about shorebirds of the Great Plains?

10. Which keywords might you use to find a list of episodes of the video series Planet Earth?



Home Activity Your child learned about electronic media. With your child, review the rules of safe Internet searching and how to find helpful articles on the Internet.

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Hole crispy fried rainbow trout with lemon
butter sauce

White hollo mushroom caps stuffed with
crabmeat

Fresh vegetables in seeson

Chocolate cake with sweet whipped cream

Rootbeer float (vanilla or chocolate ice cream)

Coffee with hot milk foam

our Food is Organically grown.

Spelling Words

LEAST SHALLOW
FREE DOM
BELOWN DEED
THROAT INBOW
FLOAT GROWN
FOAM SEAWEED
FLOWN HOLLOW

Frequently Misspelled Words

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