

Dear Incoming 3rd graders and families,

Here you will find the summer reading packet for your class. This reading packet is great because it was created to help make your reading assignment a little more interesting this summer. You can choose to complete the pages in the packet as you read along in your book OR wait till you finish reading and work on it then.

A little trick that I learned to help pick a “Just Right” book to read is called the Five Finger Rule: Open a book to any random page and start reading. Everytime you see a word you don’t know, put up a finger. By the end of the section take a look at your fingers.

## Five Finger Rule

0-1 = too easy

**2-3 = just right**

4 = okay to try

5+ = too hard



If there is a grade and reading level appropriate book that you enjoy or have been wanting to read, feel free to read it! If you need some new ideas, here is a list of some books that I think you might enjoy:

- ★ **According to Humphrey Series**: *everyone’s favorite classroom pet, is starring in chapter books perfect for younger readers. Each adventure is full of hamster-iffic humor, friendship and fun.*
- ★ **Lola Levine is Not Mean**: *Lola loves soccer, but when she accidentally hurts another player on the field, her classmates call her “mean”! Lola knows she has a big heart and wants others to know too, so she uses her love of writing to change others opinions.*
- ★ **Ways to Make Sunshine**: *Ryan Hart is absolutely delightful. She is the first one to see the silver lining in any situation, and she always tries to see the best in people. But that doesn't mean everything always goes according to plan. Dad loses his job at the post office and the family has to make some big changes, not to mention her sometimes bossy older brother!*
- ★ **Just Harriet**: *Harriet is off to spend the summer at her grandmother's bed and breakfast. Also staying at the B & B is a bird scientist who Harriet befriends and learns from. After Harriet discovers an old key while cleaning out her grandmother's shed, she is determined to locate the door it opens and the secrets inside.*
- ★ **Sideways Stories from Wayside School**
- ★ **Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures**
- ★ **I Survived Series (preferably not the comic book)**

★ *The Babysitter's Club (preferably not the comic book)*

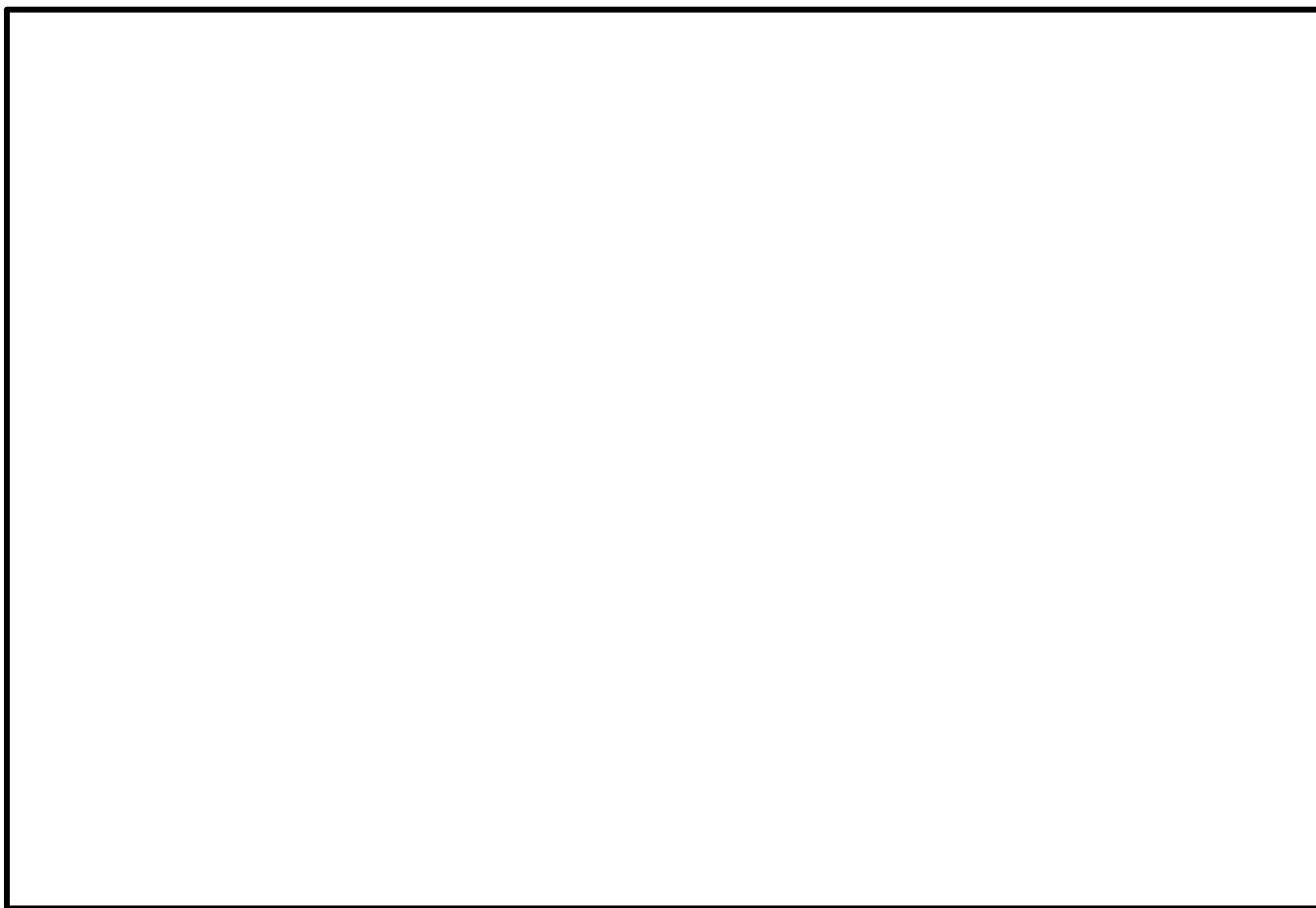
# CHAPTER BOOK STUDY



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Visualizing: Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Think about your favorite part of this chapter. Close your eyes and visualize the scene. Now draw a detailed picture of it!



Why was this your favorite part of the story?

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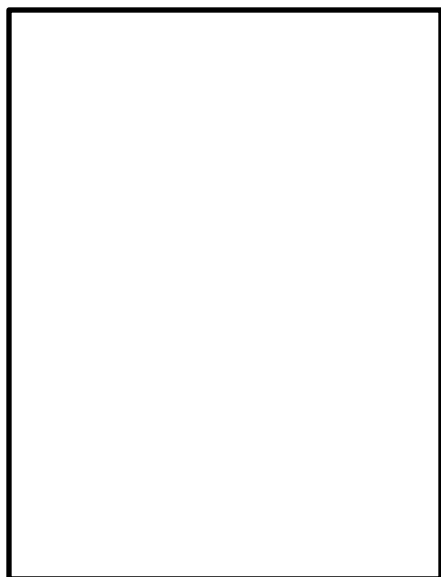
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# Text to Self Connection

Think of a part in the book that reminded you of something that happened to you in your life. Write about it!

When this happened in the book...



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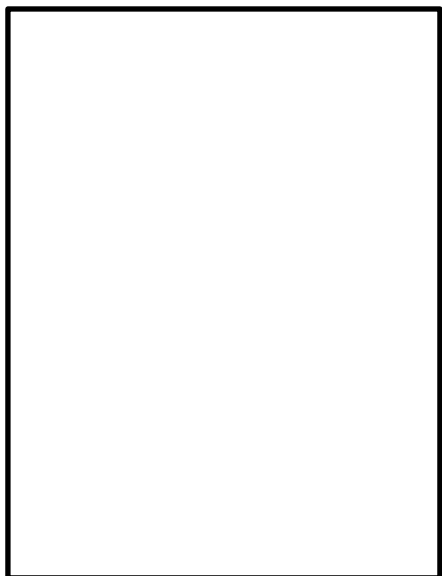
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It reminded me of...



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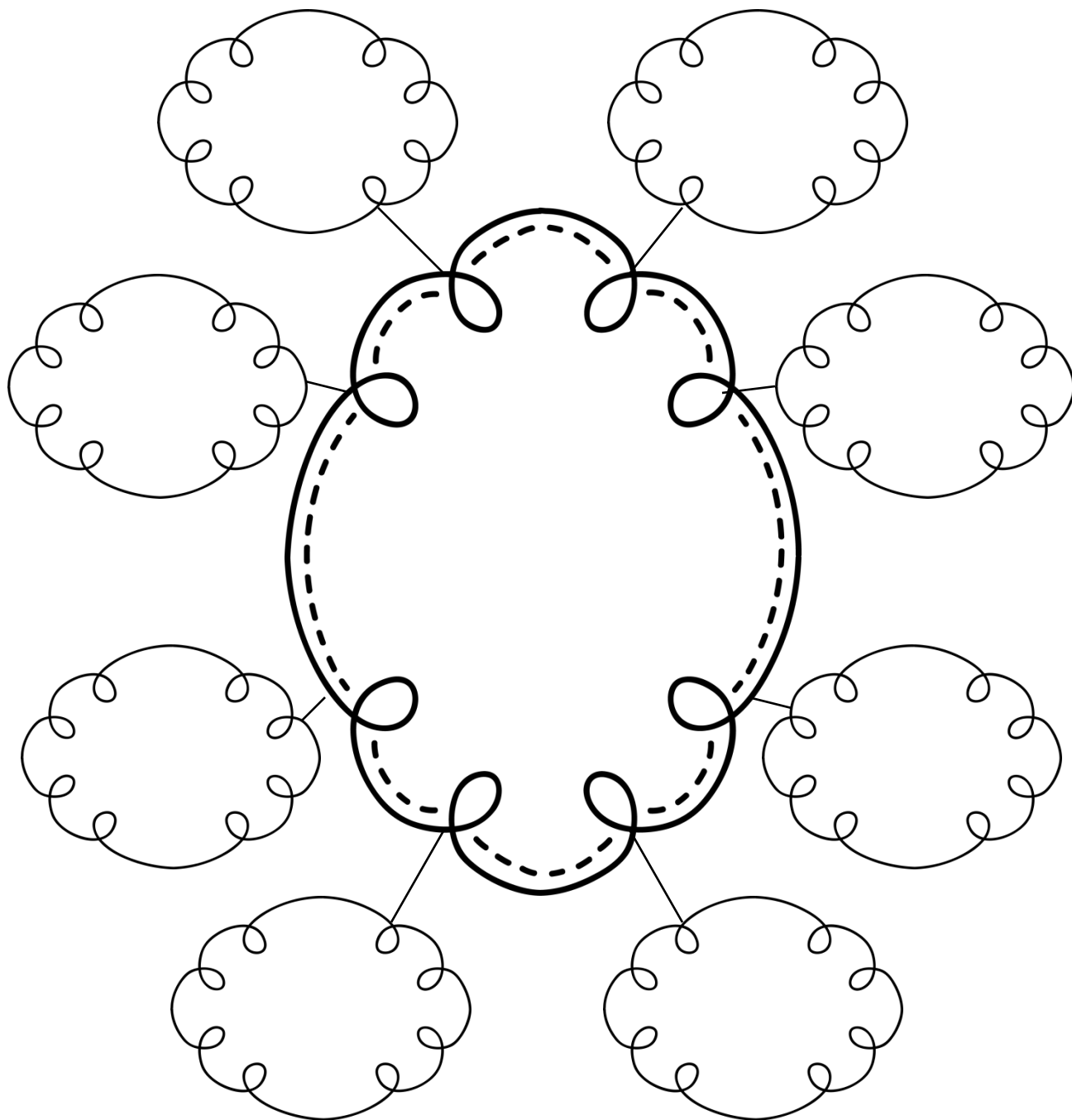
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# Describe a Character

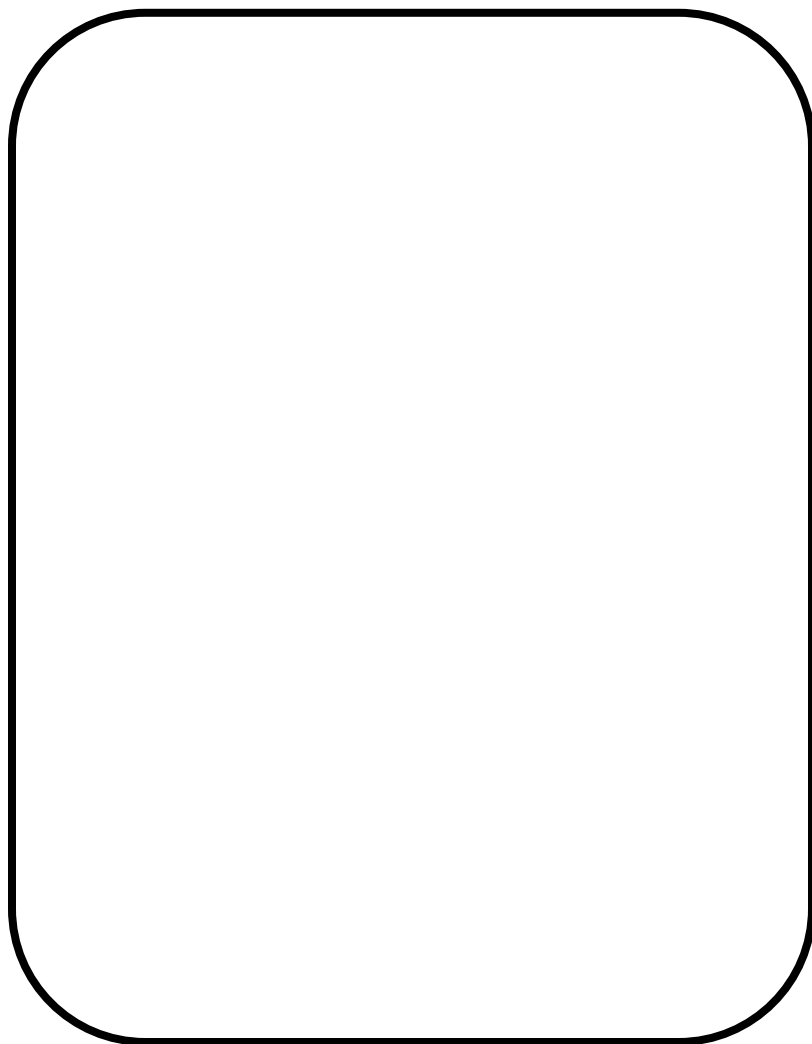
Choose an important character from the book. Draw a picture of them inside of the big bubble. In the smaller bubbles, think of adjectives to describe the characters' actions throughout the book.



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# Post-Reading Title Talk

Recreate the cover of the book. Remember that you want the cover to portray what the story is about as well as catch the readers' attention.



What would be another good title for this book?

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Why would this be a good title?

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Why do you think the author chose the title they did for the book?

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