

Holes

Grades 4-6

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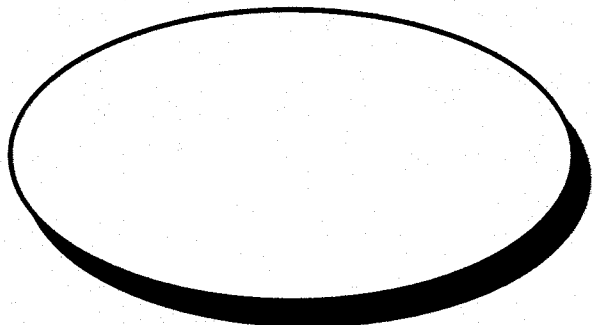
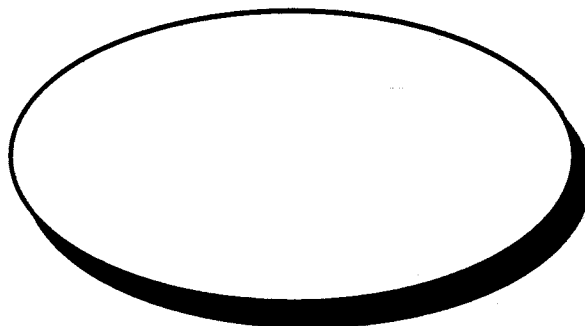
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Chapters 1 and 2

Before you read the chapters:

Describe a time when you were extremely hot.

Rattlesnakes and scorpions are very dangerous. What animal, reptile or insect, frightens you the most?

Why do you think this creature is so frightening?

Vocabulary:

Choose a word from the list that means the same or nearly the same as the underlined word.

hammock hover shriveled forbidden warden

- Kevin knew that entering his neighbor's property was against the law.

- The space ship seemed to float above the ground. _____
- Clarice took a nap in the hanging bed. _____
- The prison's top official ran the jail with an iron fist. _____
- When the piece of leather was removed from the water it was shrunk and wrinkled.



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Questions:

1. Camp Green Lake was an unusual place. Describe the climate of the area, the land around the camp, and examples of the animal life that lived there.
2. What would probably happen to a camper if bitten by the following:
 - a) a rattlesnake: _____
 - b) a scorpion: _____
 - c) a yellow-spotted lizard: _____
3. What happened to the lake at Camp Green Lake?

4. What was a good rule to follow in dealing with rattlesnakes?

5. What two choices did the judge give to Stanley?

6. What do you think Stanley might have been thinking when offered this choice?

7. Why hadn't Stanley been to camp before?

Language Activities:

Find **five** verbs from Chapters One and Two. Create your own adverb to go with each verb.

Example: Francine **played** left wing on the girls' hockey team – played **skillfully** (or **reluctantly**).

Skillfully and **reluctantly** are adverbs that could go with the verb 'played'.



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Chapters 3 and 4

Before you read the chapters:

Think of a time when you had to travel to a destination which was new to you. Describe your feelings.

Describe a time when you were blamed for something you didn't do. How did you feel?

Vocabulary:

Draw a straight line to connect the vocabulary word to its definition. Remember to use a straight edge (like a ruler)?

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. counselor | huge |
| 2. ratio | proportion |
| 3. obstacle | barrier |
| 4. convicted | abandoned |
| 5. Gypsy | canvas |
| 6. descendants | advisor |
| 7. vast | heirs |
| 8. desolate | to begin with |
| 9. burlap | vagabond |
| 10. originally | security |
| 11. protection | condemned |

Questions:

1. What does "He was on a long bus ride to nowhere" mean?

2. Describe how Stanley's math teacher had embarrassed him.
