CONCEPTS OF COMPREHENSION: BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA 5th GRADE UNIT
Student Packet
Directions: Use your book to fill out the information on the lines below. Then writ
your name on this packet.
Title: Bridge to Terabithia
Author:
Genre:
Concepts: Character, Plot, Cause and Effect, Predicting, Theme
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Genre Lesson Independent F	Practice: Realistic Elements		
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<u>Directions:</u> As you read your book, record across that relate to characters, settings, or make a personal connection to each element	events. In the right-hand column,		
Realistic Elements in the Text My Personal Connection			

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Genre Lesson Independent Practice: Realistic Elements (continued)

Realistic Elements in the Text	My Personal Connection

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apter 1			ords is Not Like the 3: "The Fastest Kid	
	ons: Read each group Then explain why the		the word that does noing together.	t belong in the
1.	admire	reject	hate	despise
2.	blazing	scalding	numbing	fiery
3.	anticipation	expect	surprised	predict
4.	obvious	conspicuous	visible	hidden
5.	alert av	vare un	responsive	conscious
6.	craziness	pandemonium	calmness	chaos

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correct answ	Read the questions and answer them in complete sentences or choose the er. Use the book to help you, if needed. Use details from the text to support Record the Concept of Comprehension [©] on the line next to each question.
a. b. c.	y did Jess wait until his dad had the pickup going in order to run? He knew it would be warmer at that time. His dad would take him over to run with Leslie. He did not want his dad to know he was going running. He knew that this was also when his sister would get up.
2. Wh	y did Jess want to be the fastest runner in school?
	What is the following sentence an example of? "Ellie's voice was sweeter d Mars Bar." (p. 8)
a.	Simile
	Metaphor
_	Idiom Pun
4. Wh	at can you tell about Jess' mom by the way she speaks and acts?
5. Wh	y couldn't Jess tell if Leslie was a boy or a girl?

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Comprehension Questions (continued)

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feelings?	They are too busy with other things. They are more worried about their father. They cannot relate to him. They care more about themselves. They did Jess sit next to May Belle on the bus? He did not want to sit next to Gary. The bus driver told him to sit there.
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d. 7. W a. b.	They care more about themselves. Thy did Jess sit next to May Belle on the bus? He did not want to sit next to Gary.
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a. b.	He did not want to sit next to Gary.
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-	The bus driver told him to sit there.
C.	It was the only seat left.
d.	He did not want to sit next to Leslie.
	eslie tells Jesse that he's "the only kid in the whole durned school who's ng." (p. 36) Why does the author use incorrect grammar?
	hy do you think that Jesse stood up to Fulcher and told Leslie that she could
run? What do	pes this tell you about Jess' personality?
a. b.	How is Jesse feeling about Leslie at the end of Chapter 3? He thinks she is beautiful. He is jealous of her running skills. He wishes that she was a boy

d. He does not like her.

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	Lesson 1 Independent Practice: Predictions Chart Worksheet			
Name: _	Date:			
Directions: As you read Chapter 4, fill out the events and details about the events that				
can help you make a prediction about what's coming up in the text.				

1. Identify a big event or cliffhanger.	2. Ask specific questions about what could happen next.	3. Think about your prior knowledge or experience.	4. Make a meaningful prediction using text evidence.

Lesson 1 Independent Practice: Predictions Chart Worksheet (continued)

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Name: Date:
Vocabulary Activity: Opposite Meanings Chapter 4: "Rulers of Terabithia" — Chapter 6: "The Coming of Prince Terrien"
<u>Directions:</u> Read each sentence from the book. The definition of each bold word has been provided for you. Write two to four <i>antonyms</i> of the word on the line provided.
1. "Jess knew now that he would never be the best runner of the fourth and fifth grades, and his only consolation was that neither would Gary Fulcher." (Chapter 4, p. 37)
consolation: relief, comfort
antonyms:
2. "The hissing sounds of disbelief were already building into a rumbling of contempt ." (Chapter 4, p. 44)
contempt: disrespect, dishonor
antonyms:
3. "Between the two of them they owned the world and no enemy, Jess's own fears and insufficiencies , nor any of the foes whom Leslie imagined attacking Terabithia, could ever really defeat them." (Chapter 4, p. 52)
insufficiencies: inabilities, weaknesses
antonyms:
4. "'Shhh,'. Leslie said, stroking May Belle's head, but May Belle didn't want comfort, she wanted revenge ." (Chapter 5, p. 62)
revenge: to get even
antonyms:
5. "Then in a loud whisper, ' Reckon you all know that Janice has a heavy date with you know who." (Chapter 5, p. 69)
reckon: think, imagine
antonyms:
6. "This year Ellie and Brenda both had boyfriends at the consolidated high school and the problem of what to give them and what to expect from them was the cause of endless speculation and fights." (Chapter 6, p. 72)
speculation: prediction, guess

antonyms:

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Comprehension Questions Chapter 4: "Rulers of Terabithia" — Chapter 6: "The Coming of Pr	rince Terrier
<u>Directions:</u> Read the questions and answer them in complete sentences or correct answer. Use the book to help you, if needed. Use details from the texture your answer. Record the Concept of Comprehension [©] on the line next to each	xt to support
1. Why does the class react so badly when Leslie says she doesn't	own a TV?
 2. How does Jess feel about the woods beyond the creek? a. He is frightened of them. b. He loves them. c. He likes them but not the deepest, darkest parts. d. He only likes the deepest, darkest parts. 3. What can you conclude about Janice Avery? 	
4. What do you think the chapter title "The Giant Killers" means?	
5. Which of the following is an example of a Character vs. Characte	er conflict in
Chapter 5? a. Jess is scared of Terabithia, but wants to stay because he likes	s Leslie.

- b. Leslie is mad at Jess for not standing up to Janice.
- c. Leslie is mad at May Belle for not sharing her Twinkies.
- d. Jess is mad at Janice for stealing May Belle's Twinkies.

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	6. Why did Jess avert his eyes when May Belle called him yeller? (p. 63) DCa. He was going to steal her Twinkies.b. He knew that he would have to fight Janice and did not want to.c. He did not want to get in trouble with Mr. Turner.d. He was embarrassed.
	7. How do you think Jess feels about milking the cow on Christmas? Why?
 family?	8. What caused Jesse to fantasize about actually being taken away from his
	a.b. He wished that May Belle played with Joyce Ann, rather than him.c. He was upset that his sisters were obsessed with Christmas.d. He was upset that his sister made fun of Leslie.
re	9. On page 78, Jesse described himself as feeling "proud and good" when he eceived Leslie's gift. Why do you think that he felt this way?

- 10. Why did Jesse have such a hard time coming up a gift idea for Leslie?
- a. He knew she expected something expensive and he did not have much money.
- b. He did not have much money, but wanted to get her a special gift.
- c. He did not know what she would like.
- d. He did not want his sisters to make fun of him for getting Leslie a gift.

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Lesson 2 Independent Pr	actice: Plot Conflicts Worksheet
Name:	Date:
<u>Directions:</u> Write down the Plot Conflicts questions for each conflict.	s you encounter in Chapters 5-6. Answer the
Who is the conflict between?	Describe the tension:
	
What is the cause of the conflict?	
what is the cause of the conflict?	
	
Who is the conflict between?	Describe the tension:
	
	
What is the cause of the conflict?	
	

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Lesson 2 Independent Practice: Plot Conflicts Worksheet (continued)

Who is the conflict between?	Describe the tension:
What is the cause of the conflict?	
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What is the cause of the conflict?	

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Name:	Date:
	tivity: Four Square m" – Chapter 9: "The Evil Spell"
<u>Directions:</u> For each word below, write the examples of the word. You may use a diction words.	definition, examples of the word, and non- onary if you are unsure of the meaning of the
1. Word	Examples
garish	
Definition	Non-examples
2. Word	Examples
obliged	
Definition	Non-examples
3. Word	Examples
vile	
Definition	Non-examples

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Vocabulary Activity: Four Square (continued) Chapter 7: "The Golden Room" – Chapter 9: "The Evil Spell"

4. Word	Examples
sanctuary	
Definition	Non-examples
5 Mand	
5. Word conspiring	Examples
Definition	Non-examples
6. Word	Examples
sporadically	
Definition	Non-examples

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	Chapter 7: "The Golden Room" – Chapter 9: "The Evil Spell"
correct an	<u>s:</u> Read the questions and answer them in complete sentences or choose the swer. Use the book to help you, if needed. Use details from the text to support ver. Record the Concept of Comprehension [©] on the line next to each question.
	. Why did Chapter 7 end with May Belle confessing to Jess that she followed erabithia?
2. l	ist the different setting changes in Chapter 7.
; 	Why did Jess avoid going to Leslie's house? a. He was jealous of her. b. He had to spend time playing with May Belle. c. His mother did not allow him to go to Leslie's house. d. He felt like Leslie's father was taking her away from him.
	Why didn't Mrs. Aarons want Leslie to go with her family to church on Easter?
the Bible?	
	 Leslie told her she did not believe in the Bible, so May Belle thought something bad would happen to her.

- b. Leslie stomped out of the church.
- c. Leslie yelled at the preacher in church.
- d. Leslie refused to wear a dress to church.



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Comprehension Questions (continued) Chapter 7: "The Golden Room" – Chapter 9: "The Evil Spell"

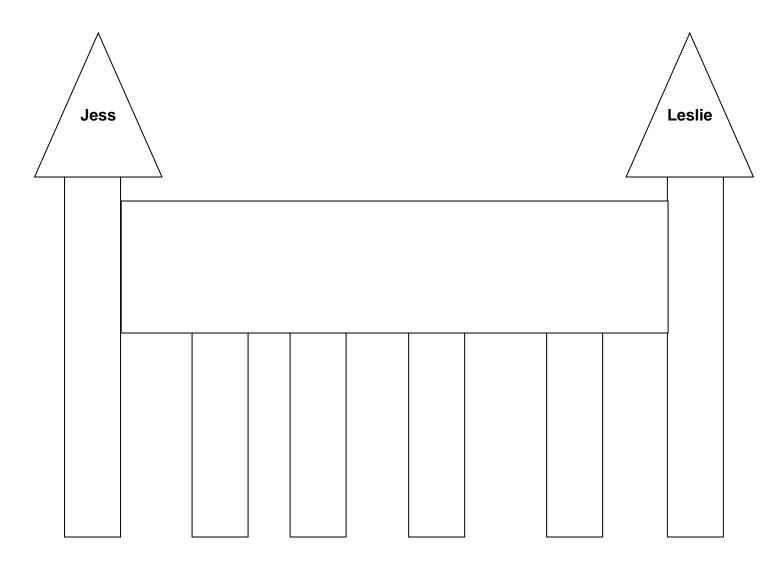
way?	6.	How does Jess's mom feel about Leslie? Why do you think that she feels this
		What effect do you think Jess's father's lay off will have on his family? a. The family will ask Leslie's family for money. b. The children will have to go to work. c. The family will have less money to spend on things. d. Jess will see his father even less.
	8.	Why do you think the author entitled Chapter 9, "The Evil Spell"?
		Why did Jess say that "he has no guts"? a. He was scared to go to Terabithia in the rain. b. He was worried about swinging across the creek. c. He was nervous about Leslie going to church with the family. d. He was uneasy about seeing Leslie's parents.
curse	on	. What did Leslie mean when she said, "Methinks some evil being has put a our beloved kingdom"? a. Jess's mom told him that he was not allowed to go back to Terabithia. b. There was so much rain that Terabithia was getting destroyed. c. Janice Avery was stealing May Belle's Twinkies again.

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Lesson 3 Independent Practice: Relationship Roster
Name: Date:
<u>Directions:</u> Analyze the relationship between Jess and Leslie by answering the following questions for the relationship.
Who is this relationship between?
How are these characters alike and different?
How do the characters feel about each other?
Why do the characters need each other?
Describe the relationship. Is it positive or negative? Both? Explain.
Describe the relationship, is it positive of flegative? Doth? Explain.

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Lesson 3 Independent Practice: Friendship Bridge Example

Name: _____ Date: _____



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Boys vs. Girls: It's Not Just in Your Head Textual Analysis Passage

What does it mean to be a girl? What does it mean to be a boy? There are no correct answers to these questions, but they are important ones. By answering these questions, you're identifying what you think about gender roles. A gender role is a set of ideas or behaviors associated with being male or female. Some people think gender roles are determined by our bodies and our brains. Other people think gender roles are taught and learned by our parents, communities, and culture.

Nature: How You Are Born

Some scientists say gender roles are determined before we're even born, when the brain develops in a fetus. A brain functions, they believe, based on whether the person is male or female. Recent studies show that a male's brain functions differently from a female's brain. A male brain, for example, is wired to work on spatial problems better. A female's brain, on the other hand, is wired better for verbal tasks. This could explain why girls tend to score better on reading and writing tests than boys, some scientists argue.

Nurture: What You Are Taught

Other scientists believe gender roles develop after birth. When a baby girl bumps her head, for example, parents might respond more to her crying. When a baby boy is bumps his head, parents might encourage him not to cry. Gender roles continue to be taught through childhood. A boy might be discouraged from playing with dolls because they are activities considered to be "for girls." A girl might be guided away from running and race cars because they are activities "for boys." Boys and girls are taught to follow a set of unwritten rules of what it means to be a boy or a girl.

A Little Bit of Both?

Although the structure of the human brain or the rules of society explain some differences in boys and girls, we shouldn't allow those ideas to tell us what we can or cannot do in our lives. What about the boys who can express their feelings and write creative stories and poems? How about the women marine biologists who've won top honors for their science skills? Many scientists today say a combination of nature and nurture help shape a person's idea of gender roles.

Stamping Out Stereotypes

How many of these sentences have you heard? Girls are so moody. Boys are tough and aggressive. Boys are smarter in science than girls. Girls are more creative than boys. Statements like these show gender stereotypes. A stereotype is a phrase that lumps people into a group. Stereotypes are often negative, and they don't take into consideration someone's unique personality or abilities.

Society would be safer and happier if people didn't pigeon hole others. If a boy or girl could safely act in any way without the fear of being made fun of, stereotypes would melt away. A person wouldn't be expected to act like a boy or a girl; he or she would only act like themselves.



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"Bov	s vs. Girls: It's Not Just In Your Head" Textual Analysis Questions
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'.	What are gender roles? a. A stereotype that lumps people into one group.
	b. A way the human brain functions.
	c. A set of ideas or behaviors associated with being male or
	female. d. A person's unique skills and interests.
	u. A person's unique skills and interests.
2.	According to the passage, what do recent brain studies show?
	a. Boys are smarter than girls.b. Male and female brains are wired differently for different tasks.
	c. Girls are more creative than boys.
	d. All of the above.
3.	What is "nature vs. nurture"?
	a. A debate that argues if a person is born with certain qualities or
	if a person develops those qualities through society.
	 b. A debate that argues if a person's brain develops before birth or after birth.
	c. A debate between scientists only.
	d. A debate the puts boys and girls on opposite sides.
4.	The main idea of the "Nurture: What You Are Taught" paragraph is
	Boys are encouraged not to cry.
	b. Boys and girls learn their gender roles.c. Boys and girls learn to follow the law.
	d. Gender roles are developed before birth.
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5.	What does the author mean by the phrase, "Society would be safer and happier if people didn't pigeon hole others"?
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	you agree or disagree with the author's opinion?

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	Vocabulary Activity: Questions, Reasons, Examples Chapter 10: "The Perfect Day" – Chapter 12: "Stranded"
<u>Di</u>	rections: Think about the meaning of the following words from Bridge to Terabithia:
	idly, suppressed, liberated, kinship, hurtling, accusation
Ar	nswer the following questions about the vocabulary words.
1.	Why is it important not to idly do your homework?
2.	Give an example of a time you suppressed your feelings.
3.	When would you feel liberated ? Explain.
4.	Give an example of a kinship you have. Why is it important to you?
5.	Why would someone or something hurtle ? Explain.
6.	Have you ever made an accusation ? Explain.

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correct answe	er. Use the book to help you, it	er them in complete sentences or choos f needed. Use details from the text to su rehension [©] on the line next to each que	upport
1. What worthwhile af		en she told Jess, "My life has been	
a. b. repr c. d. 3. Wh him to Washi a. b. c. d.	It reminded him how much Less It reminded him of some of the resent Jess feeling teased by or It reminded him of a class project reminded him of the imaginal and do you think Jess didn't think	e drawings that he has created. It could others. fect that he had done. ary scenes that he created in Terabithia is about inviting Leslie right away to go west. The trip with Miss Edmunds. Tould allow her to go. Int to go.	
5. Ho	w has Terabithia changed sinc	e Jess was last there with Leslie?	

Comprehension Questions (continued) Chapter 10: "The Perfect Day" - Chapter 12: "Stranded"

6. On page 135, Jess described P. T. running around Leslie like a	"star	around
the moon." What does this phrase say about how Jess thought of Leslie?		

- a. Jess greatly admired and cared for Leslie.
- b. Jess was just dreaming about Leslie.
- c. Jess thought that Leslie had power over him.
- d. Jess was angry at Leslie for dying.

7. How does Leslie's death change the relationship between Jess and his father?
8. Why is it significant that everyone has gathered to mourn Leslie in the golden room? Consider how Leslie described the room in Chapter 7.
9. At the bottom of page 145, Jess revealed his anger toward Leslie. Why is he angry with her?
 a. Jess was mad that she was cremated. b. Jess was upset that she had lived in a rotten place. c. Jess felt like he needed her help. d. She made fun of Jess the last time she saw him before she died.
10. What type of conflict is represented by Jess's anger toward Leslie? a. Character vs. Society

b. Character vs. Nature c. Character vs. Character

d. Character vs. Self

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Lesson 4 Inde	pendent Practice: What's the Th	eme? Worksheet
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	olumn, write down the topic. Record the them umn. Draw a conclusion about the them umn.	
Topic	Recurring Events	Theme/Author's Message
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CONCEPTS OF COMPREHENSION: BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA 5 th GRADE UNIT
Student Packet
Name: Date:
Vocabulary Activity: Have You Ever? Chapter 13: "Building the Bridge"
<u>Directions:</u> Think about the meaning of the following words from <i>Bridge to Terabithia</i> : piteously, constricting, traitorously, swiftly, emphasis Answer the following questions about the vocabulary words.
1. Have you ever acted piteously ? Why or why not?
2. When have you felt like something was constricting you?
3. Describe a time that you or someone else acted traitorously .
4. Give an example of a time that you acted swiftly .
5. What is something that you would give emphasis to? Explain.

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	Chapter 13: "Building the Bridge"
correct ar your answ	s: Read the questions and answer them in complete sentences or choose the iswer. Use the book to help you, if needed. Use details from the text to support ver. Record the Concept of Comprehension [©] on the line next to each question. What does the new bridge mean to Jess?
he made t	Why do you think Jess forced himself to go to the sacred grove with the wreath for Leslie? a. May Belle teased him that he was too scared to go to the grove. b. Leslie's father asked him to go to the grove.
	c. He wanted to show her his appreciation.d. His father made him go to the grove.
	What kind of plot conflict was displayed when Jess returned to school? a. Character vs. Nature b. Character vs. Self
•	c. Character vs. Sell c. Character vs. Society d. Character vs. Society
4. I	How do you feel about May Belle being the new queen of Terabithia?
; 	Why did Jess want to give something back to Mrs. Myers? a. His parents asked him to do this because she helped him. b. Mrs. Myers helped him to understand that he would never forget Leslie. c. Mrs. Myers had given him a Hallmark sympathy card.

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Comprehension Questions (continued) Chapter 13: "Building the Bridge"

6. Jess helped May Belle across the fallen branch. How does this show Jess's personal growth?
 7. How has Leslie's death changed Jess' relationship with May Belle? a. She follows him around everywhere. b. They do not talk much. c. They are fighting more. d. He is closer to her and invites her to Terabithia.
8. Why did Jess say that one day May Belle may want to tell Joyce Ann about Terabithia? a. Jess had a sign from the Spirits that Joyce Ann should know about Terabithia. b. Jess wanted to eventually invite Joyce Ann to Terabithia. c. Jess wanted to warn Joyce Ann about the dangers of Terabithia. d. Jess's mother told him to say this. 9. Evaluate the end of <i>Bridge to Terabithia</i> . Did the ending fit in with entire
story? Did Jess act in a way that you expected him to behave? Why or why not?
10. What was the author's purpose in ending the book in this way?

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Inde	pendent Practice	Lesson	5: Relationsh	ip Change	Worksheet
Name:					
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<u>Directions:</u> Examine the relationship between Jess and his father. Fill in the chart below by answering the questions about the relationship. Be sure to cite page numbers and details from the text to support your answers.

1. What did the relationship look like in the beginning of the book?	2. What does the relationship look like now?	3. What events or other characters caused the change in the relationship?	4. How did the relationship change impact the characters?