

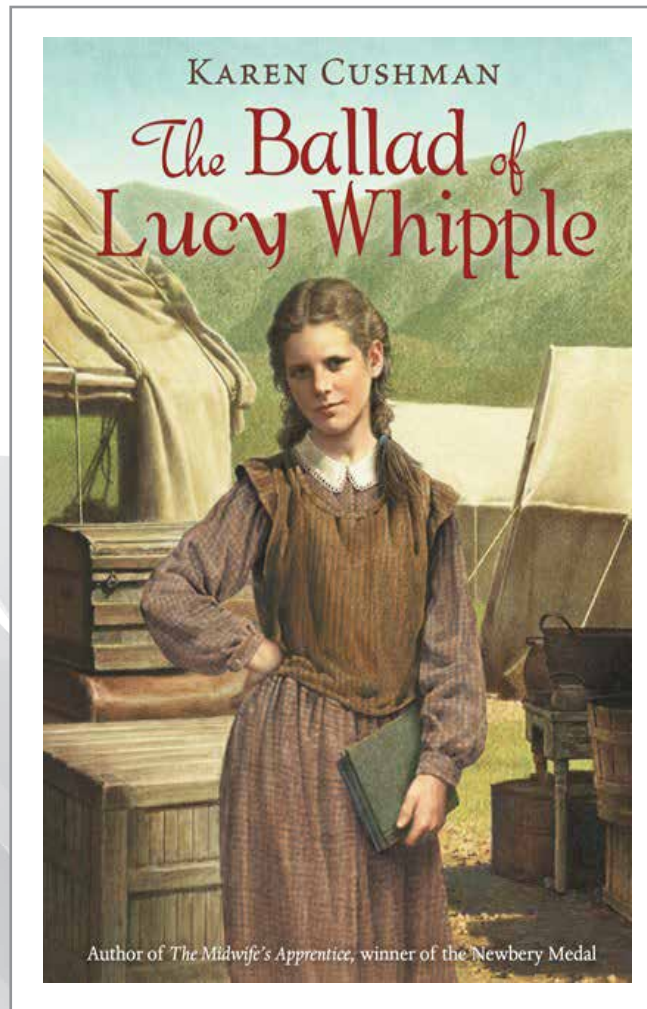


**STUDENT PACKET**

**GRADES 6-8**

# **The Ballad of Lucy Whipple**

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**READ, WRITE, THINK, DISCUSS AND CONNECT**

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## Anticipation Guide

### Directions

Rate each of the following statements before you read the book. Compare your ratings with a partner's ratings. Discuss why you chose the particular ratings you did. After you complete the book, rate each statement again. Discuss with your partner which ratings you changed and your reasons for changing them.

|  |          |   |   |          |   |   |  |
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|  | Agree    |   |   | Disagree |   |   |  |
|  | Strongly |   |   | Strongly |   |   |  |

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. A family must stick together and support each other.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Fathers should make the big family decisions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Stretching the truth is not the same as a lie.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. In families without fathers, the boys have added responsibilities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Life as a prospector was one big adventure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. California camps during the Gold Rush were beautiful places.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Women had a hard time keeping house during the Gold Rush.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. There were many opportunities to make money during the Gold Rush.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The prospectors brought many positive changes to California.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Indians welcomed the prospectors.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Dying was a part of the pioneers' lives in the gold dust camps.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Parents have a right to demand that their children work.

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**Directions**

Write a brief answer to each question. For questions marked with an asterisk (\*), write your opinion or reaction. (There are no right or wrong answers for these questions.)

**Chapters 11-12**

1. Why does Mama dislike preachers?
2. Is Mama justified in her feelings about preachers?\*
3. How does Lucy plan to use Brother Clyde? Why is it important that Mama like him?
4. How does Butte almost die? Who saves him?
5. What is unusual about Brother Clyde's prayer meeting?
6. Who is Lizzie Flagg? How does Lucy make friends with her?
7. How will Lizzie help Lucy?\*
8. Why would/wouldn't you like to be in Lucky Diggins?\*

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### Scrambled Words

|               |                    |                  |                |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|
| mariner (82)  | morbid (83)        | traipse (100)    | doff (101)     |
| beset (105)   | hypocritical (106) | compassion (107) | desolate (111) |
| squalor (111) | flounder (113)     | muster (114)     | fervor (114)   |
| frenzy (115)  | innards (117)      | rapturous (123)  |                |

#### Directions

Unscramble each word. Draw a line from the word to the correct definition. Use each word in a sentence. Write your sentences on another sheet of paper.

#### Scrambled Words

#### Unscrambled Words

#### Definitions

|                 |       |   |
|-----------------|-------|---|
| 1. tedelsao     | _____ | A. take off hat or clothing                           |
| 2. pohyclariitc | _____ | B. gloomy, dreary                                     |
| 3. riomdb       | _____ | C. sailor   |
| 4. zfryen       | _____ | D. walk aimlessly                                     |
| 5. tesbe        | _____ | E. gruesome, grizzly                                  |
| 6. psetira      | _____ | F. pretense of having virtues,<br>principles, beliefs |
| 7. niosmocpas   | _____ | G. abnormal excitement                                |
| 8. indanrs      | _____ | H. attack on all sides                                |
| 9. nermai       | _____ | I. internal organs                                    |
| 10. fodf        | _____ | J. pity for suffering of others                       |

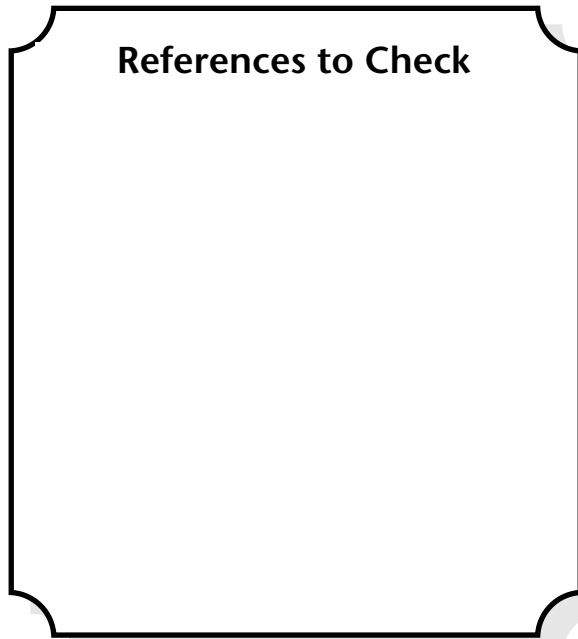
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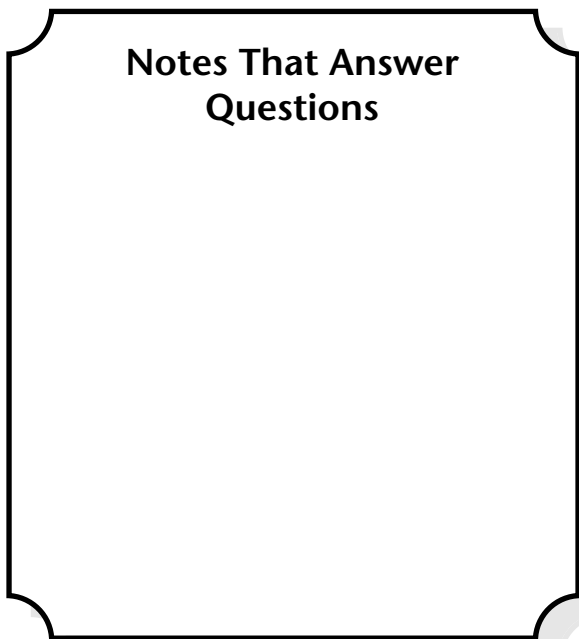
**Questions I Have**



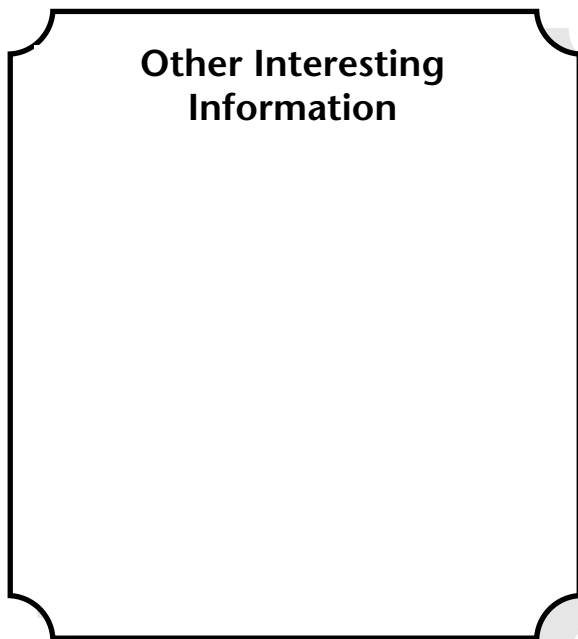
**References to Check**



**Notes That Answer Questions**



**Other Interesting Information**



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