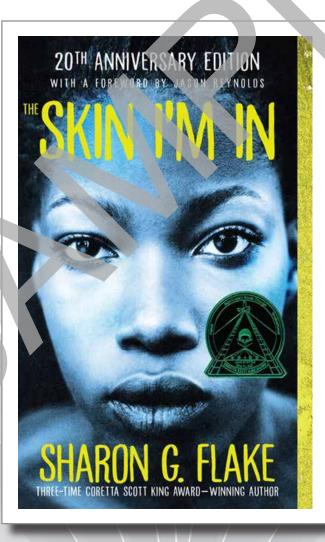
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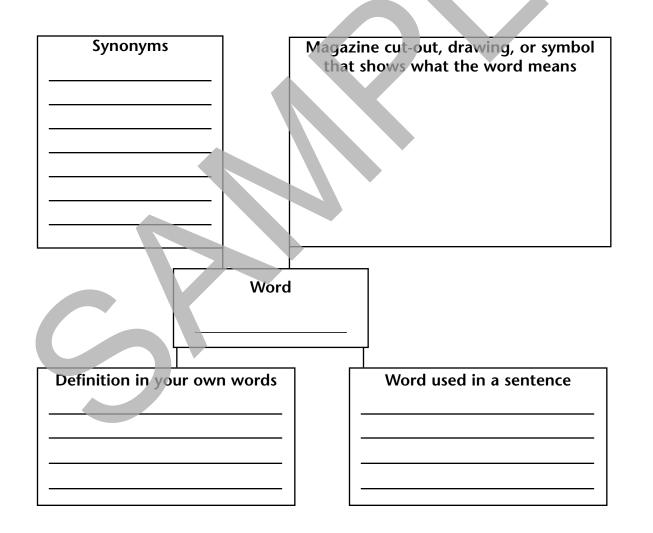
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## Word Map

freak (1)	amazon (1)	ricochet (2)	solitary (5)
yoga (9)	deodorant (12)	sensitive (12)	nappy (13)
reaction (19)	concoction (19)	blotch (19)	evaluate (21)
bonus (22)	negative (22)	chronicling (24)	maggots (26)

**Directions:** Choose eight words from the vocabulary list. Complete word maps for each word. Use each word in a sentence that helps to describe the magazine cut-out, drawing, or symbol you choose.



### Chapters 14-16, pp. 75-90

- 1. What did Miss Saunders do for a living before she came to McClenton?
- 2. What did Miss Saunders learn by checking Maleeka's records?
- 3. What does Miss Saunders want to do for a living now?
- 4. What is important about the conversation between Maleeka and Miss Saunders on the way to the office?
- 5. When Miss Benson says she hates pushy people, whom does she have in mind?
- 6. Why do parents call to complain? Whom do they complain about?
- 7. What does Akeelma make up her mind to be?
- 8. Why doesn't Momma want Maleeka to visit Charlese's place?
- 9. What is taking place when Maleeka visits Charlese?
- 10. Why can't Charlese get enough sleep?
- 11. How old is JuJu?

#### Chapters 17-19, pp. 91-110

- 1. Why does no one hear Maleeka yell when two boys assault her? Why do the boys let her go?
- 2. What does Maleeka do to comfort and express herself after the assault?
- 3. Where should Maleeka be instead of hanging out in the bathroom?
- 4. What does Charlese do with Maleeka's diary in the bathroom?
- 5. What is the only reason Charlese lets Maleeka hang out? When will Charlese abandon Maleeka?
- 6. Who breaks up the girls' bathroom meeting? Which of the girls is scolded the most and told to choose her friends better?
- 7. Why is Caleb in detention?
- 8. Whose name appears at the bottom of the last two diary letters in this section? What is the subject of these letters?
- 9. How does Caleb explain leaving Maleeka during the bus trip? Why does he want to be her friend again?
- 10. Does Maleeka trust and forgive Caleb?

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