



Grade 5 Summer Reading Assignment

Now more than ever, it is important for students to keep reading and writing over the summer! Please use the assignments below to give your student continued practice and to prepare them for new learning in the fall.

Assignment:

- Your student received a copy of *One Crazy Summer* at the end of the school year. They should read this text over the summer and complete the attached packet.
- Students are expected to return their copy of *One Crazy Summer* and their packet on the first day of school.
- **Lost or damaged copies will need to be replaced.** You can find *One Crazy Summer* on Amazon and at most local bookstores.
- The work can be completed on Google Classroom or in this packet.

All work should be turned in at the beginning of the year and **WILL be graded for completion; students will have a quiz on the book on the first day of school.**

Name: _____

Date: _____

Dictionary Detective!

“Cassius Clay Clouds” - “Mean Lady Ming”

Using a dictionary, find the definitions for the words below.

brace

Definition: _____

departing

Definition: _____

surging

Definition: _____

warbled

Definition: _____

unfurled

Definition: _____

muttered

Definition: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Understanding the Story

“Cassius Clay Clouds” - “Mean Lady Ming”

Multiple Choice

1. Which of the girls is responsible enough to keep and wear a wristwatch in “Golden Gate Bridge”?

- (a) Delphine.
- (b) Vonetta.
- (c) Fern.
- (d) Cecile.

2. What does Ming tell the girls when they go into Ming’s restaurant in “Mean Lady Ming”?

- (a) “No shoes, no service.”
- (b) “Five dollars.”
- (c) “No free egg rolls.”
- (d) “We don’t serve you.”

Short Answer

3. What does the outside of Cecile’s house look like?

Long Answer

4. In this section, Vonetta and Fern have different feelings about their summer in California than Delphine does. What are the girls’ feelings about spending the summer in California? How do their feelings differ from Cecile’s feelings?

**A Little
Extra!**

In *One Crazy Summer*, the girls take a trip to Oakland. If you could go anywhere for summer vacation, where would you like to go and why?

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Chapter Summary

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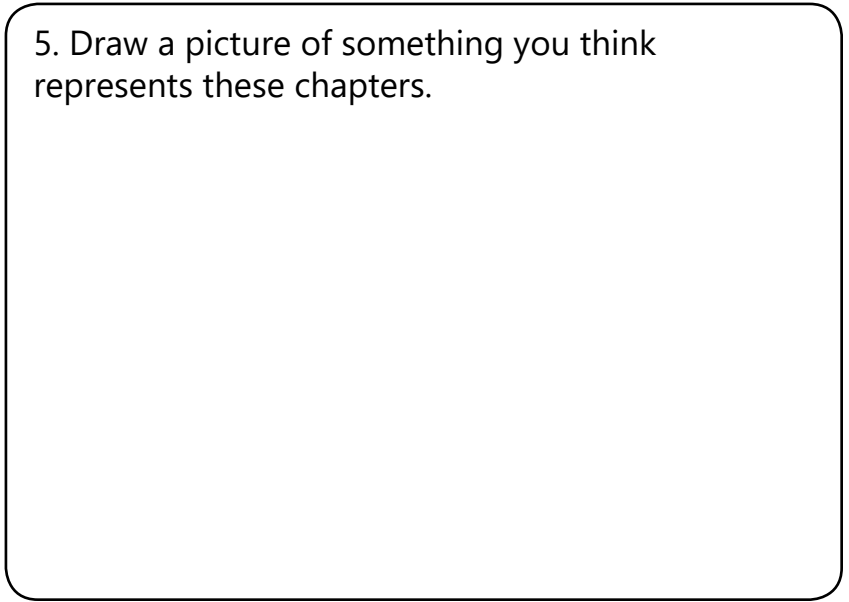
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“Collect Call” - “Breakfast Program”

Using a dictionary, find the definitions for the words below.

kindling

Definition: _____

evidence

Definition: _____

clammy

Definition: _____

militant

Definition: _____

inseparable

Definition: _____

refrained

Definition: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Vocabulary Study

“Collect Call” - “Breakfast Program”

Which Word?

On the provided lines, write the matching vocabulary word for each definition.

evidence	militant	clammy	inseparable	refrained	kindling
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1. Setting fire to something. _____
2. Kept from doing something. _____
3. Active or aggressive. _____
4. Covered in moisture; cold and wet. _____
5. Unable to be apart. _____
6. Proof of something; a sign. _____

Making Sentences

Make a sentence for each word below.

1. Kindling: _____
2. Evidence: _____
3. Clammy: _____
4. Militant: _____
5. Inseparable: _____
6. Refrained: _____

**A Little
Extra!**

In “For the People”, Delphine says, “they would have thrown her in the pokey!” and the girls start singing the Hokey Pokey. What does Delphine really mean when she refers to the pokey?

Name: _____

Date: _____

Understanding the Story

“Collect Call” - “Breakfast Program”

Multiple Choice

1. What amazes the girls about Cecile in “Collect Call”?

- (a) Cecile’s hair turns blonde.
- (b) Cecile can speak three languages.
- (c) Cecile can eat with chopsticks.
- (d) Cecile doesn’t eat anything.

2. What book does Delphine read to her sisters in “Glass of Water”?

- (a) *Peter Pan*.
- (b) *Cinderella*.
- (c) *Island of the Blue Dolphins*.
- (d) *The Jungle Book*.

Short Answer

3. At the end of “Glass of Water,” Delphine realizes why Cecile abandoned their family. Why did Cecile leave?

Long Answer

4. In “For the People,” Delphine and her sisters spy on Cecile’s conversation with the strange men. Who are these men and how does Delphine figure it out?

**A Little
Extra!**

In “Breakfast Program,” Fern is made fun of for carrying a doll. Have you ever been made fun of? What were you made fun of for?

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Understanding the Story

“Even the Earth...” - “Counting and Skimming”

Multiple Choice

1. In “Crazy Mother Mountain,” Cecile reveals the meaning of her Black Panther name, Nzila. What does Cecile say Nzila means?

- (a) Poet of Equality.
- (b) The Path.
- (c) Prize of Rubies.
- (d) A Spinning Sun.

2. Which musician is Vonetta named after?

- (a) Etta James.
- (b) Sarah Vaughan.
- (c) Lynette Lewis.
- (d) Violetta Onish.

Short Answer

3. Why is Delphine so upset when she finds out what her name means?

Long Answer

4. In “Even the Earth Is a Revolutionary,” how does Sister Mukumbu teach the children about revolution?

**A Little
Extra!**

In “Coloring and La-La,” Delphine says, “we all have our own la-la-la song. We sing our own nice tune to drown out ugly.” What do you think she means?

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"Big Red S" - "Rally for Bobby"

Using a dictionary, find the definitions for the words below.

intention

Definition: _____

dreaded

Definition: _____

complexion

Definition: _____

hailed

Definition: _____

expression

Definition: _____

orderly

Definition: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Vocabulary Study

“Big Red S” - “Rally for Bobby”

Match Up

Match the words in the left column to their definitions in the right column.

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|--------------|------------------------------------|
| complexion • | • disciplined; law-abiding |
| dreaded • | • an act of decision |
| orderly • | • called out to attract attention |
| expression • | • a look that expresses a reaction |
| intention • | • feared; did not look forward to |
| hailed • | • the appearance of the skin |

Fill in the Blank

Complete each sentence by filling in the blanks with the provided vocabulary.

dreaded hailed orderly expression intention complexion

1. I stepped off the curb and _____ a cab during my trip to New York.
2. Liam _____ his punishment because he knew it would be awful.
3. Stacey’s red hair and ruddy _____ made her appear unrelated to her very fair and blond-haired sister.
4. The _____ on my mother’s face was priceless when she arrived at her surprise birthday party.
5. “I’m sorry. It was not my _____ to make you late for school. I couldn’t find the car keys,” Mrs. Scott explained to her angry son.
6. The director of the community centre made sure everything was _____ and running smoothly.

**A Little
Extra!**

In “Expert Colored Counting,” Cecile is “flummoxed” by Fern’s imitation of The Monkees. What does “flummoxed” mean?

Name: _____

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Understanding the Story

"Big Red S" - "Rally for Bobby"

Multiple Choice

1. What or who won't Cecile allow in her kitchen?

- (a) Sugary foods.
- (b) Pets.
- (c) Pig of any kind.
- (d) Strangers.

2. What makes Hirohito Woods different from the other children at The Center in "China Who"?

- (a) He is white and black.
- (b) He is white and Chinese.
- (c) He is black and Chinese.
- (d) He is black and Japanese.

Short Answer

3. Why does Delphine say she isn't going to the rally with her sisters in "Rally for Bobby"?

Long Answer

4. In "Big Red S", Cecile tells Delphine, "it wouldn't kill you to be selfish." What does she mean by this?

**A Little
Extra!**

In "Rally for Bobby", Sister Mukumbu says that the girls can perform a "special talent" in the rally. If you were given the chance to perform on a stage, which special talent would you perform?

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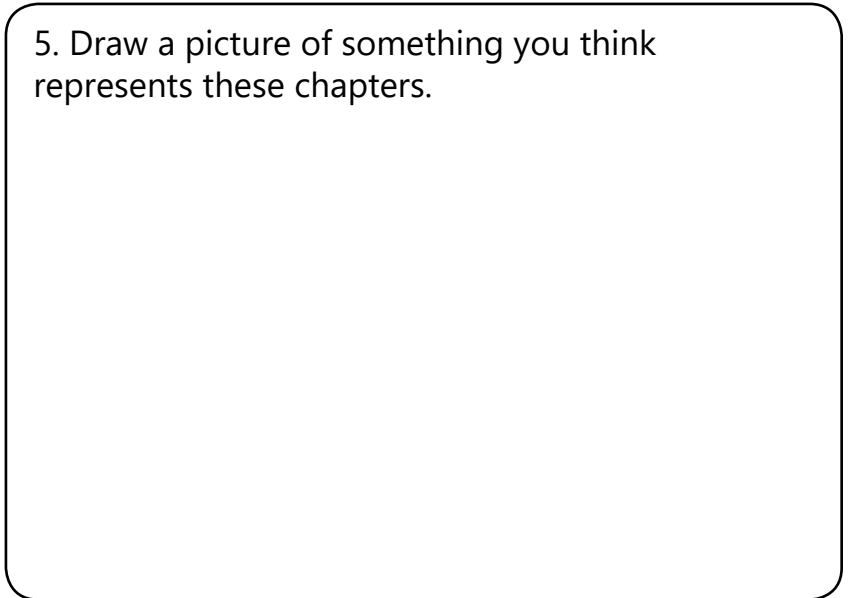
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“Eating Crow” - “Wish We Had a Camera”

Using a dictionary, find the definitions for the words below.

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reenactment

Definition: _____

imitate

Definition: _____

exaggerating

Definition: _____

crank

Definition: _____

swerving

Definition: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Vocabulary Study

“Eating Crow” - “Wish We Had a Camera”

Which Word?

On the provided lines, write the matching vocabulary word for each definition.

reenactment imitate swerving crank genuinely exaggerating

1. Honestly; not fake. _____
2. A performance of something that happened in the past. _____
3. To rotate something with a handle. _____
4. To mimic someone or something. _____
5. Bending the truth. _____
6. Turning abruptly. _____

Making Sentences

Make a sentence for each word below.

1. Genuinely: _____
2. Reenactment: _____
3. Imitate: _____
4. Exaggerating: _____
5. Crank: _____
6. Swerving: _____

**A Little
Extra!**

In the chapter called “Movable Type,” Nzila writes a poem entitled “Movable Type.” On the back of this paper, write a poem about how you feel reading *One Crazy Summer*.

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Understanding the Story

“Eating Crow” - “Wish We Had a Camera”

Multiple Choice

1. In “Eating Crow,” who does Vonetta want to be in the play?

- (a) Rosa Parks.
- (b) Malcolm X.
- (c) Martin Luther King Jr.
- (d) Harriet Tubman.

2. What is waiting for Delphine in the kitchen in Movable Type?

- (a) A new book.
- (b) A typewriter.
- (c) A stool.
- (d) A T.V.

Short Answer

3. How does Delphine compare Cecile and Vonetta in “Itsy Bitsy Spider”?

Long Answer

4. In “Wish We Had a Camera,” the girls meet their first hippie. Based on what you’ve read in the book so far, how is a hippie different from a Black Panther? How are they similar?

**A Little
Extra!**

Delphine plans an excursion to San Francisco for her sisters. If you could plan a day out for yourself and your siblings or friends, where would you go? What would you do? How much money do you think you would need?

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Understanding the Story

“The Clark Sisters” - “The Third Thing”

Multiple Choice

1. When the girls return home from San Francisco in “The Clark Sisters,” what do they find happening to Cecile?

- (a) Cecile is being kicked out by her landlord.
- (b) Cecile is being arrested.
- (c) Cecile’s house is being burgled.
- (d) Cecile is being yelled at by the neighbor.

2. Who is the subject of Fern’s poem in “The Third Thing”?

- (a) Crazy Kelvin.
- (b) Big Ma.
- (c) Papa.
- (d) Delphine.

Short Answer

3. How does Hirohito get Delphine to ride his go-kart in “Glorious Hill”?

Long Answer

4. The girls finally get to see Cecile’s kitchen in this section. Each has a different reaction to what they see. Describe their reactions and explain why they are different.

**A Little
Extra!**

In “Glorious Hill,” Delphine rides the go-kart even though she is afraid. Have you ever done something even though you were afraid? What was it?

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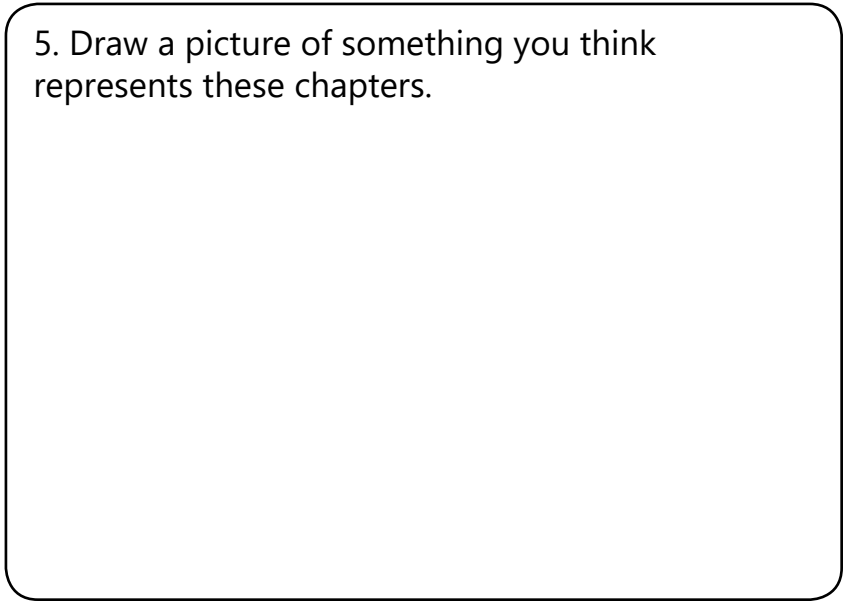
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“So” - “Afua”

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Name: _____

Date: _____

Vocabulary Study

"So" - "Afua"

Which Word?

On the provided lines, write the matching vocabulary word for each definition.

political swarmed churning demonstrated sobered satisfaction

1. Turning over or mixing. _____
2. A feeling of being contented. _____
3. Quieted or calmed down. _____
4. Showed, described or explained. _____
5. Of or about the government or state. _____
6. Moved in great numbers. _____

Making Sentences

Make a sentence for each word below.

1. Swarmed: _____
2. Demonstrated: _____
3. Satisfaction: _____
4. Political: _____
5. Sobered: _____
6. Churning: _____

**A Little
Extra!**

What is the significance of the word so in "So"? Why does Delphine like the word when Hirohito says it?

Name: _____

Date: _____

Understanding the Story

“So” - “Afua”

Multiple Choice

1. Who comes to the rally in “So” that surprises the girls?

- (a) Big Ma.
- (b) Papa.
- (c) Cecile.
- (d) Their oldest sister, Babette.

2. Cecile calls Fern by her real name in “Be Eleven.” What is Fern’s real name?

- (a) Angel.
- (b) Poet Girl.
- (c) Afua.
- (d) Fernie.

Short Answer

3. In “Be Eleven,” Delphine explains why she never called her father after Cecile was arrested. Why didn’t she call him?

Long Answer

4. Cecile and Delphine have an important conversation in “Be Eleven.” Summarize the conversation and explain why it is important.

**A Little
Extra!**

Pretend you are Delphine, Vonetta or Fern. On the back of this paper, write a paragraph from their perspective that describes what they did on their summer vacation.

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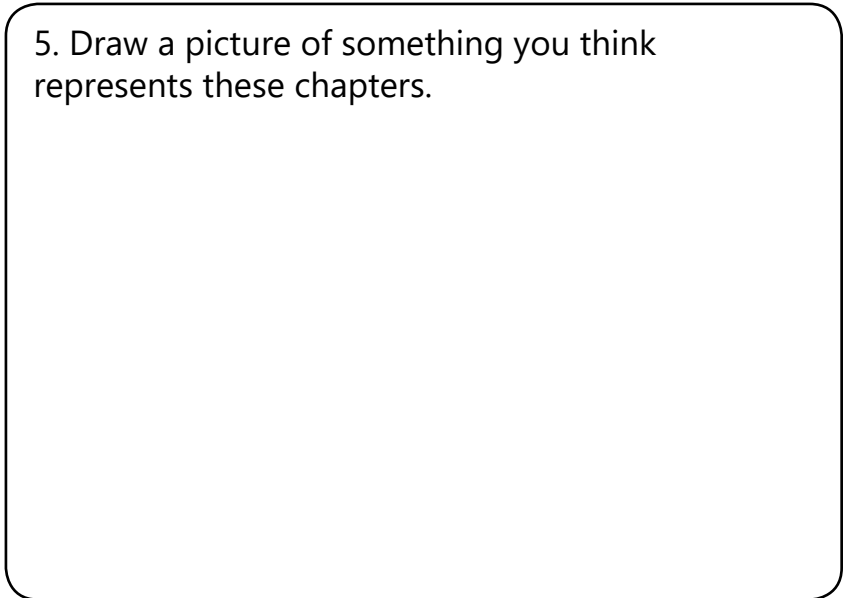
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My Character Chart

Draw a picture and record important information about each important character as you read the text.

Character's Name: _____

Important Facts: _____

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My Character Chart (Cont'd)

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