

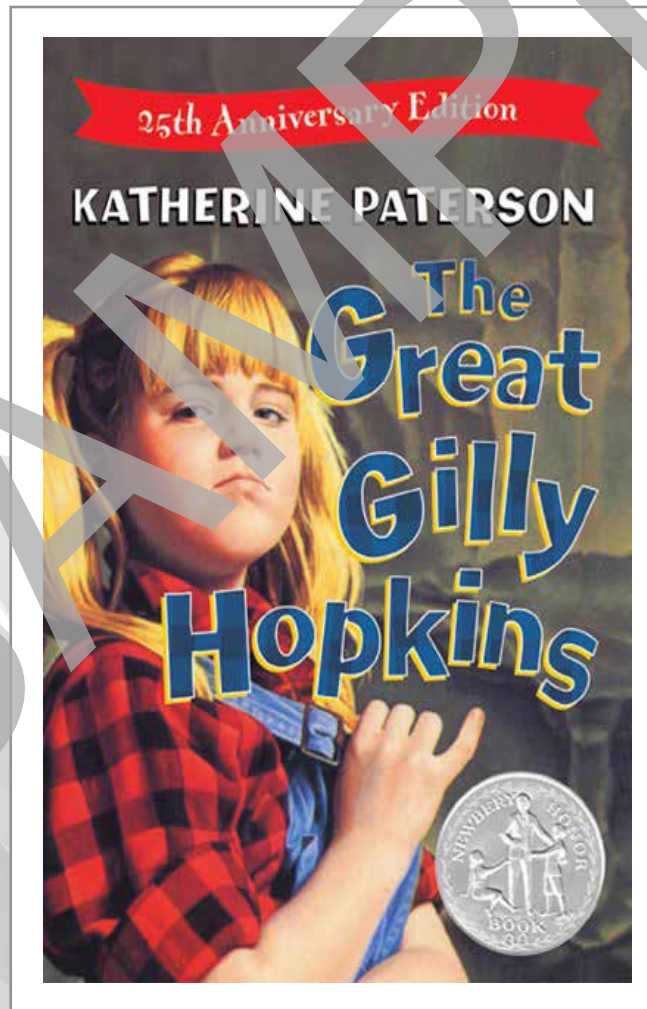


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**GRADES 3-5**

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## Study Questions

**Directions:** Write a brief answer to each study question as you read the book at home or in class. Use the questions for review before group discussions and before your final test.

### Chapters 1–4, Pages 1-41

1. What is Gilly's full first name?
2. How many foster homes has Gilly been in during the past three years?
3. Why has Gilly moved around so much?
4. What does Gilly ultimately do with her bubble gum while with the social worker?
5. What does Gilly think of herself?
6. Who is Gilly's new foster mother?
7. What do you think Gilly's first impression of her new foster mother might be?
8. Who is William Ernest?
9. What does Gilly think of the size of her room at Mrs. Trotter's house?
10. How does Gilly feel about unpacking her suitcase?
11. Who is Courtney Rutherford Hopkins?
12. What does the word "mother" trigger in Gilly?
13. Who is Mr. Randolph?
14. How does Trotter react to Gilly's unruly hair?
15. What does Gilly do to her hair because of Trotter's response?
16. What does Gilly find out about her name from Miss Harris?
17. How does Gilly become well-known at school during recess?
18. How does Gilly react to advice from the principal?
19. Who is Agnes Stokes?
20. Why does Gilly reject Agnes' first invitation to "come over"?
21. What exciting mail does Gilly receive?
22. What does the mail provide?
23. Why does Gilly rule out hitchhiking as a means of travel?
24. What falls out from behind the "Sarsaparilla to Sorcery" book of Mr. Randolph's encyclopedia as Gilly inspects the bookshelves?
25. How do you think Gilly really feels about the poetry she reads to, and with, Mr. Randolph?

### Chapters 5–7, Pages 42-77

26. What is Gilly's plan regarding her school work?
27. How does Gilly get Agnes to keep her mouth shut?
28. Where does Gilly put the two five-dollar bills when she gets home from school?
29. Who does Gilly decide to use as an accomplice in a "life of crime"?
30. What paper toy does Gilly make for W.E.?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Kriss Cross Vocabulary

exquisite 80	gaudiest 82	hysterical 83	bellowing 93
tentatively 100	wrath 101	appalling 104	compromised 105
relentlessly 106	perpetual 108	inexorably 111	ultimate 115
commendation 117	entice 117	belligerently 125	destination 130

**Directions:** Write the vocabulary word that matches each synonym–antonym clue. Be sure to check the pages given to determine the meaning of the word used by the author. Fit the vocabulary words into the Kriss Cross grid that follows.

Synonym	Antonym	Vocabulary Word
1. horrifying	comforting	_____
2. extreme anger	pleasure	_____
3. hollering	whispering	_____
4. goal	start	_____
5. coax	dissuade	_____
6. negotiated	disputed	_____
7. conditionally	definitely	_____
8. flashiest	plainest	_____
9. determinedly	intermittently	_____
10. greatest	lowest	_____
11. argumentatively	cooperatively	_____
12. acclaim	criticism	_____
13. adamantly	leniently	_____
14. excellent	inferior	_____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Missing Vowels (A-E-I-O-U)

**Directions:** Fill in the missing vowels (A-E-I-O-U) of the following vocabulary words shown below with the vowels omitted. The consonants shown are in their proper order. As an example, the first one is done for you.

Consonants	Vocabulary word	Consonants	Vocabulary Word
MTRPLTN	1. METROPOLITAN	PRSDD	10. _____
STDFSTLY	2. _____	DSGNTD	11. _____
PRSRVTN	3. _____	GRSS	12. _____
GLWRD	4. _____	FTL	13. _____
XQST	5. _____	MSSV	14. _____
FLRTTN	6. _____	GDST	15. _____
HYSTRCL	7. _____	BLLWNG	16. _____
TPGRPHCL	8. _____	TNTTVLY	17. _____
CMMTN	9. _____	WRTH	18. _____

**Directions:** Define six of the vocabulary words used in this activity.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_