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**READ, WRITE, THINK, DISCUSS AND CONNECT**

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**NOTE:**

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6. What does Jason hit with the soda bottle?
7. According to Jason, what does Calvin's room look like?
8. What does Calvin have in jars all over his room?
9. What does Calvin take out of the freezer to defrost?
10. What does Calvin want to do to a lightning bug?
11. What does Jason discover in Ham's study?
12. What does Jason find under the snowball bush in his backyard? Who does he blame for putting it there?
13. Who does Peter plan to bring along to the sleepover?
14. What does Jason dig a hole in the shape of in his backyard?
15. Who gets hysterical at the thought of a dinosaur being on the loose?
16. How does Kippy die?

### **"Headlights," "The Dark," and "Girl"**

1. What is Kippy Kim's real first name?
2. Where does Peter stay during the viewing at Kippy's funeral?
3. How can Jason tell which of the mourners are Catholic?
4. What religion are the Kims?
5. What does Jason think Kippy looks like as he lies in the coffin?
6. What is Jason given to place on Kippy's coffin?
7. Who does Jason see standing on the farthest hill during the funeral?
8. How will life on Jason's space station differ from life on earth?
9. Why does Jason look at the drainpipe every time he goes up to bat?
10. What does Jason dream about at night?
11. Why does Jason get an advance on his allowance?
12. Who is the girl Jason sees riding on the bike ahead of him?
13. What is Marceline looking for in the bushes?
14. Why don't Marceline and Jason ride their bikes side-by-side?
15. What kind of animal do they see?
16. Where does Marceline get the water to fill the canteen?

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hemmed (138)  
titters (142)  
exquisite (143)  
concentrating (152)  
scrimpy (158)

hawed (138)  
doilies (143)  
kneaded (144)  
bleak (155)  
convulsions (158)

etiquette (142)  
morsel (143)  
aborigines (146)  
gawked (156)  
queasy (159)

veranda (142)  
grungy (143)  
torte (150)  
padre (157)  
crepe (164)

**Directions:** Choose 15 vocabulary words from the list above. Write the words on the numbered lines below.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
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15. \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet of paper, use each of the following sets of words in an original sentence. Your sentences should show that you know the meanings of the vocabulary words as they are used in the story.

- Sentence 1: words 8 and 4
- Sentence 2: words 9 and 3
- Sentence 3: words 1 and 10
- Sentence 4: words 11 and 7
- Sentence 5: words 15 and 13
- Sentence 6: words 3 and 6
- Sentence 7: words 12 and 4
- Sentence 8: words 14 and 9
- Sentence 9: words 5 and 2
- Sentence 10: words 7 and 6

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### Story Writing/Telling

**Directions:** In the book, Mister Burger tells the kids scary stories around the campfire. Create your own scary or funny story using one of the following ideas:

- 1. Dragons
- 4. Getting lost

- 2. Dinosaurs
- 5. Evil scientist

- 3. Outer space

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