

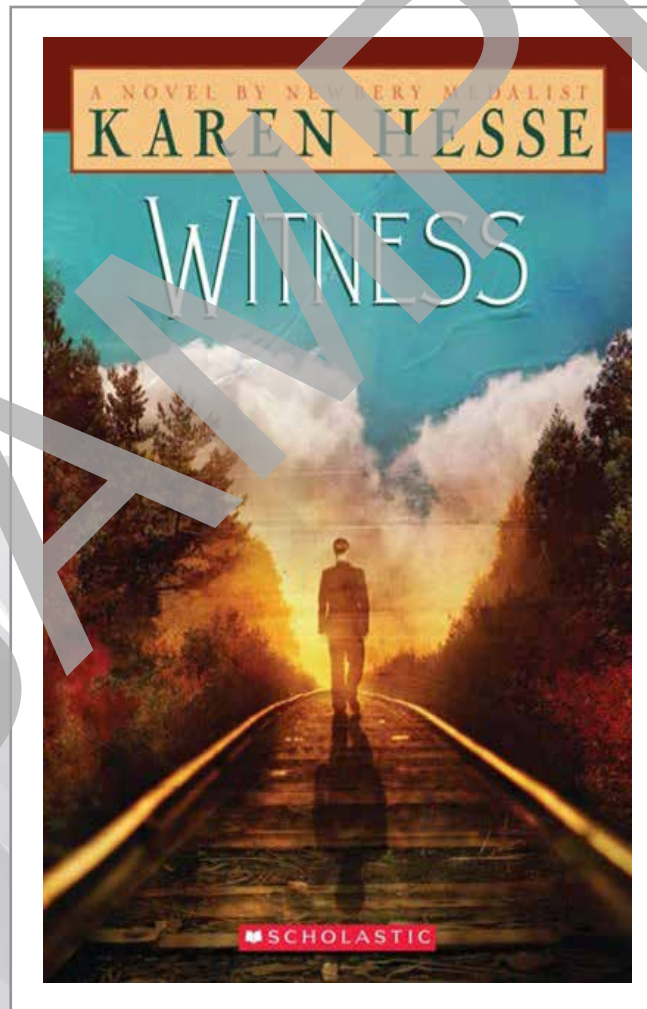


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Activity #5 • Vocabulary
Acts Four–Five, pp. 99–161

basin (99)
redeemed (132)
galoshes (150)

gangling (99)
nooses (137)
perdition (154)

palette (99)
landslide (145)
myriad (157)

rents (103)
armistice (146)

Directions: An **analogy** is a comparison of two objects or words. Look at the example below. Then use the vocabulary words above to complete the analogies.

Example: CASCADE is to FALL as SECURE is to SAFE.

1. TIRE is to PUNCTURES as FABRIC is to _____.
2. RAIN is to _____ as SNOW is to BOOTS.
3. SINGLE is to _____ as ISOLATED is to CROWDED.
4. SNOW is to AVALANCHE as ROCKS are to _____.
5. _____ is to CONDEMNED as LOVED is to HATED.
6. BOOKS are to BACKPACK as WATER is to _____.
7. AWKWARD is to _____ as GRACEFUL is to COORDINATED.
8. _____ is to HEAVEN as WINTER is to SUMMER.
9. SECESSION is to INDEPENDENCE as _____ is to PEACE.
10. SHEET MUSIC is to NOTES as _____ is to PAINTS.
11. REINS are to LEATHER as _____ are to ROPE.

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Act Five, pp. 131–161

1. Who knows what Merlin did the night Ira Hirsh was shot?
2. Who saw the shooter?
3. Who finds Johnny wandering around in shock?
4. Why is Viola sad when she finds out Percelle Johnson found a baby girl in a shoebox?
5. Why does Reynard think there are fewer lynchings than there used to be?
6. Who sees Merlin but can't tell his family about seeing him? Why?
7. What does Merlin mail to Reynard?
8. What does Johnny do to himself?
9. Who does Esther reveal shot her father?
10. Who wins the Presidential election?
11. Why does Mr. Field attack Klansmen at the courthouse?
12. How does Doc Flitt think Esther has changed Sara?
13. Who does Merlin say followed him everywhere he went?
14. What happens to the KKK's application to do business in Vermont?
15. Why does Merlin say he wouldn't hurt Mr. Hirsh?
16. From whom does Leanora receive a signed book?
17. What does the ghost of Johnny Reeves see in his church?
18. Why does Sara want the front porch steps to creak?
19. Who helps Merlin save the buck that is trapped in ice?
20. Why did Leanora initially resist telling Constable Johnson the truth about Merlin?

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Story Map

<i>Witness</i>
Setting, Characters, Problem, Solution

Series of Events
