# Stone Fox

Grades 4-6

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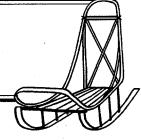
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## **Expectations**

The students will:

- become familiar with an author and his/her writings and style of writing.
- develop literacy strategies necessary to obtain meaning from print.
- read to find new information about a topic deriving it from print and pictures.

### **List of Resources**

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### Vocabulary

Chapter One: Grandfather

Wyoming, especially, explanation, wrinkles, harmonica, palomino, proceeded, examine, medically, healthy

Chapter Two: Little Willy

exactly, harvest, irrigation, inspected, strongbox, credit, mature

Chapter Three: Searchlight

entire, stocked, sturdy, outskirts, errands, deposited, respected, position, lunged, forged, impatiently

Chapter Four: The Reason

twang, ricocheting, derringer, official, insisted, legal, confused, taxes, apparently, piped up, exposing

Chapter Five: The Way

situation, president, cigar, bobbled, recommended, Samoyeds

Chapter Six: Stone Fox

hair, tonic, funning, blotted, amateurs, granite, cunning, awesome, Shoeshone, reservation, Arapaho, scheduled



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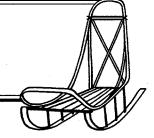




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## **Chapter One - Grandfather**

## A) Comprehension:

- 1. Where does Little Willy live?
- 2. Why was Little Willy worried about his grandfather?
- 3. How did Little Willy learn about the importance of getting up early?
- 4. Describe Willy's dog, Searchlight. Give three details.
- 5. Doc Smith was not concerned about Little Willy's grandfather initially. Why?
- 6. What made Doc Smith change her mind?
- 7. What was wrong with Grandfather?
- 8. What happens to a person who give up?
- 9. What do you think is wrong with Grandfather?

## B) Word Study:

- 1. Look up the following words in the dictionary and write down its meaning.
  - a) log cabin
- **b**) harmonica
- c) palomino

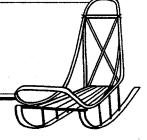
d) hitch

e) examine

f) ox



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2. A **compound** word is made from two smaller words.

**Example:** 

$$to + day = today$$

Find ten compounds words in this chapter.

Now copy the compound words in alphabetical order.

3. Change the underlined words in each sentence to a subject pronoun.

It He She they it he

- a) One day <u>Grandfather</u> wouldn't get out of bed.
- **b**) His plate was picked clean.
- **c**) The dog jumped to its feet and together <u>Searchlight and Little Willy</u> ran off down the road.
- **d**) <u>Doc Smith</u> had snow white hair and wore a long black dress.
- e) Rex was a handsome palomino.
- f) Your grandfather went to bed without playing his harmonica.

## C) Thinking About the Story:

Doc Smith says that grandfather has given up on life.

Why do you think he has given up?

What is so awful he doesn't want to face it?