

Because of Winn-Dixie

Book Study & Activities

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Suggestions for Use:

You can use all of this unit for your book study or you can pick and choose. You could also bind the entire unit or you could group items according to how you plan to use them.

I stapled the following as a booklet to hand out to my class (photocopied on pink paper):

- Booklet Cover Page
- Author Quiz
- Characters Page
- Setting Changes
- Problems and Solutions
- Vocabulary and Questions from all Chapters

I then handed out the ELA papers for warm-ups (IE Common or Proper Nouns, Synonyms Page, Antonyms Page, etc...).

I used the Comprehension Skills Activities for mini-lessons (IE Sequence, Fact/Opinion, Cause & Effect, etc..)

I have added writing prompts this time. You could copy them on colored paper and have students choose, or you could assign a different one each day for 4 days (There are 4 for each chapter grouping) .

Answer keys are provided for most every activity and/or ELA page and there is an End of the Book Test and Answer Key for you to use as an overall assessment.

I would love for you to rate this product and tell me how you used it.

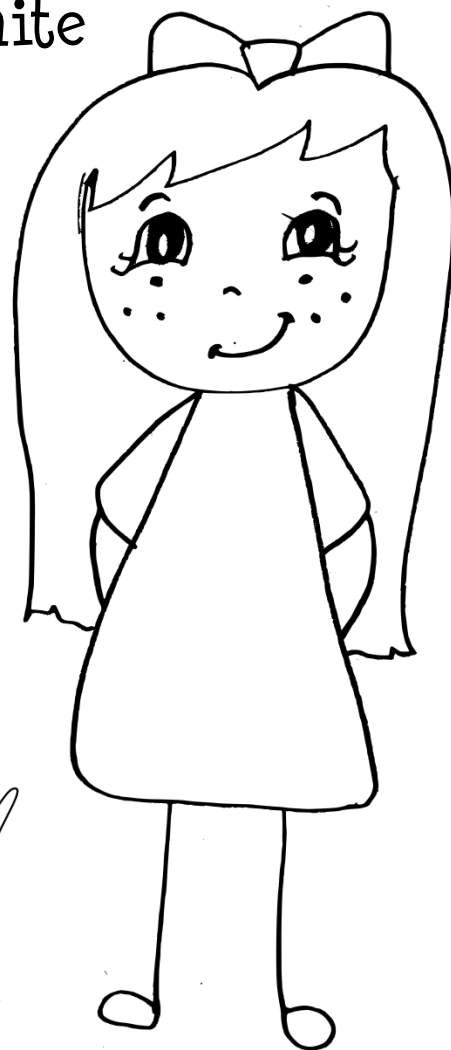
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This packet belongs to:

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About the Author: Kate DiCamillo

Kate DiCamillo was born March 25, 1964, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her family moved to Florida when she was five years old because Kate suffered from a chronic case of pneumonia and needed to be in a warmer climate. Her mother was a teacher and her dad was a dentist. She graduated from the University of Florida in 1987 with a degree in English and worked in Florida until she moved to Minneapolis at the age of 30. There, she worked at a book warehouse which led to her interest in writing children's books.

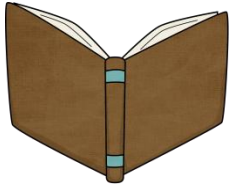
Kate wrote her first children's book, Because of Winn-Dixie in the year 2000, which became a 2001 Newbery Honor Book, and a motion picture in 2005. She wrote her second book, The Tiger Rising, in 2001, and her next book, The Tale of Despereaux in 2003, which won the 2004 Newbery Medal and was released as a movie by 20th Century Fox in 2008. She also wrote The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane in 2006, and The Magician's Elephant in 2009. In addition to chapter books, she is also known for her series of Mercy Watson picture books.

Kate currently lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota with her dog, Henry, and continues to write books for both children and adults.

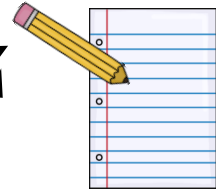
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Name _____

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Author Quiz



University of Florida
five
Newbery Medal
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2000

Because of Winn-Dixie
March 25, 1964
Mercy Watson
A Tale of Despereaux
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Directions: Fill in the blanks using the correct words and/or numbers from the box above.

1. Kate DiCamillo was born in _____
_____ on _____.
2. Kate's family moved to Florida when she was _____
because she had a chronic case of pneumonia.
3. Kate attended college at the _____
_____ in 1987.
4. She wrote her first book _____
in the year _____.
5. Kate's third book _____
received the _____ award in 2004.
6. In addition to chapter books, Kate is also known for her
_____ series of picture books.
7. Today, Kate lives in _____
with her dog Henry.

Name _____

Date _____



Characters



Directions: Place character names in the columns below as they are introduced in the story.

Character	Description
1.	
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9.	
10.	
11.	
12.	

Name _____

Date _____



Setting Changes



Directions: The setting for this story changes several times. Each time Opal goes to a different place, draw a picture of the new location and label it.

Setting #1	Setting #2
Setting #3	Setting #4
Setting #5	Setting #6

Name _____

Date _____

Problem and Solution

Directions: Every story has a **problem** (something that is wrong or something that needs to be changed) and a **solution** (someone or something helps fix the problem). Think about what happened in the story, and identify the problem and solution, then write them in the spaces provided below.

What is the main problem in the story? What is wrong or needs to be changed?



What is the solution? How was the problem solved?



Because of Winn-Dixie Chapters 1-5

Vocabulary :

Directions: Create a definition for each vocabulary word in your own words.

produce-

missionary -

muttering -

constellations -

congregation -

Directions: Answer each question in a complete sentence(s).

1. What do you think Opal meant when she said, " I knew I had done something big" ?
2. Why did she call the dog Winn-Dixie?
3. Why does Opal call her dad "the preacher" ?
4. What incident happened at the Open Arms Baptist Church?
5. Why does Opal feel lonely?

Because of Winn-Dixie Chapters 6-10

Vocabulary :

Directions: Create a definition for each vocabulary word in your own words.

memorial-

recalls -

installment plan -

identical -

green thumb -

Directions: Answer each question in a complete sentence(s).

1. Why was Miss Franny startled when she saw Winn-Dixie standing on his hind legs in the window of the library?
2. How did Miss Franny become librarian at the Herman W. Block Memorial Library?
3. How does Opal intend to purchase the leash and collar from Gertrude's Pet Shop?
4. Why do you think the Dunlap boys thought Gloria Dump was a witch?
5. How does Winn-Dixie help Opal make friends?

Because of Winn-Dixie Chapters 11-15

Vocabulary :

Directions: Create a definition for each vocabulary word in your own words.

pathological-

criminal -

routine-

ignorant -

harsh-

Directions: Answer each question in a complete sentence(s).

1. How did Winn-Dixie feel about thunderstorms? Explain by using examples from the book.
2. Why did Otis play music for the animals?
3. What does Opal mean when she says, "I felt like a soldier who had been fighting a hard battle"?
4. What advice did Gloria Dump give Opal about judging people?
5. What did Opal compare Miss Franny's fits to?

Because of Winn-Dixie Chapters 16-20

Vocabulary :

Directions: Create a definition for each vocabulary word in your own words.

enlisted-

vermin -

sensation -

manufactured -

melancholy -

Directions: Answer each question in a complete sentence(s).

1. Why did Miss Franny's great-grandfather create the Littmus Lozenge?
2. List the 3 sadnesses in Opal's life?
3. What 2 surprises did Opal have for Gloria Dump?
4. Who was Carson?
5. Why had Otis gone to jail? Do you think he is a dangerous criminal?
6. Where did Opal get the idea to have a party?

Because of Winn-Dixie Chapters 21-26

Vocabulary :

Directions: Create a definition for each vocabulary word in your own words.

shimmery-

crepe paper -

downpour -

potions -

wheezed -

Directions: Answer each question in a complete sentence(s).

1. Why do you think Opal talked real soft, gentle, and low to Otis when she was leading him into the back yard?
2. Why does Opal think it's her fault that Winn-Dixie is missing?
3. What did Gloria Dump tell Opal about holding on?
4. What did Opal find out about her dad, while looking for Winn-Dixie?
5. Where was Winn-Dixie hiding, and what made him come out?

Writing Prompts for Chapters 1-5:

Write about what you would do if you found a stray dog or cat?

Opal describes the Open Arms Baptist Church in detail. Describe a favorite place of yours in detail. Tell what makes this place unusual or interesting.

Opal's dad told her 10 things about her mama. Write down 10 things to describe your mom, dad, or another important person in your life.

Mr. Alfred made an "exception" and let Opal live in the Friendly Corners Trailer Park for adults only. Write about a time when someone made an exception to a rule for you or another family member.

Writing Prompts for Chapters 6-10:

Opal liked to visit the library in the summer. Describe a place that you like to visit in the summer and what you like to do there.

Opal wanted a leash and collar for Winn-Dixie but did not have the money to buy it. Tell about a time you wanted something you couldn't afford right away, and how you got the money to purchase it.

The Dunlap boys thought Gloria Dump was a witch, but she turned out to be a nice old lady. Write about a time you found out someone was different than you thought once you got to know them.

Gloria Dump appeared to have a "green thumb" as plants grew abundantly in her yard. Write about someone you know who has a "green thumb" or imagine that you have a "green thumb" and write about everything that grows.

Writing Prompts for Chapters 11-15:

Winn-Dixie is terrified of thunderstorms. Write about something that you or someone you know is afraid of.

Otis played music for the animals because he said it made them happy. Write about a time when someone used music to make you happy. Describe where you were at, what was the occasion, etc...

Opal and Winn-Dixie settled into a daily routine. Write a paragraph or make a chart about your "daily routine". Be sure to use numbers or "order words" such as first, next, after that, finally, etc...

Gloria Dump told Opal not to judge people by what they had done in the past, but to judge them by what they are doing in the present. Write about a time when you misjudged someone.

Writing Prompts for Chapters 16-20:

Miss Franny said that men and boys think war is fun. What is your opinion of war? Explain.

People often turn to food to make them feel better. Littmus wanted sweet candy to make him feel better. Write about a time when you wanted or got some type of food to make you feel better. Describe what it was, how it tasted, etc... You may add a recipe if you wish.

Opal read Gone With the Wind to Gloria Dump. If you had to choose a book to read to Gloria, what book would you read to her and why? In addition to answering the question, write a brief summary of the book .

Opal comes up with the idea to throw a party at Gloria Dump's house. Opal needs your help. Write out a list of guests to be invited and create a party invitation. Then write out a grocery list for the party.

Writing Prompts for Chapters 21-26:

Otis is a little wary about going into the back yard for the party. If you were Opal, what would you say to Otis to persuade him to walk around back and join the party?

Just as they started the party, it started to pour. Write about a time when you were in the middle of a special event and it started to pour. Tell about what happened, what you did, and how you felt.

Opal and her dad went looking for Winn-Dixie because they thought he ran away. Write about a time when you or someone you know lost a pet. Were they ever found? If so, where and how.

The book ends with Otis playing his guitar and everybody singing. Pretend you are the author and write about what happens the next day.

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10 Things About Mama



Directions: Write the 10 things the preacher told Opal about her mother.

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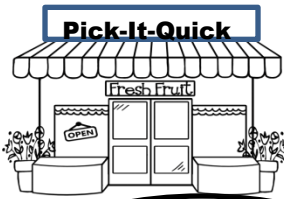
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Compare and Contrast

Directions: Compare the Open Arms Baptist Church from the story and a regular church. How are they similar? How are they different? The first comparison is done for you. NOTE: similarities go in the middle.

Open Arms
Baptist Church

Regular
Church



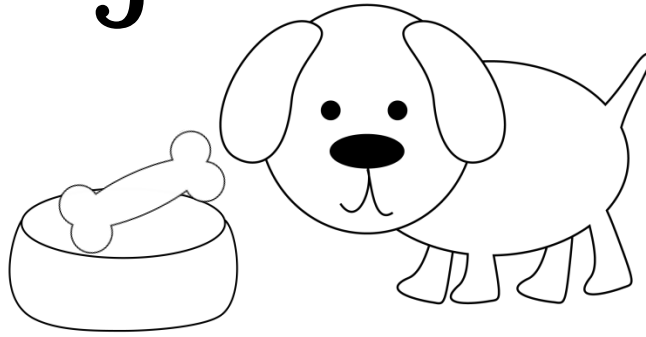
used to be a
Pick-It-Quick

building

built as a
church

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Crunchy Contractions

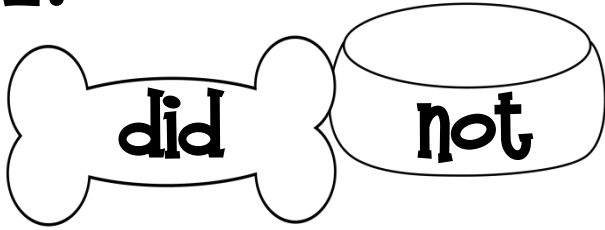


Directions: Combine each pair of words to make a contraction. Write the first word in the first column, the second word in the second column, and the contraction in the third column. * Don't forget the apostrophe (')

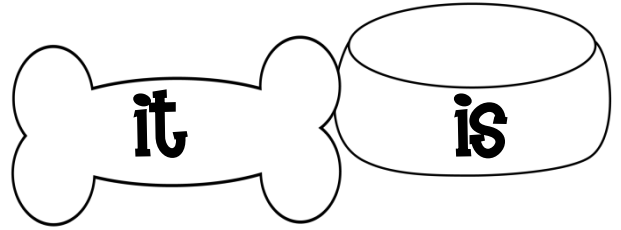
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Crunchy Contractions

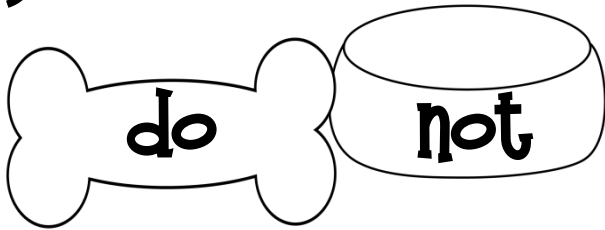
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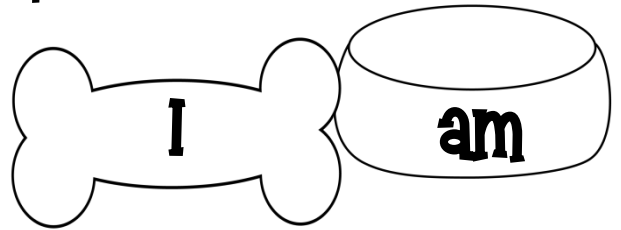
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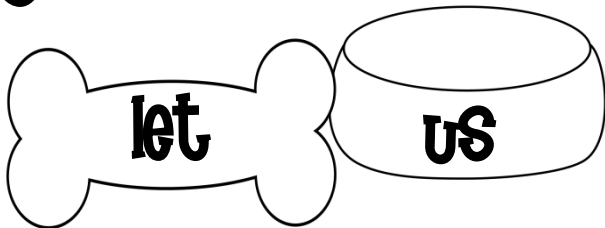
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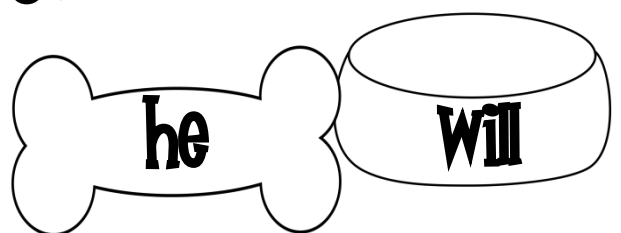
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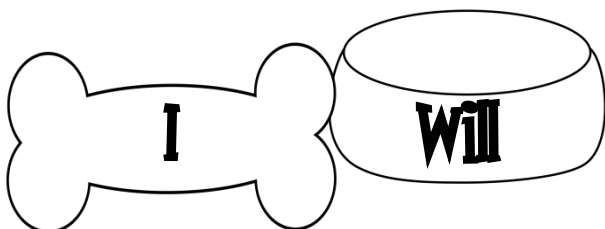
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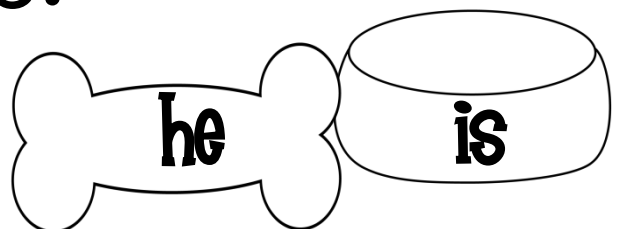
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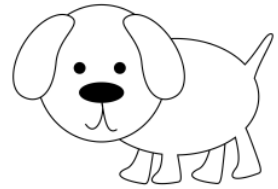


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Common or Proper?



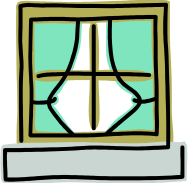
Directions: Place the nouns in the box below into the correct column: common (general) nouns in one column and proper (specific) nouns in the other. (*Hint: Remember to capitalize the proper nouns as you place them in the columns).

girl	pet store	church
naomi	open arms baptist church	opal
librarian	city	winn-dixie
gertrude's pets	dog	miss franny block

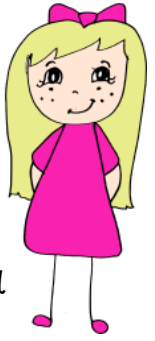
Common Nouns	Proper Nouns

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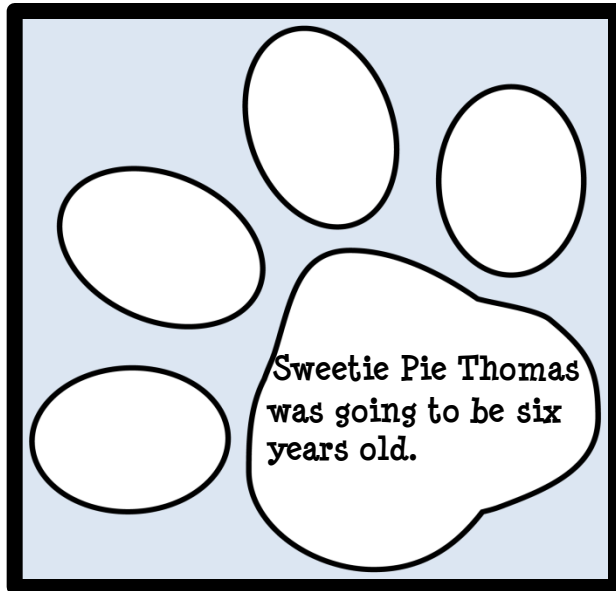
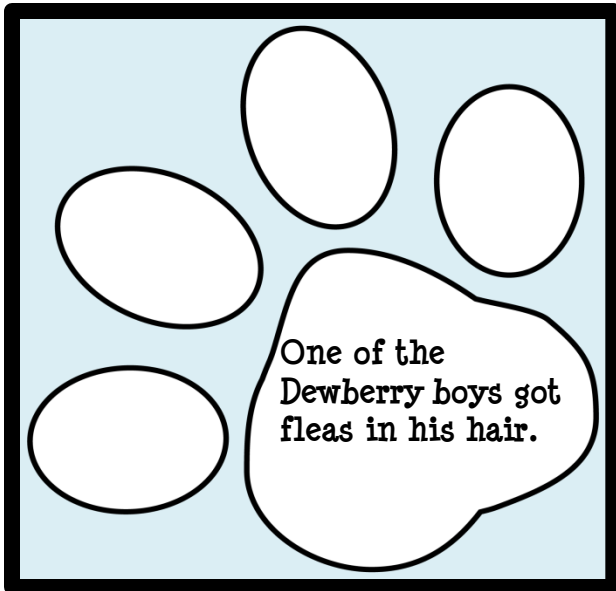
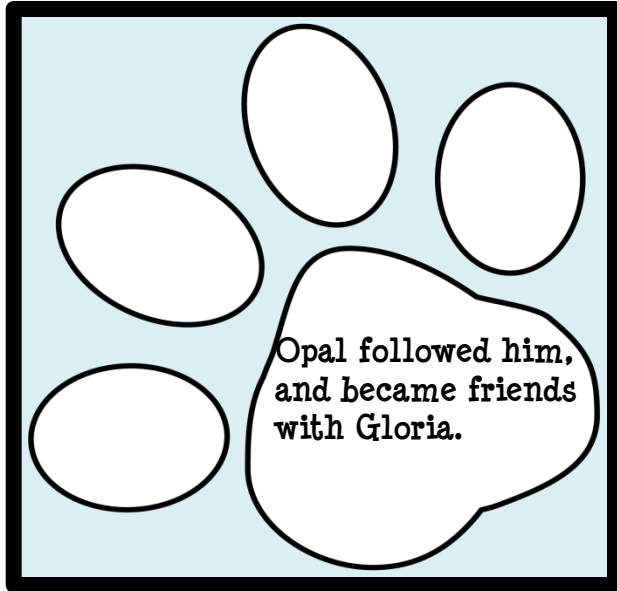
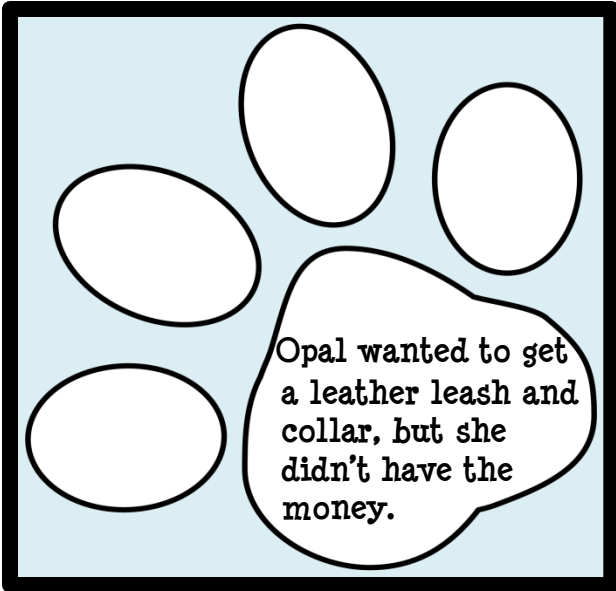
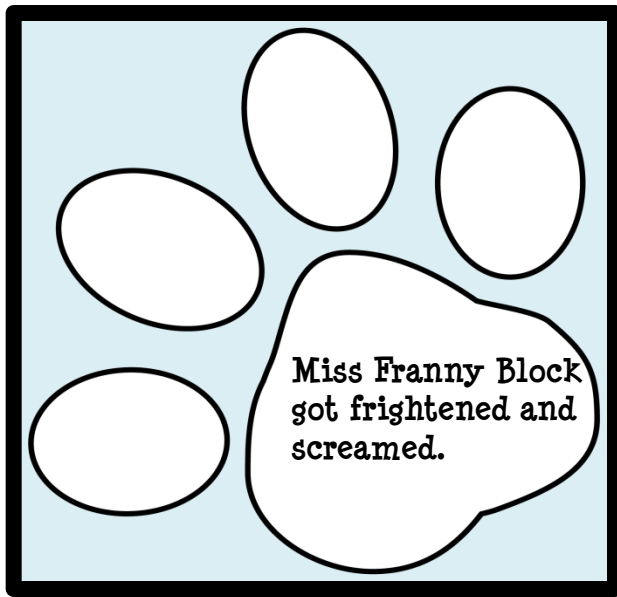
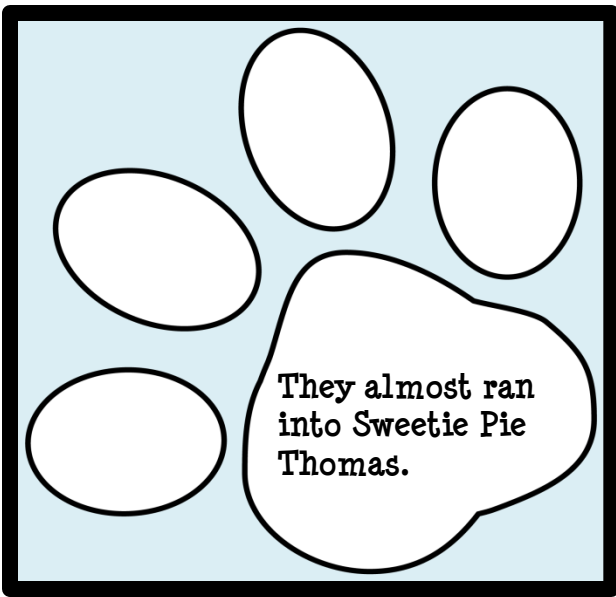


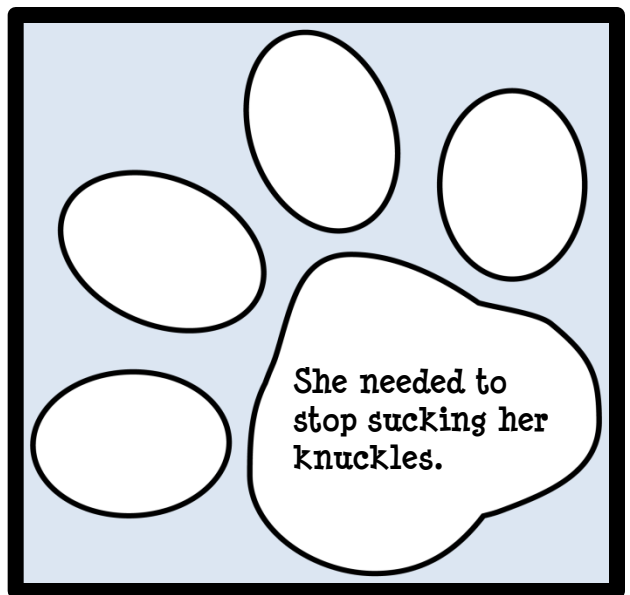
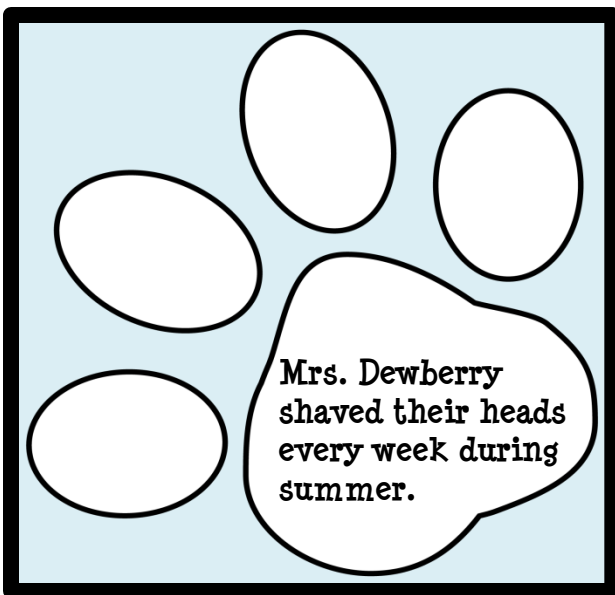
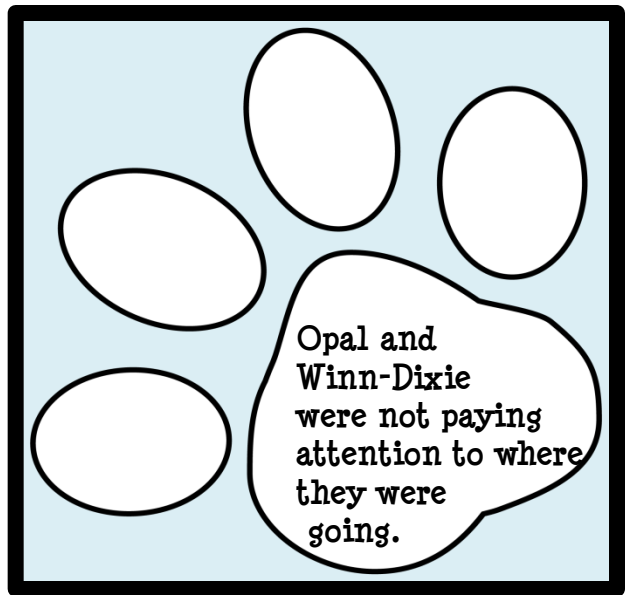
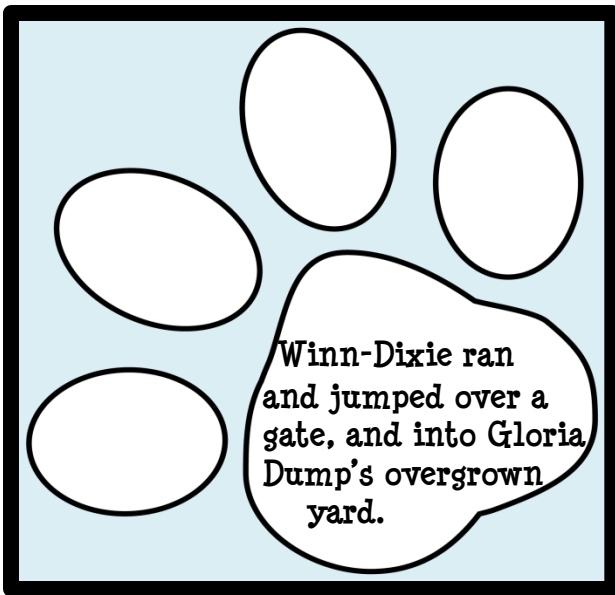
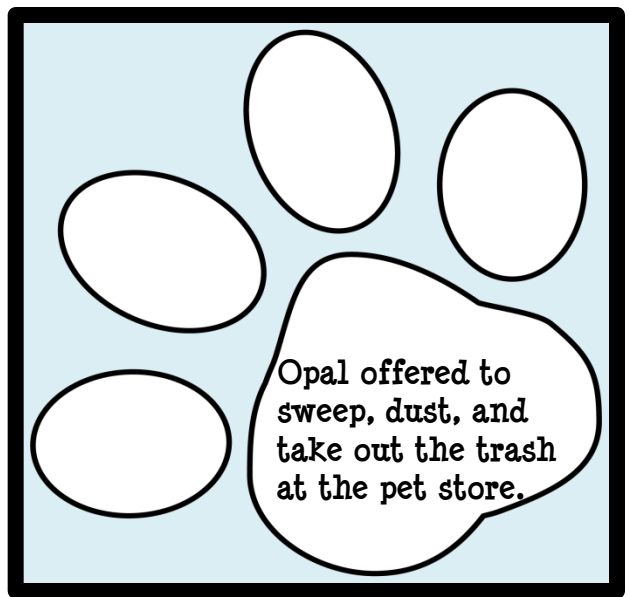
Cause and Effect Match-Up



Directions: Match up the “causes” with the “effects” from Chapters 6-10, and write the matches next to each other in the correct column.

Cause (why it happened)	Effect (what happened)
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	





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Matching Up Synonyms

Directions: Match up the synonyms, or words that mean the same, by drawing a line between the two synonyms (Chapters 11-15).

shaking

terror

running

arrange

quiet

trembling

fear

barreling

organize

relaxing

Name _____

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Opal and Winn-Dixie's Daily Routine

Directions: In chapter 13 Opal talks about her and Winn-Dixie's daily routine. Read the sentences below and put them in the correct order or sequence.

They would eat peanut butter sandwiches, drink coffee, and read or tell stories.

After that they went to Gloria Dump's house.

Next they went to the library to talk to Miss Franny.

When she was done, Otis would write down her time in a notebook.

Then, Opal would sweep and clean the pet shop.

They left the house early in the morning to go to Getrude's Pets and listen to Otis play.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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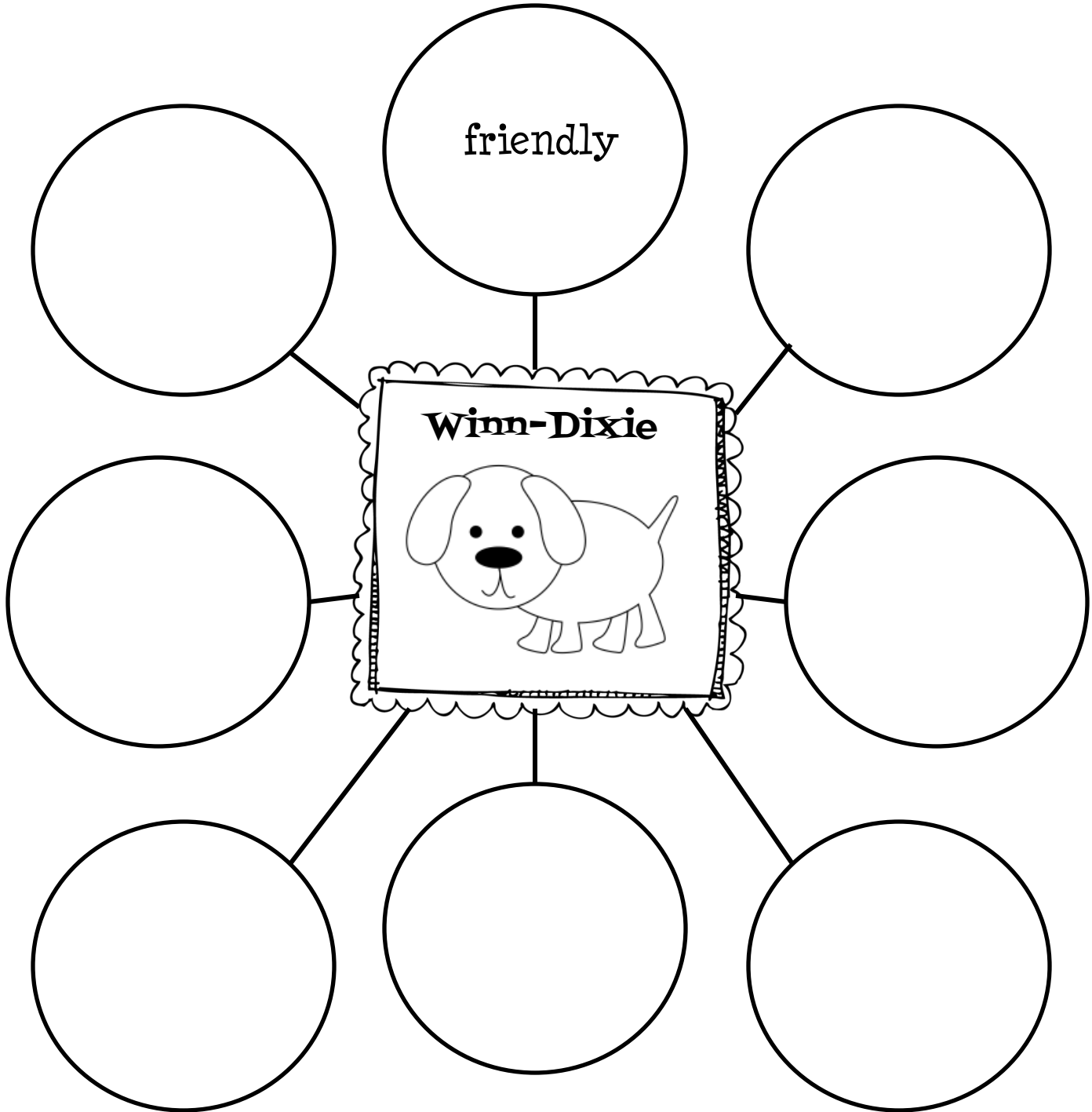
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Character Traits

Directions: Write traits that describe Winn-Dixie in the empty bubbles below.
For example: friendly.

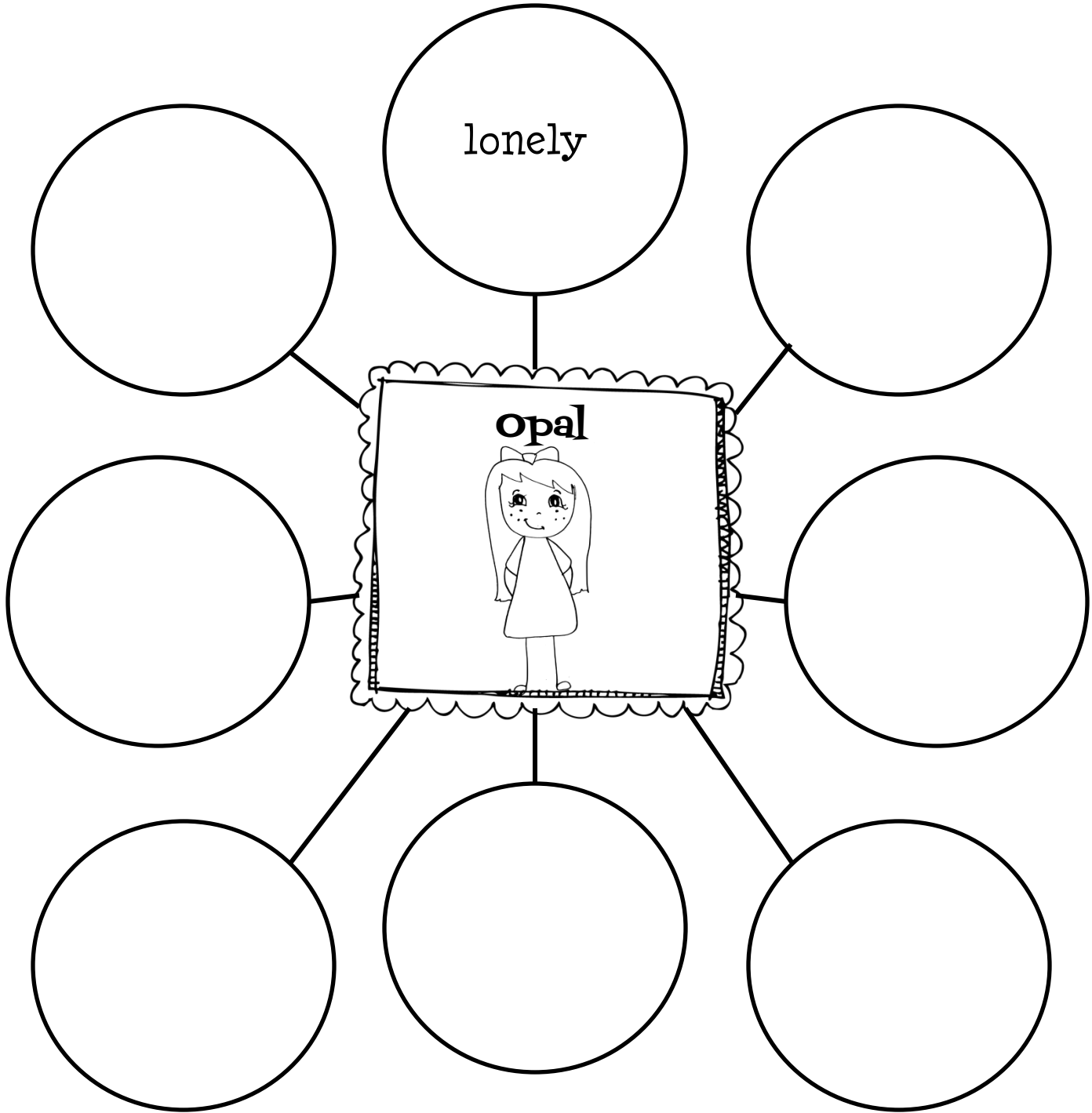


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Character Traits

Directions: Write traits that describe Opal in the empty bubbles below. For example: lonely.

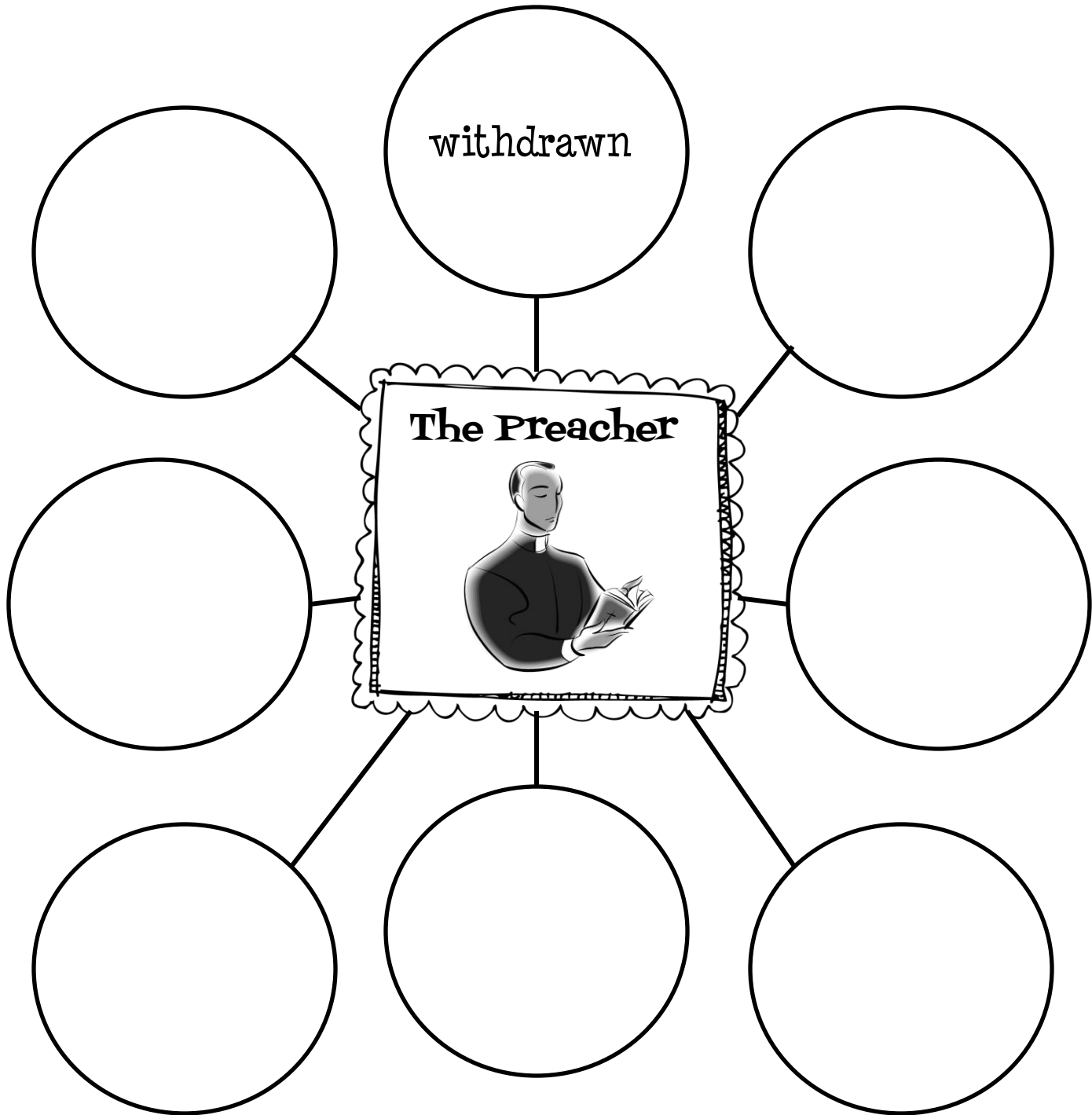


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Character Traits

Directions: Write traits that describe the preacher in the empty bubbles below.
For example: withdrawn.

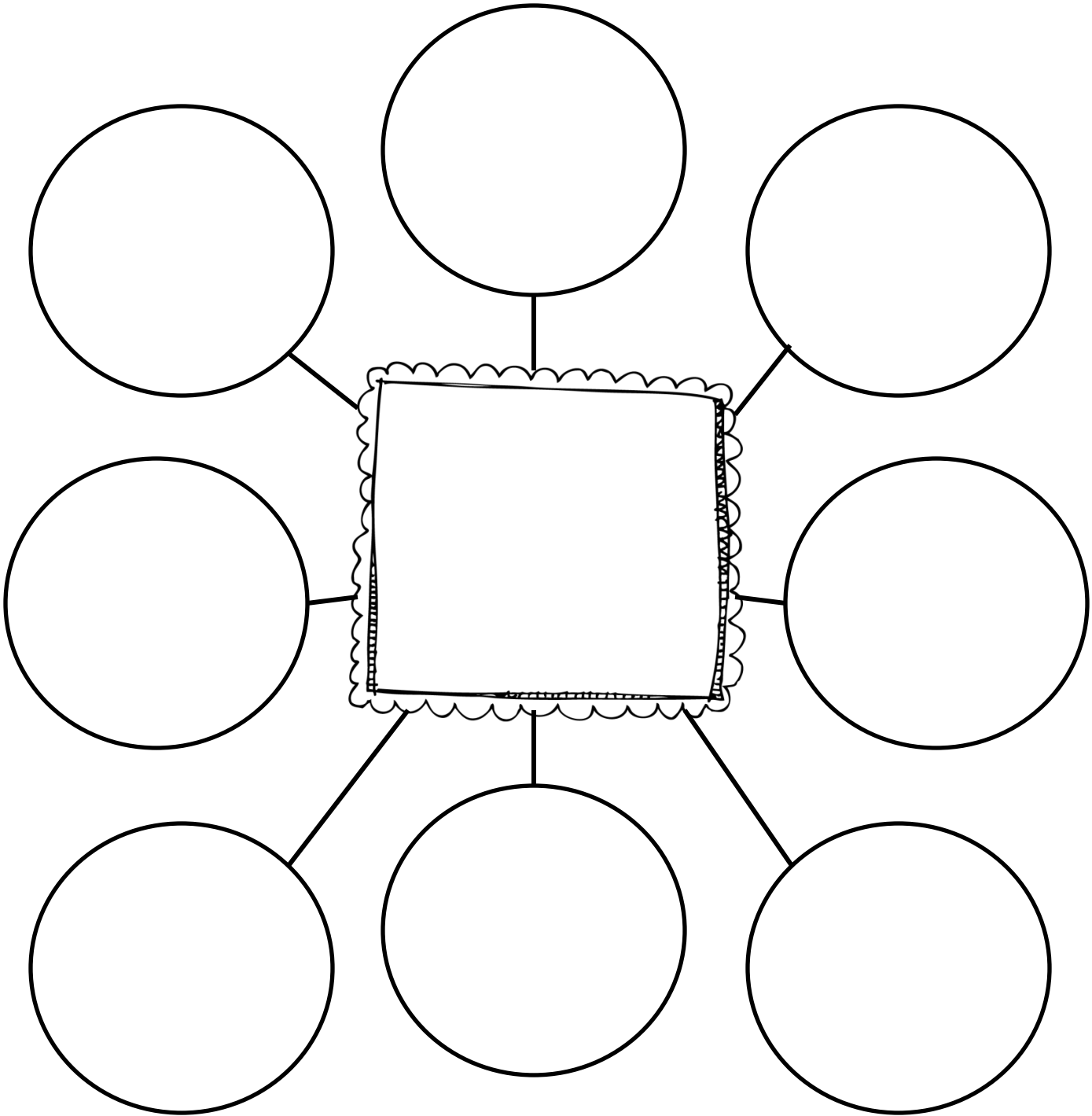


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Character Traits

Directions: Choose another character, draw a picture of them in the frame in the center, and write traits that describe them in the empty bubbles below.



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Fact or Opinion?

Directions: Cut apart the sentences at the bottom of the page. Glue FACTS (can be proven) inside the shopping cart and OPINIONS (can be different) outside the cart.



Opal found Winn-Dixie at a supermarket.

Opal is 10 years old.

Winn-Dixie is the best dog in the world.

The preacher is a good father.

Miss Franny Block is a librarian.

Otis worked at the pet store.

Gloria Dump is my favorite character!

Miss Franny tells the funniest stories!

Name _____

Date _____

Matching Up Antonyms (Opposites)

Directions: Match up the antonyms, or words that mean the opposite, by drawing a line between the two antonyms (Chapters 16-20).

war

happiness

sorrow

remember

sweet

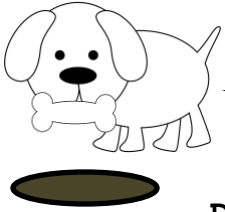
peace

famous

sour

forget

unknown



Dig Up the Meaning Using Context Clues!



Directions: Read the sentences below and use the context of the sentence to figure out which meaning is correct. Then circle the correct meaning for the underlined word.

1. He was covered with all manner of vermin; fleas and lice.
insects plants people
2. He swallowed the whole thing in a big gulp.
loud spit loud swallow loud sip
3. I stuffed my pockets full of Littmus Lozenges.
dumped filled emptied
4. I thought about how it was neat that Amanda liked a good story.
tidy orderly cool
5. He was hunching up his shoulders and lowering his chin.
guessing bending straightening
6. We could make sandwiches and cut them into triangles to make them look fancy.
decorative plain unappetizing
7. Maybe you could play us some music.
tease fun perform

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10 Things About Winn-Dixie



Directions: Write 10 things about Winn-Dixie.

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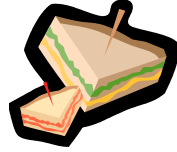
7.

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What's the Main Idea?



Directions: Match up each main idea below with the correct details given on the following two pages and write the correct main idea in each blank main idea box.

- a. Getting ready for the party was easy and fun.
- b. The preacher was crying.
- c. I checked him over real careful and he didn't look that good.
- d. The Open Arms Baptist Church isn't like a regular - looking church.
- e. I started in on Winn-Dixie right away trying to clean him up.
- f. Sometimes, when Miss Franny was telling a story, she would have a fit.

What's the Main Idea?

Continued

1. Main Idea

He was skinny.

You could see his ribs.

There were bald patches all over him.

2. Main Idea

We worked in Gloria's kitchen and made egg-salad sandwiches .

We also made punch.

The last thing we did was decorate the yard all up.

3. Main Idea

The building used to be a Pick-It-Quick store.

There aren't any pews. People bring in their fold-up chairs.

The Open Arms had mice.

What's the Main Idea?

Continued

4.	Main Idea
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His shoulders were moving up and down.

He was making sniffing noises.

He was shaking.

5.	Main Idea
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First, I gave him a bath.

After he was all washed and dried, I brushed him good.

He got a sneezing fit every time I tried to brush his teeth with a toothbrush.

6.	Main Idea
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They were small fits and they didn't last long.

She would forget what she was saying.

She would just stop and start to shake like a leaf.

Name _____

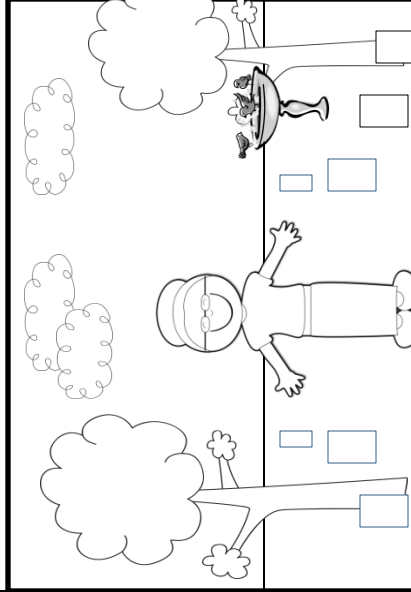
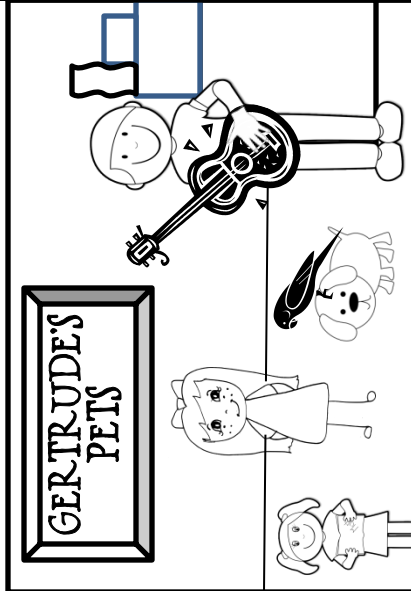
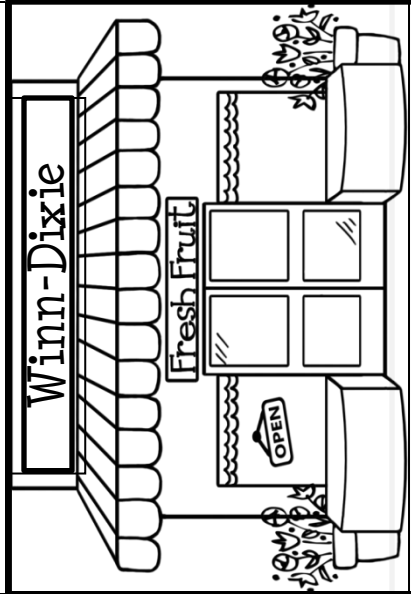
Date _____

Directions: Write a summary telling what happened in the beginning , the middle, and at the end of the story.

Beginning

Middle

End



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End of the Book Test

Matching



Directions: Match up each character on the left with the correct character description on the right:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---|
| 1. ____ India Opal Buloni | a. Pinch-faced girl |
| 2. ____ Winn-Dixie | b. Librarian |
| 3. ____ Otis | c. Bald-headed brothers, Stevie & Dunlap |
| 4. ____ Miss Franny | d. Opal's dad |
| 5. ____ Sweetie Pie Thomas | e. Amanda's younger brother who drowned |
| 6. ____ The preacher | f. Young girl who found Winn-Dixie |
| 7. ____ Gloria Dump | g. They thought she was a witch |
| 8. ____ Amanda Wilkinson | h. Worked at pet store; played the guitar |
| 9. ____ Dewberry Boys | i. 5 year old girl: invited Opal to her party |
| 10. ____ Carson | j. Stray dog that Opal found in a grocery store |



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End of the Book Test

Multiple Choice

Directions: Circle one correct answer that completes the statement or answers the question.

11. Opal found a stray dog in a grocery store and named him
 - a. Piggly Wiggly
 - b. Winn-Dixie
 - c. Albertsons
 - d. Tom Thumb

12. The Open Arms Baptist Church was not like a regular church because
 - a. It had folding chairs instead of pews.
 - b. Mice lived there.
 - c. It used to be a Pick-It-Quick store.
 - d. all of the above

13. Winn-Dixie ran across the church chasing a
 - a. squirrel
 - b. mouse
 - c. cat
 - d. bird

14. What did Miss Franny mistake Winn-Dixie for?
 - a. a bear
 - b. a tiger
 - c. a wolf
 - d. none of the above

15. What happened first in Opal and Winn-Dixie's routine?
 - a. They went to Gloria Dump's house.
 - b. Opal swept and cleaned the pet store.
 - c. They got up early and went to the pet store to listen to Otis play his guitar
 - d. They went to the library to visit with Miss Franny

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End of the Book Test

Multiple Choice continued...

16. What detail fits in the blank?

MAIN IDEA

Sometimes, when Miss Franny was telling a story, she would have a fit.

DETAIL

DETAIL

DETAIL

They were small fits and they didn't last long.

She would just stop and start to shake like a leaf.

- She would wave her arms in the air.
 - She would stomp her feet.
 - She would scream loudly.
 - She would forget what she was saying.
17. The author's purpose for writing this book was
- to entertain people with a story about the power of friendship and how it can get us through both good and difficult times in our lives.
 - to give information about dogs and how to care for them.
 - to persuade you that dogs make the best pets.
 - to give the steps of how to make Dump Punch.
18. Why did Miss Franny's great-grandfather create Littmus Lozenges?
- He was hungry.
 - He wanted something sour to remind him of his suffering.
 - He wanted something sweet to help ease his suffering.
 - He didn't have anything else to do.
19. What was Winn-Dixie's pathological fear?
- He was afraid of people.
 - He was afraid of thunderstorms
 - He was afraid of taking a bath.
 - He was afraid of birds.

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End of the Book Test

Multiple Choice continued...

20. Which of the following is the best summary of this book?
- a. Opal is a 10-year old girl who moved to Naomi, Florida with her father the preacher. She has no friends, her mother left when she was young, her father is always busy, and being the preacher's daughter, it is not easy to make friends.
 - b. Opal wants to buy a collar and leash for Winn-Dixie, so she offers to clean up the pet shop for Otis. She goes to the store daily and sweeps, dusts, and arranges things neatly.
 - c. Winn-Dixie disappears during a torrential downpour. After searching for hours, Opal and her father realize he was under the bed in the house all along.
 - d. Opal moves to a new town and has a hard time making friends until she finds a dog in a grocery store. Winn-Dixie seems to have a knack for making friends and helps Opal develop friendships in the most unexpected places. She brings all of her new friends together for a party and is so happy, until she almost loses her dearest friend of all. During this time she learns to understand her father better, and finds out that Winn-Dixie had never left.

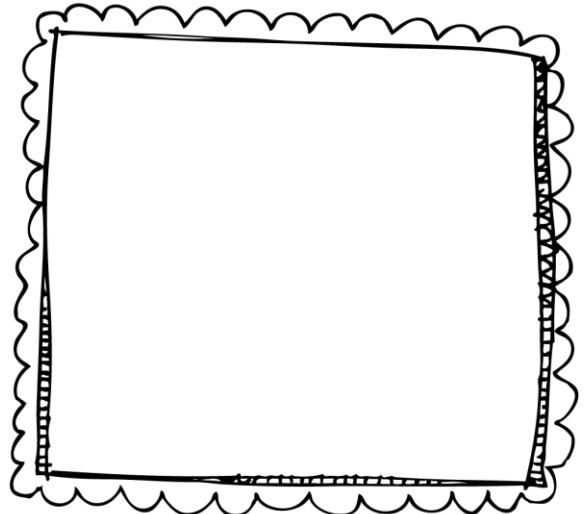
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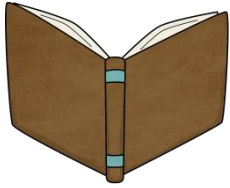
Draw your favorite character in the box and list 3 character traits they possess.

1. _____

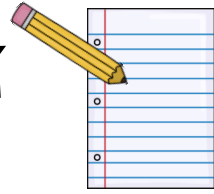
2. _____

3. _____





Author Quiz



ANSWER KEY

University of Florida
five

Newbery Medal
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2000

Because of Winn-Dixie
March 25, 1964
Mercy Watson
The Tale of Despereaux
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Directions: Fill in the blanks using the correct words and/or numbers from the box above.

1. Kate DiCamillo was born in **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania** on **March 25, 1964** .
2. Kate's family moved to Florida when she was **five** because she had a chronic case of pneumonia.
3. Kate attended college at the **University of Florida** in 1987.
4. She wrote her first book **Because of Winn-Dixie** in the year **2000**.
5. Kate's third book **The Tale of Despereaux** received the **Newbery Medal** award in 2004.
6. In addition to chapter books, Kate is also known for her **Mercy Watson** series of picture books.
7. Today, Kate lives in **Minneapolis, Minnesota** with her dog Henry.



Characters



Directions: Place character names in the columns below as they are introduced in the story. **ANSWER KEY**

Character	Description
1. Opal Buloni	Young girl who found a stray dog at a grocery store
2. The preacher	Opal's dad
3. Mama	Opal's mother who left when she was little
4. Winn-Dixie	stray dog named after the grocery store where Opal found him.
5. Miss Franny Block	librarian
6. Amanda Wilkinson	Young pinch-faced girl who acts stuck up
7. Otis	Man who worked at the pet store
8. Sweetie Pie Thomas	Five year old girl who loved dogs and invited Opal to her birthday party
9. Gloria Dump	Old lady who became friends with Opal
10. Dunlap and Stevie Dewberry	two bald-headed brothers
11. Littmus W. Block	Miss Franny Block's great-grandfather who invented Littmus Lozenges
12. Carson	Amanda's brother who drowned when he was five years old.



Setting Changes



ANSWER KEY

Directions: The setting for this story changes several times. Each time Opal goes to a different place, draw a picture of the new location and label it.

Setting #1 Grocery Store	Setting #2 Trailer Park
Setting #3 Church	Setting #4 Library
Setting #5 Pet Store	Setting #6 Gloria Dump's House

Problem and Solution

Directions: Every story has a **problem** (something that is wrong or something that needs to be changed) and a **solution** (someone or something helps fix the problem). Think about what happened in the story, and identify the problem and solution, then write them in the spaces provided below.

What is the main problem in the story? What is wrong or needs to be changed?



The main problem was that Opal was lonely and didn't know how to go about making friends.

What is the solution? How was the problem solved?



The solution was that Opal found Winn-Dixie who helped her to make friends in unexpected places and showed her the power of friendship.

Because of Winn-Dixie Chapters 1-5

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary :

Directions: Create a definition for each vocabulary word in your own words.

produce- **p. 9 fresh food from the farm such as fruits and veggies**

missionary - **p. 13 someone sent to another county by a church to spread its faith**

muttering - **p. 24 saying something quietly under your breath**

constellations - **p. 28 group of stars that form a shape**

congregation - **p. 33 members of the same church; group of worshipers**

Directions: Answer each question in a complete sentence(s).

1. What do you think Opal meant when she said, “ I knew I had done something big” ? **p. 10 She had saved the dog from going to the pound, maybe even saved his life.**
2. Why did she call the dog Winn-Dixie? **pp. 1-10 She didn't know his name and that was the name of the grocery store she was in. It was the 1st thing that came to her mind.**
3. Why does Opal call her dad “the preacher” ? **p. 13 She calls him “the preacher” because he spends most of his time preaching, thinking about preaching, or getting ready for preaching.**
4. What incident happened at the Open Arms Baptist Church? **pp. 34-38 Winn-Dixie was howling because he wanted to come inside and then he chased and caught a mouse.**
5. Why does Opal feel so lonely? **pp. 38-39 She felt lonely because she had just moved to Florida with her dad and she only knew the kids from church. She felt the kids wouldn't want to be friends with her because she would tell the preacher everything they did wrong.**

Because of Winn-Dixie Chapters 6-10

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary :

Directions: Create a definition for each vocabulary word in your own words.

memorial- **p. 40 something that is intended to remind people of somebody who has died**

recalls - **p. 49 remembers something**

installment plan - **p. 53 system for buying merchandise involving a series of payments**

identical - **p. 61 exactly the same**

green thumb - **p. 69 natural ability to make plants grow well**

Directions: Answer each question in a complete sentence(s).

1. Why was Miss Franny startled when she saw Winn-Dixie standing on his hind legs in the window of the library?
p. 41 She thinks he is a bear because she can't see well, and a bear came in her library once a long time ago and frightened her.
2. How did Miss Franny become librarian at the Herman W. Block Memorial Library? **pp. 45-46 She was given the library as a birthday present from her wealthy father.**
3. How does Opal intend to purchase the leash and collar from Gertrude's Pet Shop? **p. 53-57 She makes an agreement with Otis to sweep the floors, dust the shelves, and take out the trash.**
4. Why do you think the Dunlap boys thought Gloria Dump was a witch? **pp. 61-63 She was an old lady and her yard was overgrown.**
5. How does Winn-Dixie help Opal make friends? **pp. 40-70 He is not afraid to just go right up to people. He smiles at them, listens to them, and licks them. He does not discriminate; he likes everyone.**

Because of Winn-Dixie Chapters 11-15

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary :

Directions: Create a definition for each vocabulary word in your own words.

pathological- **p. 75 extreme; uncontrolled or unreasonable**

criminal - **p. 84 someone who has committed a crime and has been in jail**

routine - **p. 87 the usual way you do something day after day**

ignorant - **p. 91 lacking knowledge**

harsh- **p. 97 severely critical; in a rigid manner**

Directions: Answer each question in a complete sentence(s).

1. How did Winn-Dixie feel about thunder storms? Explain by using examples from the book.
pp. 72-76 Winn-Dixie was terrified of thunderstorms. He whined, whimpered, and ran back and forth through the trailer house panting and knocking over the preacher.
2. Why did Otis play music for the animals? **pp. 77-83 He felt sorry for them having to be caged up and he said it made them happy.**
3. What does Opal mean when she says, "I felt like a soldier who had been fighting a hard battle"? **pp. 89-90 She would always argue with the Dewberry boys about their opinions of Gloria Dump, Otis, and her other friends.**
4. What advice did Gloria Dump give Opal about judging people? **p. 96-97 She said not to judge people by the things they did in the past, but by what they are doing now.**
5. What did Opal compare Miss Franny's fits to? **pp. 99-100 She compared Miss Franny's fits to Winn-Dixie's reaction to thunderstorms.**

Because of Winn-Dixie Chapters 16-20

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary :

Directions: Create a definition for each vocabulary word in your own words.

enlisted- **p. 104 enroll in a branch of the armed forces**

vermin - **p. 106 destructive animals or insects such as lice and fleas**

sensation - **p. 110 a strong feeling**

manufactured- **p. 111 to make something into a finished product**

melancholy- **p. 121 feeling sad**

Directions: Answer each question in a complete sentence(s).

1. Why did Miss Franny's great-grandfather create the Littmus Lozenge? **pp. 110-111 Her great-grandfather created the lozenge because there was so much suffering so he wanted to put some sweetness into the world.**
2. List the 3 sadnesses in Opal's life? **pp. 114-115 1). She had to move and leave her friends, 2). The Dewberry boys pick on her, 3). Her mama left her when she was still small.**
3. What 2 surprises did Opal have for Gloria Dump? **pp. 118-119 1). Littmus Lozenge 2). The book, Gone With the Wind.**
4. Who was Carson? **pp. 124-125 He was Amanda's younger brother who drowned when he was 5 years old.**
5. Why had Otis gone to jail? Do you think he is a dangerous criminal? **pp. 130-131 He went to jail because he would not stop playing his music on the street and he hit a police officer.**
6. Where did Opal get the idea to have a party? **p. 135 She got the idea from the book, Gone With the Wind, when Scarlett was looking forward to a barbecue with music and food.**

Because of Winn-Dixie Chapters 21-26

ANSWER KEY

Vocabulary :

Directions: Create a definition for each vocabulary word in your own words.

shimmery - **p. 145 to shine with a flickering light**

crepe paper - **p. 156 thin, slightly stretchy, crinkled colored paper used to decorate for parties**

downpour - **p. 156 heavy rainfall**

potions - **p. 171 a magical liquid**

wheezed - **p. 175 make a whistling or puffing sound**

Directions: Answer each question in a complete sentence(s).

1. Why do you think Opal talked real soft, gentle, and low to Otis when she was leading him into the back yard? **p. 149 He was shy and didn't like to be around a lot of people.**
2. Why does Opal think it's her fault that Winn-Dixie is missing? **p158 She thought it was her fault because she knew he was afraid of storms and she usually hung on to him and kept him safe during storms, but she forgot because she was busy taking things inside.**
3. What did Gloria Dump tell Opal about holding on? **pp. 159 She said, "You can't hold on to something that wants to go. You can only love what you got while you got it."**
4. What did Opal find out about her dad, while looking for Winn-Dixie? **pp. 165-167 She finds out that her dad misses her mom just as much as she does and that he love Winn-Dixie too.**
5. Where was Winn-Dixie hiding and what made him come out? **pp. 170-174 He was hiding under the bed and he came out when Otis started to play his guitar.**

10 Things About Mama

ANSWER KEY



Directions: Write the 10 things the preacher told Opal about her mother.

1. She was funny.

2. She had red hair and freckles.

3. She liked to plant things.

4. She could run fast.

5. She couldn't cook.

6. She loved a story.

7. She knew all the constellations and every planet in the sky.

8. She hated being a preacher's wife.

9. She drank.

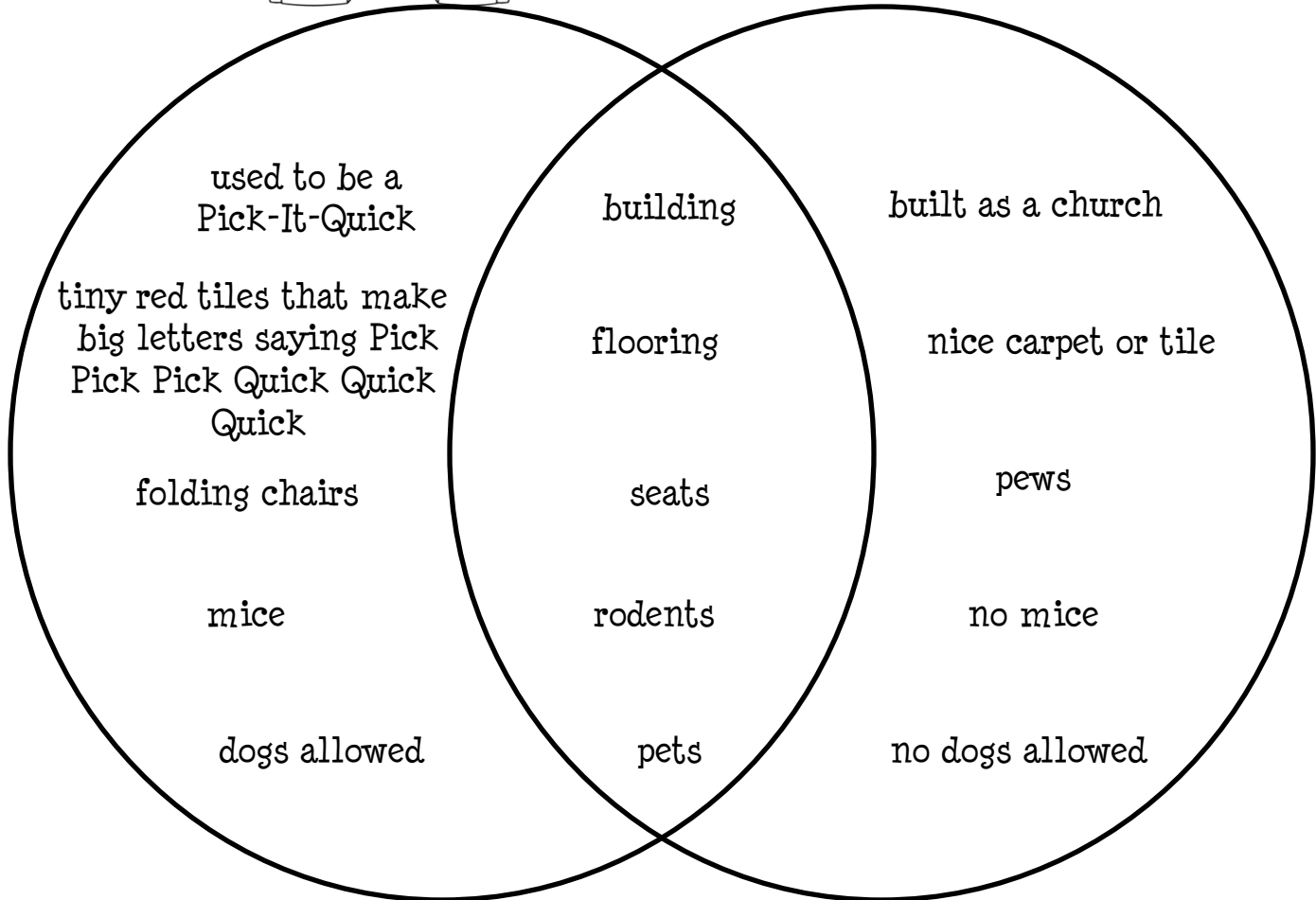
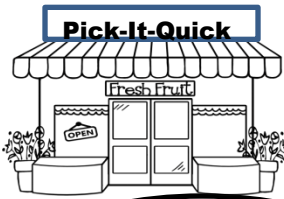
10. She loved Opal very much.

Compare and Contrast

Directions: Compare the Open Arms Baptist Church from the story and a regular church. How are they similar? How are they different? The first comparison is done for you. **NOTE:** similarities go in the middle. **ANSWER KEY**

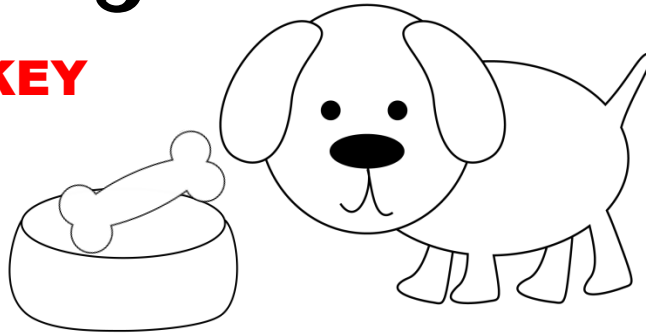
Open Arms
Baptist Church

Regular
Church



Crunchy Contractions

ANSWER KEY

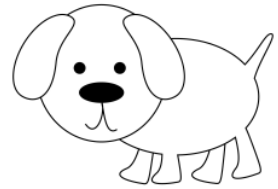


Directions: Combine each pair of words to make a contraction. Write the first word in the first column, the second word in the second column, and the contraction in the third column. * Don't forget the apostrophe (')

	First Word	Second Word	Contraction
1.	did	not	didn't
2.	it	is	it's
3.	do	not	don't
4.	I	am	I'm
5.	let	us	let's
6.	he	will	he'll
7.	I	will	I'll
8.	he	is	he's



Common or Proper?

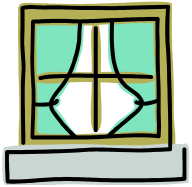


Directions: Place the nouns in the box below into the correct column: common (general) nouns in one column and proper (specific) nouns in the other. (*Hint: Remember to capitalize the proper nouns as you place them in the columns).

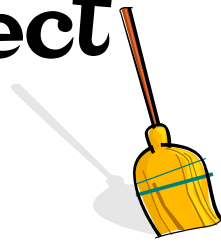
ANSWER KEY

girl	pet store	church
naomi	open arms baptist church	opal
librarian	city	winn-dixie
gertrude's pets	dog	miss franny block

Common Nouns	Proper Nouns
girl	Opal
city	Naomi
librarian	Miss Franny
pet store	Gertrude's Pets
church	Open Arms Baptist Church
dog	Winn-Dixie



Cause and Effect Match Up



Directions: Match up the “causes” with the “effects” from Chapters 6-10, and write the matches next to each other in the correct column.

Cause (why it happened)	Effect (what happened)
1. Winn-Dixie stood on his hind legs and looked in the library window.	Miss Franny Block got frightened and screamed.
2. Opal wanted to get a leather leash and collar, but she didn't have the money.	Opal offered to sweep, dust, and take out the trash at the pet store.
3. Opal and Winn-Dixie were not paying attention to where they were going.	They almost ran into Sweetie Pie Thomas.
4. Sweetie Pie Thomas was going to be six years old.	She needed to stop sucking her knuckles.
5. One of the Dewberry boys got fleas in his hair.	Mrs. Dewberry shaved their heads every week during summer.
6. Winn-Dixie ran and jumped over a gate, and into Gloria Dump's overgrown yard.	Opal followed him, and became friends with Gloria.

ANSWER KEY

Matching Up Synonyms

Directions: Match up the synonyms, or words that mean the same, by drawing a line between the two synonyms (Chapters 11-15).

shaking

terror

running

arrange

quiet

trembling

fear

barreling

organize

relaxing

ANSWER KEY

Opal and Winn-Dixie's Daily Routine

Directions: In chapter 13 Opal talks about her and Winn-Dixie's daily routine. Read the sentences below and put them in the correct order or sequence.

After that they went to Gloria Dump's house.

There they would eat, drink, and read or tell stories.

Next they went to the library to talk to Miss Franny.

When she was done, Otis would write down her time in a notebook.

Then, Opal would sweep and clean the pet shop.

They left early in the morning to Getrude's Pets, to listen to Otis play.

1. They left early in the morning to Getrude's Pets to listen to Otis play.
2. Then Opal would sweep and clean the pet shop.
3. When she was done, Otis would write down her time in a notebook.
4. Next they went to the library to talk to Miss Franny.
5. After that they went to Gloria Dump's house.
6. There they would eat, drink, and read or tell stories.

ANSWER KEY

Fact or Opinion?

Directions: Cut apart the sentences at the bottom of the page. Glue FACTS (can be proven) inside the shopping cart and OPINIONS (can be different) outside the cart.



Opal is 10 years old.

Otis worked at the pet store.

Opal found Winn-Dixie at a supermarket.

Miss Franny Block is a librarian.

Winn-Dixie is the best dog in the world.

Gloria Dump is my favorite character!

Miss Franny tells the funniest stories!

The preacher is a good father.

ANSWER KEY

Matching Up Antonyms (Opposites)

Directions: Match up the antonyms, or words that mean the opposite, by drawing a line between the two antonyms (Chapters 16-20).

war

happiness

sorrow

remember

sweet

peace

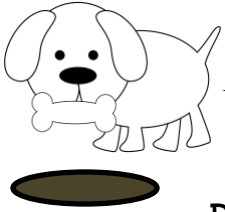
famous

sour

forget

unknown

ANSWER KEY



Dig Up the Meaning Using Context Clues!



Directions: Read the sentences below and use the context of the sentence to figure out which meaning is correct. Then circle the correct meaning for the underlined word.

1. He was covered with all manner of vermin; fleas and lice.
insects plants people
2. He swallowed the whole thing in a big gulp.
loud spit loud swallow loud sip
3. I stuffed my pockets full of Littmus Lozenges.
dumped filled emptied
4. I thought about how it was neat that Amanda liked a good story.
tidy orderly cool
5. He was hunching up his shoulders and lowering his chin.
guessing bending straightening
6. We could make sandwiches and cut them into triangles to make them look fancy.
decorative plain unappetizing
7. Maybe you could play us some music.
tease fun perform



10 Things About Winn-Dixie



Directions: Write 10 things about Winn-Dixie.

1. He had a pathological fear of thunderstorms.

2. He liked to smile using all his teeth.

3. He could run fast.

4. He snored.

5. He could catch mice without squishing them to death.

6. He liked to meet people.

7. He liked to eat peanut butter.

8. He couldn't stand to be left alone.

9. He liked to sit on couches and sleep on beds.

10. He didn't mind going to church.

What's the Main Idea?

Continued

ANSWER KEY

1.

Main Idea

- c. I checked him over real careful and he didn't look that good.

He was skinny.

You could see his ribs.

There were bald patches all over him.

2.

Main Idea

- a. Getting ready for the party was easy and fun.

We worked in Gloria's kitchen and made egg-salad sandwiches .

We also made punch.

The last thing we did was decorate the yard all up.

3.

Main Idea

- d. The Open Arms Baptist Church isn't like a regular - looking church.

The building used to be a Pick-It-Quick store.

There aren't any pews. People bring in their fold-up chairs.

The Open Arms had mice.

What's the Main Idea?

Continued

ANSWER KEY

4.

Main Idea

b. The preacher was crying.

His shoulders were moving up and down.

He was making snuffling noises.

He was shaking.

5.

Main Idea

e. I started in on Winn-Dixie right away trying to clean him up.

First, I gave him a bath.

After he was all washed and dried, I brushed him good.

He got a sneezing fit every time I tried to brush his teeth with a toothbrush.

6.

Main Idea

f. Sometimes, when Miss Franny was telling a story, she would have a fit.

They were small fits and they didn't last long.

She would forget what she was saying.

She would just stop and start to shake like a leaf.

Because of Winn-Dixie End of the Book Test

ANSWER KEY

Matching

1. f
2. j
3. h
4. b
5. i
6. d
7. g
8. a
9. c
10. e

Multiple Choice

11. b
12. d
13. b
14. a
15. c
16. d
17. a
18. c
19. b
20. d

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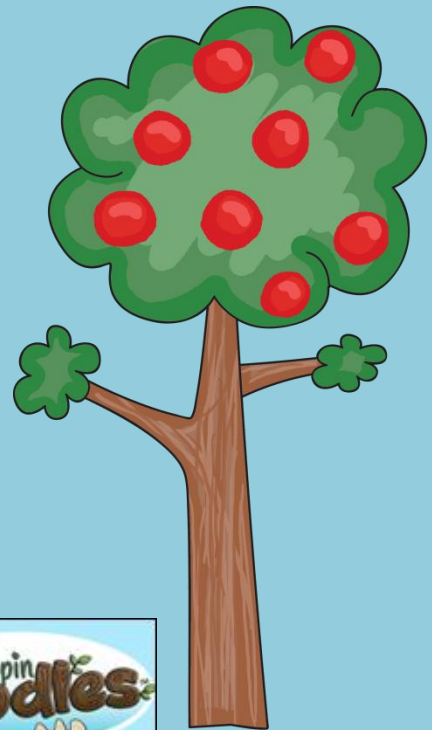
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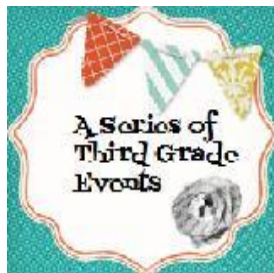
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