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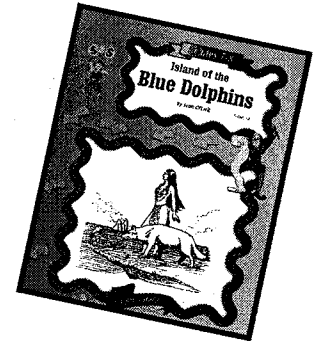
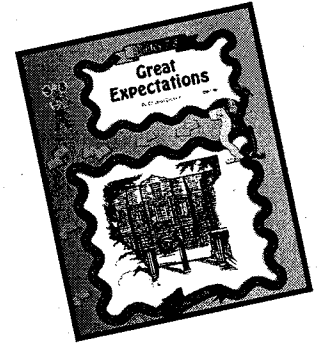
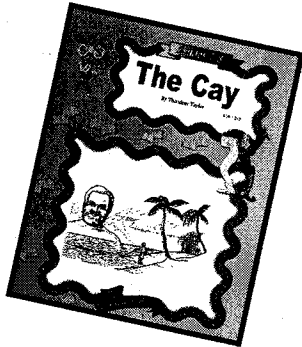
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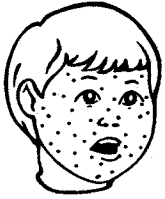
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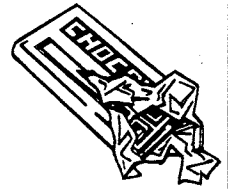
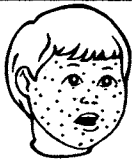


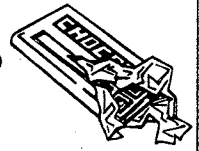
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Expectations

By the end of this resource, students should be able to:

READING:

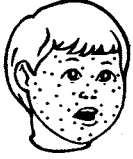
- read independently selecting and using a variety of reading strategies.
- state their own interpretation of a written work, supporting and using evidence from the work and from their own knowledge and experience.
- understand the vocabulary and language structures appropriate for their grade level.
- use conventions of written materials to help them understand and use the materials.

WRITING:

- communicate ideas and information for a variety of purposes.
- use and spell correctly the vocabulary appropriate for their grade level.
- produce pieces of writing using a variety of forms (poems, letters, stories, and reports).
- use correctly the conventions specified for their grade level.

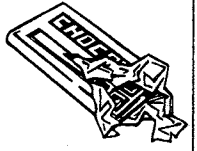
ORAL AND VISUAL COMMUNICATION:

- communicate information, explain a variety of ideas, and follow the teacher's instructions.
- ask and answer questions on a variety of topics to acquire and clarify information.
- communicate a main idea about a topic and describe a sequence of events.
- create a variety of media works.



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SUMMARY OF THE STORY

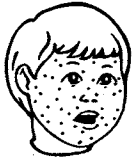
“CHOCOLATE FEVER”

Henry Green loved chocolate so much that he had it for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and for all his snacks. His parents let him eat all that chocolate because it didn't seem to harm him in any way: he didn't get fat, didn't have cavities, didn't get bellyaches, it didn't harm his skin or stunt his growth, and he didn't get sick. That is he didn't until that fateful day that began the greatest adventure of Henry's life!

One day Henry began to feel very strange, and soon noticed strange brown spots popping out all over his skin. The spots puzzled his teachers and even the school nurse, so they took him to the hospital. There the doctors discovered that Henry had contracted a rare new disease, which they decided to call “Chocolate Fever”. All the doctors in the hospital were soon visiting Henry so they could see this phenomenon for themselves. He felt like a pincushion, because he was being poked and prodded by everyone, and decided to run away and hide until the strange spots went away.

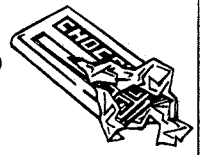
Luckily Henry was picked up by a very kind and wise truck driver named Mac. All went well for Henry because Mac understood his predicament and helped him to feel better about himself. Mac convinced Henry to call home and let his parents know where he was, but this plan was thwarted when two unusual thieves hijacked Mac's truck. Henry, Mac and the two thieves then began an adventure filled with humor and suspense.

A pack of dogs and the “Chocolate Fever” eventually saved Henry and Mac. They continued on their journey and met a kindly candy manufacturer named Albert “Sugar” Cane who had a cure for Henry's strange disease. Soon Henry was home again and had learned a valuable lesson...or had he?



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Robert Kimmel Smith

Robert Kimmel Smith was born in Brooklyn, New York on July 31, 1940, where he still lives with his wife, Claire, a literary agent, and their two grown children, Heidi and Roger. Prior to 1970 he wrote short stories under the pseudonym Peter Marks, and has been a full time free-lance writer since 1980.

Robert Kimmel Smith learned to write when he was a copywriter for an advertising firm, creating ads and commercials. At the age of 40, he decided to become a full time writer and has never regretted his decision. He has written many plays and novels for adults and children, and feels that he's especially talented at writing dialogue. He therefore plans to concentrate on writing plays, film, and television scripts, but says he'll write a novel again if he gets a good idea.

Robert Kimmel Smith treats writing like a job. He works in his office at home from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., five days a week. He says that it takes discipline to write a book and having a deadline is a good idea. Deadlines make him stick to the job and not daydream the day away. He tries to write five good pages each day.

The story "Chocolate Fever" started as a bedtime story for his daughter Heidi. Robert Kimmel Smith had always been a chocolate lover and modeled Henry after himself. Mr. Smith told Heidi about five minutes of the story each night before she went to bed. He finished telling the story after a couple of weeks and Heidi wanted to hear it again. Unfortunately, Mr. Smith had forgotten many of the parts and Heidi had to help him retell the story. She soon convinced him to write the story out and that is how this popular children's novel came to be. "Chocolate Fever" is Robert Kimmel Smith's first book and has sold almost two million copies.

Henry Kimmel Smith has written several books for children including Bobby Baseball, Jelly Belly, Mostly Michael, The Squeaky Wheel and The War with Grandpa. Smith uses incidents from his own life or things that happened to