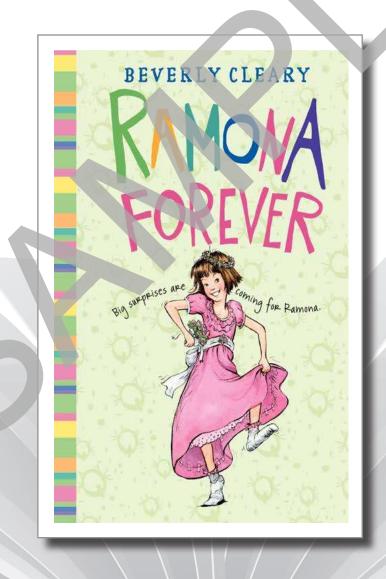


## GRADES 3-5

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READ, WRITE, THINK, DISCUSS AND CONNECT

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### STUDENT PACKET

#### NOTE:

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Directions: Rate each of the following statements before you read the novel and discuss your ratings with a partner. After you have completed the novel, rate and discuss the statements again.

1	2	- 3 ———	- 4	- 5 —	6
strongly agree					strongly disagree

	Before	After
1. Teachers always talk to kids in a different tone of voice.		
2. Older brothers or sisters are always bossy.		
3. Older siblings are blamed for the wrongdoings of younger ones.		
4. Adults love to tease children.		
5. Weddings are a very happy time		
6. Money never changes people.		
7. Friends are important.		
8. Parents should never keep secrets from their children.		
9. Children can sense when things are wrong.		
10. Punishing children only makes them mad.		
11. Adults don't try to understand how children feel.		
12. Pets can be comforting when you are lonely.		
13. Teenagers worry too much about their looks.		
14. People can argue and still love each other.		
15. Children need to be shown love.		

**Directions:** Write a brief answer for each of the following questions after you have read the chapter at home or in class. The questions are to be used to guide your reading and prepare you for class discussions.

#### Chapter 1, Pages 1-26

- 1. What is Ramona excited about?
- 2. Who went to school with Uncle Hobart?
- 3. Why is Ramona disappointed when she sees Uncle Hobart?
- 4. Who does Uncle Hobart think Ramona is?
- 5. What does Uncle Hobart do that really makes Ramona dislike him?
- 6. What does Uncle Hobart bring with him to the Kemps?
- 7. Why does Ramona get into trouble at the Kemps'?
- 8. Why doesn't Ramona like Mrs. Kemp?
- 9. Why does Ramona feel so much older than Willa Jean?
- 10. Does Ramona want the Kemps to babysit her? What does Ramona want to do?

#### Chapter 2, Pages 27-43

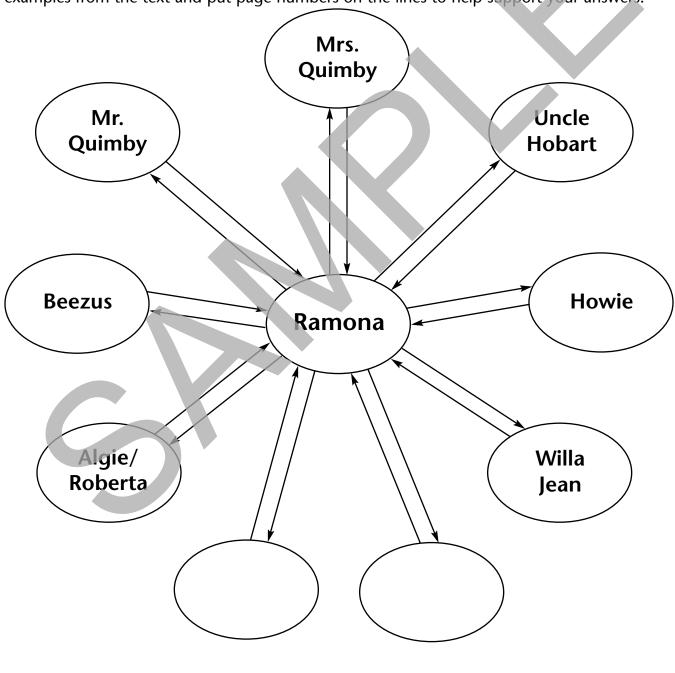
- 1. What is Ramona upset about?
- 2. Why doesn't Beezus go over to the Kemps' anymore?
- 3. Why is Beezus sticking up for Ramona?
- 4. Who is going to baby-sit Ramona?
- 5. What kind of job is Mr. Quimby looking for?
- 6. What secret does Beezus think their mother is keeping from them?
- 7. Why does Ramona disturb her father when he is studying?

#### Chapter 3, Pages 44-60

- 1. Why are Beezus and Ramona trying extra hard to be nice to each other?
- 2. Why does Ramona feel that Beezus is showing off in front of Howie?
- 3. What does Ramona call Beezus?
- 4. How does Ramona hurt herself?
- 5. Why doesn't Beezus help Ramona when she gets hurt?

#### Sociogram for Ramona Forever

**Directions:** A sociogram shows the relationship between characters in a story. Think about Ramona and her relationship with the characters listed on the sociogram. Complete the sociogram by writing a word to describe the relationship between Ramona and each character. Remember, relationships go both ways, so each line requires a descriptive word. Add other characters to the sociogram and describe their relationships with Ramona. Find examples from the text and put page numbers on the lines to help support your answers.



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#### Conflict

The **conflict** of a story is the struggle between two people or two forces. There are three main types of conflict: person against person, person against nature or society, and person against himself/herself.

**Directions:** Ramona is faced with many conflicts throughout the story. She struggles with growing up and how to deal with new challenges that arise. Using the chart below, fill in three conflicts Ramona faced. Then explain how Ramona went about resolving each conflict. Include page numbers to justify your answers.

Character:		
Conflict	Resolution	
	>	
Character:		
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