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### Vocabulary Word Map

carabiners  
propaganda  
serrated  
feral  
parley

topographic  
perverse  
premise  
belaying  
ethereal

anthropology  
concourse  
blithely  
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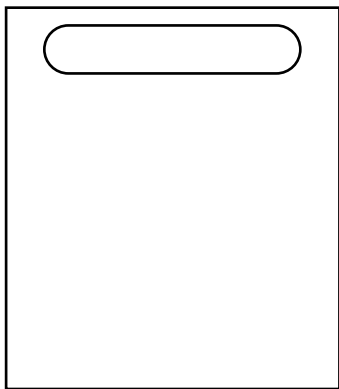
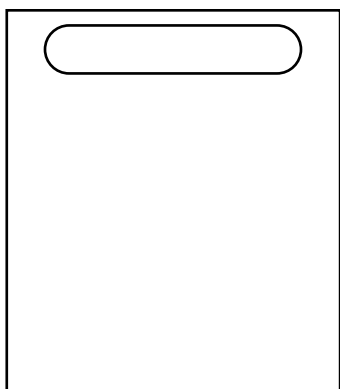
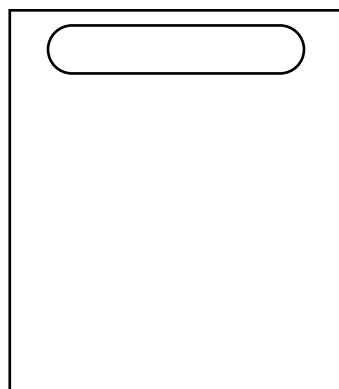
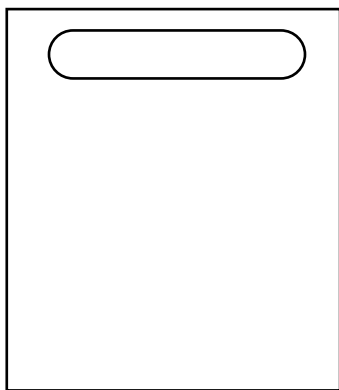
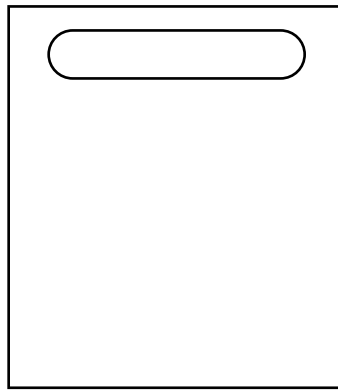
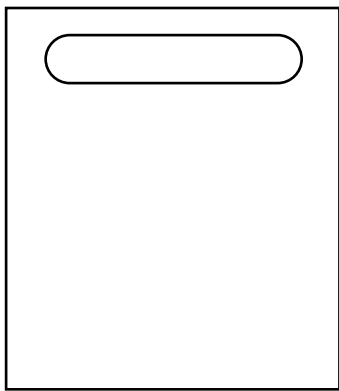
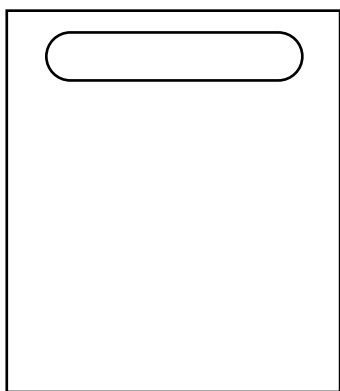
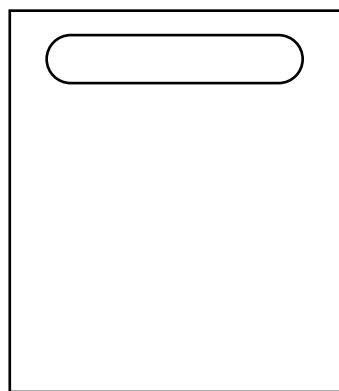
**Directions:** Your teacher will assign you one word from the list above. Turn to the page where the word appears in the novel and examine how it is used in context. Complete the word map for your word and explain the finished map to the class.

<b>Synonyms</b> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	<b>Antonyms</b> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
<b>Word:</b> _____	
<b>Definition in your own words:</b> _____ _____ _____ _____	<b>Word used in a sentence:</b> _____ _____ _____ _____

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### Character Analysis Chart

**Directions:** List the eight members of the Discovery Unlimited group in the small ovals inside the boxes below. As you discover attributes of each character during and after reading the novel, write words or phrases you feel describe the character listed in the individual boxes. Discuss your answers with a partner or in a small group.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_ 10. The group reaches the “point of no return” when
- they steal Al’s equipment
  - the policemen are chasing them
  - Pug pulls a knife on Freddy
  - they must return or launch into the river
- \_\_\_\_ 11. Troy asks Jessie to ride in the gear boat with him
- because he’s falling in love with her
  - after his boat stands up straight in a rapid
  - when Adam challenges his authority
  - so she won’t have to ride with Freddy
- \_\_\_\_ 12. An important part of the bonding between Jessie and Star occurs
- because both lost their mothers when they were young
  - after they both nearly drown
  - when Troy turns against them
  - because they both have rebelled against their fathers
- \_\_\_\_ 13. Which one of the following does **not** reflect Freddy’s leadership ability?
- He risks his life to save someone else.
  - He defeats Troy in a fight.
  - He salvages essential gear.
  - He leads the group to safety.
- \_\_\_\_ 14. Troy makes all but which one of the following mistakes?
- spends everyone’s money
  - refuses to scout a rapid
  - fails to plan for food
  - throws away an important map
- \_\_\_\_ 15. Jessie’s relationship with her father is best described as
- fear
  - retaliation
  - rejection
  - a love/hate syndrome