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Skills and Strategies

Critical Thinking

Interpreting, evidence, compare/contrast, forming opinions, identifying stereotypes, paradox, pros/cons, research

Comprehension

Cause/effect, classifying, details, generalizing, inferencing, main idea, predicting, summarizing

Listening/Speaking

Discussion, oral report, role-playing, interviewing

Vocabulary

Compound words, context clues, synonyms, antonyms, definitions

Writing

Article, description, list, narrative, letter, report

Literary Elements

Analogy, characterization, descriptions, foreshadowing, plot development, setting, point of view, simile, metaphor, theme, figurative language

Across the Curriculum

Art—architecture, drawing; Science—CPR; Social Studies—maps, history, culture, laws; Math statistics, percentages; Technology—Internet research; Music—ballet

Chapters Twenty-two–Twenty-four, pp. 141–156

Voc bulary

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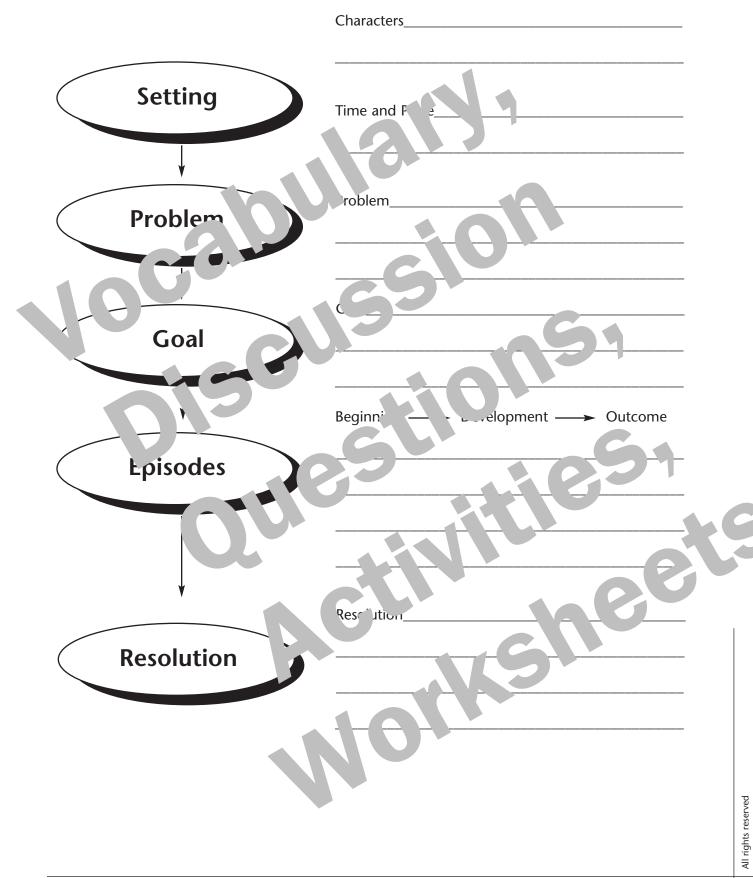
Discussion Questions

- 1. Rob's funeral is to be yhundreds, yet Gerald thinks that a person de swith pair all alone. Do you agree or disagree? *(Each, rst. un with grief differently. Answers will vary. p. 141)*
- Ge. 'd is a nard time dealing with the off hy he is alive and is dead. Have you ever the swarf is this a feeling r hy people experience will so eol close dies? (It is a aniversal feeling. Answers 1 ll v_{i} , v_{i} , 142)
- 3. Angel can tell the affect on Carween Jordan's smile and "the smile of the point r the lived within Jordan Spects" (p. 145). What is the the real of a genuine smile and specific of vil? (An ver vill vol.)
- 4. he the r slips into Monique wie, on an explains her to is as not for Jordan but for the finme had caused her mily. Why has she sudden charged. (Answers will vary. p. 155)
- 5. Do you think Geraid will forgive Moniquer references that has shaped hi childhood? (Answers will vary. p. 155)
- 6. **Prediction:** Will Monique ore 'ke munt Queen?

Supplementary Activities

- 1. Art: Draw a picture of the apartment in flames.
- 2. Literary Analysis: Complete your Story Map.
- 3. Writing: Write a letter of apology to some or you ave urt, however unintentionally you may have hurt that person. You do no have to have the letter, but you may if you want.

Story Map



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