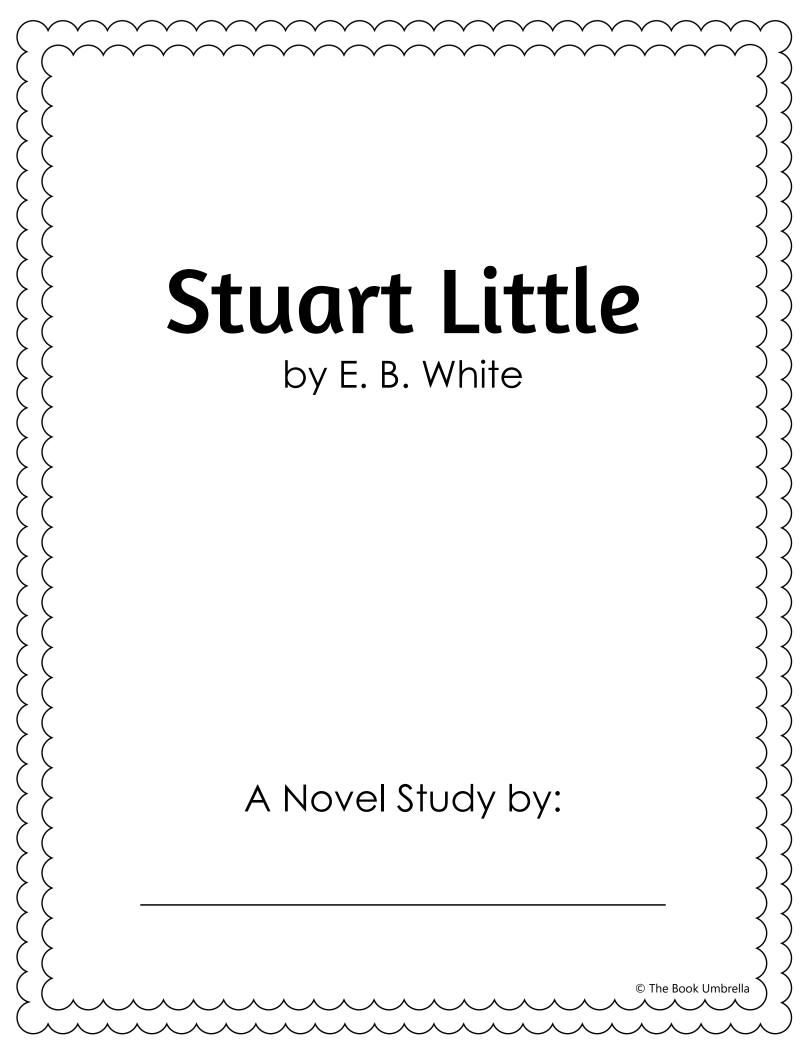
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## Dictionary Detective! Chapters 1 - 2

trifle
Definition:
agreeable
Definition:
solemnly
Definition:
perspiration
Definition:
belittling
Definition:
uneasy
Definition:

Stuart Little

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## Vocabulary Study Chapters 1 - 2

## Match Up

Match the words in the left column to their definitions in the right column.

agreeable •

trifle •

- solemnly •
- perspiration
  - belittling
    - uneasy •

- sweat
- to do something in a serious manner
- trivialized or dismissed someone/thing
- to one's liking
- to feel worried or disturbed
- a small amount; a little

#### Fill in the Blanks

Complete each sentence by filling in the blanks with the provided vocabulary.

agreeable	belittling	perspiration	solemnly	trifle	uneasy
1. Lin	pla	ced her favorite dr	ess in the trash	n after spilli	ng paint on it.
2. Stop	m	ne! I can ride a bike	as well as you	can!" Sara	exclaimed.
3. "This park is such	ı an	plac	e to spend a S	unday. It is	so beautiful!"
4. It was so hot tha	t	began t	o soak throug	h his shirt.	
5. Even though Leo	forgave his siste	er, he was still a		ar	ngry with her.
6. The cat felt		when she saw	the dog walki	ng towards	s her.
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## **Understanding the Story** Chapters 1 - 2

#### **Multiple Choice**

1. How does George feel when his fishhook idea does not work?

2. How does Mr. Little feel about the mousehole?

(a) Confused.	(a) Curious.
(b) Annoyed.	(b) Horrified.
(с) Нарру.	(c) Worried.
(d) Tired.	(d) Relaxed.

#### Short Answer

3. The main character of the book Stuart Little is a mouse named Stuart. What do we learn about Stuart in Chapters 1 and 2?

#### Long Answer

4. Mrs. Little thinks Stuart is very brave for going down the drain to get her ring. Have you ever done something brave for someone else? Describe your experience below.



Stuart and his family live in New York City, U.S.A. New York's nickname is the Big Apple. Why do you think it is called this? Write your guess below and then share it with your classmates!

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## Chapter Summary Chapters 1 - 2

1. What are the titles of these chapters?

2. What happens in these chapters?

3. What is your favorite part of this section of the book?

4. What new words did you learn in Chapters 1 and 2?

5. Draw a picture of something you think represents the first two chapters.

## Dictionary Detective! Chapters 3 - 4

abdominal
Definition:
friar
Definition:
abbey
Definition:
blacksmith
Definition:
shrill
Definition:
custom
Definition:

## Vocabulary Study Chapters 3 - 4

#### Which Word?

On the provided lines, write the matching vocabulary word for each definition.

	abdominal	friar	abbey	blacksmith	shrill	custom
1. Son	neone who works	s iron usin	g tools and l	heat.		
2. Sound that is high-pitched and loud.						
3. A religious building where monks or nuns live.						
4. In, on or for the stomach.						
5. The regular way of doing something; a habit.						
6. A member of the Roman Catholic Church.						

#### **Making Sentences**

Make a sentence for each word below.

1. Abbey:
2. Abdominal:
3. Blacksmith:
4. Custom:
5. Friar:
6. Shrill:



Stuart is a small mouse living in a big world. To show this, the author describes the size of things repeatedly throughout the story. Can you find at least five words which describe *size* in Chapters 3 and 4?

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## Understanding the Story Chapters 3 - 4

#### **Multiple Choice**

1. What is Snowbell thinking about when Stuart enters the room in Chapter 4?

2. Which of the following circus performers does Stuart act like in Chapter 4?

- (a) The days when he was a kitten.
- (b) His next dinner.
- (c) Chasing mice.
- (d) The sunny spot by the window.

(a) A clown.

- (b) An acrobat.
- (c) A lion tamer.
- (d) A ring leader.

#### **Short Answer**

3. How does Stuart try to prove to Snowbell that his stomach muscles are strong? What happens as a result?

#### Long Answer

4. Based on Chapter 4, what kind of relationship do you think Stuart and Snowbell have? (Use examples from the story to illustrate your answer).

A Little Extra!

Imagine you are a mouse living with a human family. What do you think would be the hardest thing about being so small?

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## Chapter Summary Chapters 3 - 4

1. What are the titles of these chapters?

2. What happens in these chapters?

3. What is your favorite part of this section of the book?

4. What new words did you learn in Chapters 3 and 4?

5. Draw a picture of something you think represents Chapters 3 and 4.

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## Dictionary Detective! Chapters 5 - 6

bellowed
Definition:
vigorous
Definition:
sorrow
Definition:
detestable
Definition:
diminutive
Definition:
gait
Definition:

## Vocabulary Study Chapters 5 - 6

#### Match Up

A synonym is a word that means the same as another word. For example, happy and joyful are synonyms. Match the vocabulary words with their synonyms!

bellowed •	• sadness
vigorous •	• hearty
sorrow •	• walk
detestable •	• tiny
diminutive •	• yelled
gait •	<ul> <li>loathsome</li> </ul>

#### **Best Word**

Circle the word which works best in each sentence.

1. The boys tired themselves out during their (vigorous / gait ) game of football.

2. Mrs. Kim (sorrow / bellowed) at Lane when he stuck gum in Izzy's hair.

3. Despite the rat's (bellowed / diminutive ) size, the boy was still scared of it.

4. The young girl's energetic ( detestable / gait ) on the first day back to school showed how excited she was.

5. "I feel deep (vigorous / sorrow) for those who lost their home in the storm," said the mayor.

6. "Anyone who litters is ( detestable / diminutive )! How hard is it to put their garbage in a trash can?" Lily exclaimed.



An acrostic is a poem in which the first letter of each line spells a word or message when read together.

On the other side of this paper, write the letters S-T-U-A-R-T-L-I-T-T-L-E down the left side of the paper. Write a poem about the story Stuart Little using the given letters as the first letter of each new line.

## Understanding the Story Chapters 5 - 6

#### **Multiple Choice**

1. How does the Bureau of Missing Persons react when Mr. Little reports Stuart missing?

- (a) Confused.
- (b) Disgusted.
- (c) Happy.
- (d) Relieved.

2. How does Stuart feel as he sets sail?

(a) Happy and proud.

- (b) Tired and cranky.
- (c) Angry and bitter.
- (d) Scared and lost.

#### Short Answer

3. George is concerned for his brother and tries his best to find him. What are some ideas that George comes up with to find Stuart?

#### Long Answer

4. At the end of the chapter, Stuart and the *Wasp* are about to race another sailboat. What do you think will happen next? Write your prediction below!



The name of the boat which Stuart hopes to race is called the *Lillian B. Womrath.* Create a character which the boat is named after. Who is Lillian? What does she look like? Does Stuart like her? Why or why not? Turn to your Character Chart and draw and write a description of the character Lillian from your imagination. Share your creation with your classmates!

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## Chapter Summary Chapters 5 - 6

1. What are the titles of these chapters?

2. What happens in these chapters?

3. What is your favorite part of this section of the book?

4. What new words did you learn in Chapters 5 and 6?

5. Draw a picture of something you think represents Chapters 5 and 6.

## Dictionary Detective! Chapters 7 - 8

eagerness
Definition:
consternation
Definition:
ominous
Definition:
dwell
Definition:
seldom
Definition:
penetrate
Definition:

## Vocabulary Study Chapters 7 - 8

#### Match Up

Match the words in the left column with their definitions in the right column.

- eagerness •
- consternation
  - ominous
    - dwell •
    - seldom •
  - penetrate •

- alarm; confusion
- get through something
- to be excited to do something
- to occupy a space
- threatening; suggesting evil
- rarely

#### Fill in the Blanks

Complete each sentence by filling in the blanks with the provided vocabulary.

consternatior	n dwell	eagerness	ominous	penetrate	seldom
1. Tom's when his mom four	nd him sleepin	_ to play sports g with his baseb	again after brea ball glove.	iking his arm wa	as obvious
2. The storm clouds	s gathered in t	ne sky, creating	a very		scene.
3. I	eat	out, but when I	do I go to the f	anciest restaura	nts.
4. When Mia found on her face.	gum in her ha	ir, she could no	t hide the look	of	
5. The bears		in a small o	cave by the rive	r.	
6. The builder used	a hammer to _		the ir	ner wall.	
A Little Extra!		ull of action! Rer o describe the s		r and record six	verbs (action

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## Understanding the Story Chapters 7 - 8

#### **Multiple Choice**

1. Who owns the Wasp?

- (a) Dr. Paul Carey, a surgeon-dentist.
- (b) Emily Harden, a housewife.
- (c) Luther P. Jenkins, a fighter pilot.
- (d) Dr. Rita Pitrello, a veterinarian.

2. How does Stuart catch a cold in Chapter 8?

- (a) He is sneezed on by a sickly little boy.
- (b) He eats ice cream on a cold day.
- (c) He becomes trapped in the refrigerator.
- (d) He goes outside without his mittens and hat.

#### <u>Short Answer</u>

3. How does Stuart stop Snowbell from pouncing on Margalo in Chapter 8?

#### Long Answer

4. Write a short summary of the sailboat race. (Use at least one quotation from the story to describe Stuart's adventure).

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## Chapter Summary Chapters 7 - 8

1. What are the titles of these chapters?

2. What happens in these chapters?

3. What is your favorite part of this section of the book?

4. What new words did you learn in Chapters 7 and 8?

5. Draw a picture of something you think represents Chapters 7 and 8.

## Dictionary Detective! Chapters 9 - 10

gingerly
Definition:
modestly
Definition:
perish
Definition:
offhand
Definition:
obliged
Definition:
unlawful
Definition:

## Vocabulary Study Chapters 9 - 10

#### Which Word?

On the provided lines, write the matching vocabulary word for each definition.

gingerly	modestly	perish	offhand	obliged	unlawful
1. To be in debt to a	another.				
2. To die.					
3. Said or done with	out much tho	ught.			
4. Carefully and cau	tiously.				
5. Against the law.				<u> </u>	
6. To act or speak h	umbly.				
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1. Gingerly:					
2. Modestly:					
3. Obliged:					
4. Offhand:					
5. Perish:					
6 Unlawful					



A noun is a person, place or thing. Some examples of nouns are: *mouse*, *New York City* and *teacher*. Can you find at least five nouns in Chapters 9 - 10? Write them below!

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## Understanding the Story Chapters 9 - 10

#### Multiple Choice

1. Why does Stuart drop his ice skates into the ocean?

- (a) Stuart drops the skates accidently.
- (b) The skates catch fire.
- (c) Stuart tries to distract a shark.
- (d) To make it easier for Margalo to carry him.

2. Where does the Angora cat live?

- (a) In a tool house in a small park.
- (b) In the Littles' garage.
- (c) In the dumpster of a local coffee shop.
- (d) In an animal shelter two streets over.

#### Short Answer

3. How does Margalo save the day in Chapter 9?

#### Long Answer

4. What does the pigeon overhear the cats talking about? What does she do about what she hears?



If you could fly like Margalo, where would you fly to and why?

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## Chapter Summary Chapters 9 - 10

1. What are the titles of these chapters?

2. What happens in these chapters?

3. What is your favorite part of this section of the book?

4. What new words did you learn in Chapters 9 and 10?

5. Draw a picture of something you think represents Chapters 9 and 10.

## Dictionary Detective! Chapters 11 - 12

jauntily
Definition:
irritably
Definition:
disagreeable
Definition:
abomination
Definition:
nimbly
Definition:
underprivileged
Definition:

## Vocabulary Study Chapters 11 - 12

#### Match Up

Match the vocabulary words with their synonyms!

- jauntily •
- irritably •
- disagreeable •
- abomination
  - nimbly •
- underprivileged •

- shame
- poor
- cheerfully
- swiftly
- angrily
- unpleasant

#### **Best Word**

Circle the word which works best in each sentence.

- 1. Mrs. Gail donated half of her fortune to a charity for ( underprivileged / nimbly ) youths.
- 2. "Good morning, all!" Mr. Tibbons said to his neighbors (irritably / jauntily).
- 3. "What an (disagreeable / abomination)! We should've won that game!" the coach exclaimed.
- 4. The hot weather and bumpy road made for a very ( underprivileged / disagreeable ) car ride.
- 5. Marta (irritably / abomination) answered the phone when it rang in the middle of the night.
- 6. The red squirrel (jauntily / nimbly) climbed the tree in just a few seconds.



A simile is a figure of speech that uses the words 'like' or 'as' to compare two things. For example, "You are as bright as the sun". Find a simile from Chapter 12 and write it below!

## Understanding the Story Chapters 11 - 12

#### **Multiple Choice**

1. Why does Stuart run away from home?

- (a) He is tired of living with humans.
- (b) To seek his fortune and find Margalo.
- (c) To go on an adventure around the world.
- (d) To avoid Snowbell and his Angora friend.

2. What does Stuart do for the superintendent of schools in Chapter 12?

(a) He films a commercial for the school board.

(b) He sends away a family of mice who are living in the nearby school.

- (c) He reads to underprivileged students.
- (d) He teaches a class for a day.

#### Short Answer

3. What are the rules that Stuart would accept if he were Chairman of the World?

#### Long Answer

4. Would you like to have Stuart as your teacher? Give three reasons why you would or would not.



Dr. Carey lends Stuart a car with the power of invisibility. If you had the power of invisibility, what would you do? Where would you go?

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## Chapter Summary Chapters 11 - 12

1. What are the titles of these chapters?

2. What happens in these chapters?

3. What is your favorite part of this section of the book?

4. What new words did you learn in Chapters 11 and 12?

5. Draw a picture of something you think represents Chapters 11 and 12.

## Dictionary Detective! Chapters 13 - 15

ruinous
Definition:
prominent
Definition:
confidential
Definition:
blunt
Definition:
muster
Definition:
swindled
Definition:

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## Vocabulary Study Chapters 13 - 15

#### Match Up

Match the words in the left column to their definitions in the right column.

ru	in	0	us	

- prominent •
- confidential
  - blunt •
  - muster •
  - swindled •

- cheated out of money or property
- private; secret
- ravaging; devastating
- important; well-known
- to gather together
- to speak in a direct manner

### Fill in the Blanks

Complete each sentence by filling in the blanks with the provided vocabulary.

blunt	confidential	muster	prominent	ruinous	swindled
1. "This is		! Do not t	ell anyone!" Jaco	b told his siste	er.
2. The storeowr	ner was		out of hundr	eds of dollars	by her employee.
3. The Feathers	are a		family in the to	own of Feathe	rton.
4. Due to a stor into a friend at	machache, a quicl the pharmacy.	k smile was a	ll I could		when I ran
	er in the role," the				
6. The weather	proved		to the couple	e's outdoor we	edding plans.
A Little	are: pretty, sn	nelly, green a	t describes a nou <i>nd small</i> . Skim Cł n the lines below	napter 13 to 1	nples of adjectives 5 for adjectives

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## Understanding the Story Chapters 13 - 15

#### **Multiple Choice**

1. What do Stuart and Harriet Ames have in common?

(a) They both love birds.

(b) They are both mice.

(c) They are both small.

(d) They both have red hair.

2. What ruins Stuart's date with Harriet?

- (a) A pair of mean boys won't leave them alone.
- (b) Stuart's canoe is too damaged to use.
- (c) Harriet becomes ill and goes home early.

(d) A thunderstorm forces Stuart to cancel the date.

#### **Short Answer**

3. Realistic fiction is a kind of story which is not true but *could* be. Is *Stuart Little* realistic fiction? In other words, could this story happen in real life? Why or why not? Remember to give examples from the story.

#### Long Answer

4. The ending of the story leaves the reader with many questions. Will Stuart find Margalo? Will he find his fortune? Will he ever return home? What do you predict will happen to Stuart after the end of the book?

A Little Base Extra!

Based on your predictions above, write a Chapter 16 for the story *Stuart Little* on the other side of this paper.

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## Chapter Summary Chapters 13 - 15

1. What are the titles of these chapters?

2. What happens in these chapters?

3. What is your favorite part of this section of the book?

4. What new words did you learn in Chapters 13 to 15?

5. Draw a picture of something you think represents Chapters 13 to 15.

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## **Time for a Test!** *Stuart Little*

#### <u> Part A – Multiple Choice</u>

1.What does Mrs. Little do for Stuart every morning before he dresses?

(a) Reads him a story.(b) Fluffs his pillows.(c) Gives him a platter of cheese.(d) Weighs him.

4. Why do the Littles think that Stuart is in the mousehole in Chapter 5?

(a) The Littles can hear
Stuart calling for help.
(b) Stuart's hat and cane
were found by the hole.
(c) Stuart told George
he wished to explore it.
(d) Snowbell keeps clawing
at the mousehole entrance.

7. Which subject(s) does Stuart decide to skip while teaching the scholars?

- (a) Writing.(b) Social studies.(c) Arithmetic.
- (d) All of the above.

2. Why do the Littles reword the poem '*Twas the Night Before Christmas*?

(a) They are bored with nothing else to do.(b) To protect Stuart from embarrassment.(c) To make the poem funnier.(d) The original poem is too long.

5. Who saves Stuart from the garbage scow in Chapter 9?

(a) Margalo.(b) Mrs. Little.(c) Dr. Carey.(d) Snowbell.

3. How does Stuart turn the faucet in the morning?

(a) He pounds it with a hammer.(b) He bites down on it with his teeth.(c) He ties a string to it and pulls.(d) He pokes it with his toothbrush.

6. How does Stuart smash up Dr. Carey's model car?

(a) He drives it off a high table.(b) He drops a book on it.(c) He drives it into the lake.(d) He accidently presses the 'invisible' button.

8. What is the name of the town where Stuart meets Harriet?

(a) Ames' Acres.(b) Ames' Town.(c) Ames' Crossing.(d) Ames' Place

9. In which direction does Stuart go at the end of the story?

(a) North.(b) South.(c) East.(d) West.

## Time for a Test! Stuart Little

#### Part B – Short Answer

1. How would you describe Stuart to someone who has not read the story?

2. The setting is where and when a story takes place. Describe the setting of the story *Stuart Little*.

3. Stuart goes on many adventures in the story. Which of his adventures is your favorite and why?

#### Part C – Long Answer

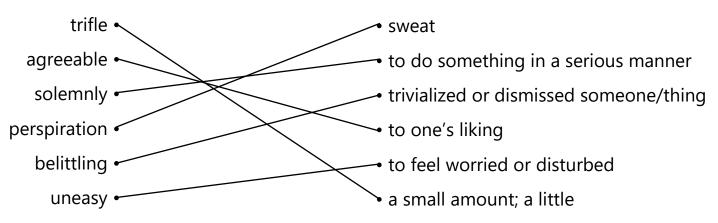
1. Stuart is a small mouse living in a big world. How does Stuart's size help him? How does his size make things difficult for him?

2. Describe the ending of the story *Stuart Little*.

## Vocabulary Study - Answer Key Chapters 1 - 2

#### Match Up

Match the words in the left column to their definitions in the right column.



#### Fill in the Blanks

Complete each sentence by filling in the blanks with the provided vocabulary.

agreeable	belittling	perspiration	solemnly	trifle	uneasy	
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1. Lin *solemnly* placed her favorite dress in the trash after spilling paint on it.

- 2. Stop *belittling* me! I can ride a bike as well as you can!" Sara exclaimed.
- 3. "This park is such an *agreeable* place to spend a Sunday. It is so beautiful!"
- 4. It was so hot that *perspiration* began to soak through his shirt.
- 5. Even though Leo forgave his sister for breaking his toy, he was still a *trifle* angry with her.
- 6. The cat felt *uneasy* when she saw the dog walking towards her.



In your opinion, what is the most interesting word from the first two chapters? Why do you think it is interesting?

Answers will vary.

## Understanding the Story - Answer Key Chapters 1 - 2

#### **Multiple Choice**

1. How does George feel when his fishhook idea does not work?

(a) Confused.

(b) **Annoyed.** 

(c) Happy.

(d) Tired.

2. How does Mr. Little feel about the mousehole?

(a) Curious.

(b) Horrified.

(c) **Worried.** 

(d) Relaxed.

#### Short Answer

3. The main character of the book *Stuart Little* is a mouse named Stuart. What do we learn about Stuart in Chapters 1 and 2?

Example - In Chapters 1 and 2, we learn that Stuart is part of the Little family, but looks like a mouse. We also learn that Stuart lives in New York City, has two parents and an older brother named George.

#### Long Answer

4. Mrs. Little thinks Stuart is very brave for going down the drain to get her ring. Have you ever done something brave for someone else? Describe your experience below.

#### Answers will vary.



Stuart and his family live in New York City, U.S.A. New York's nickname is the Big Apple. Why do you think it is called this? Write your guess below and then share it with your classmates!

Answers will vary.

## Vocabulary Study - Answer Key Chapters 3 - 4

#### Which Word?

On the provided lines, write the matching vocabulary word for each definition.

abdominal	friar	abbey	blacksmith	shrill	custom
1. Someone who works iron using tools and heat.					th
2. Sound that is high-pitched and loud.				shrill	
3. A religious building where monks or nuns live.			abbey		
4. In, on or for the stomach.			abdomin	al	
5. The regular way of	doing som	ething; a hab	oit.	custom	
6. A member of the Ro	oman Cath	olic Church.		friar	

#### Making Sentences - Answers will vary.

Make a sentence for each word below.

1. Abbey:
2. Abdominal:
3. Blacksmith:
4. Custom:
5. Friar:
6. Shrill:



Stuart is a small mouse living in a big world. To show this, the author describes the size of things repeatedly throughout the story. Can you find at least five words which describe *size* in Chapters 3 and 4?

Answers will vary.

# Understanding the Story - Answer Key Chapters 3 - 4

### **Multiple Choice**

1. What is Snowbell thinking about when Stuart enters the room in Chapter 4?

2. Which of the following circus performers does Stuart act like in Chapter 4?

- (a) The days when he was a kitten.
- (a) A clown.

- (b) His next dinner.
- (c) Chasing mice.
- (d) The sunny spot by the window.

(a) A clown.

- (b) **An acrobat.**
- (c) A lion tamer.
- (d) A ring leader.

#### Short Answer

3. How does Stuart try to prove to Snowbell that his stomach muscles are strong? What happens as a result?

Example - Stuart tries to prove that his stomach muscles are strong by imitating an acrobat on the ring of the window shade. Unfortunately for Stuart, the window shade snaps up to the top of the window, rolling Stuart up inside it.

#### Long Answer

4. Based on Chapter 4, what kind of relationship do you think Stuart and Snowbell have? (Use examples from the story to illustrate your answer).

Example - Stuart and Snowbell do not like each other very much. They are competitive with one another and Snowbell in particular is not very nice to Stuart. This is illustrated when Snowbell does not help Stuart out of the window shade and instead makes it seem that Stuart has gone down the mousehole.

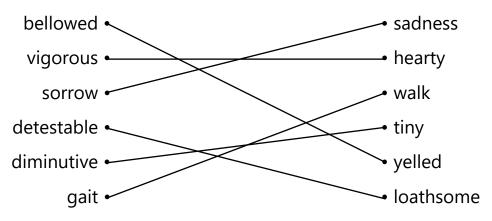


Imagine you are a mouse living with a human family. What do you think would be the hardest thing about being so small?

# Vocabulary Study - Answer Key Chapters 5 - 6

## Match Up

A synonym is a word that means the same as another word. For example, happy and joyful are synonyms. Match the vocabulary words with their synonyms!



### **Best Word**

Circle the word which works best in each sentence.

1. The boys tired themselves out during their ( *vigorous* / gait ) game of football.

2. Mrs. Kim (sorrow / *bellowed* ) at Lane when he stuck gum in Izzy's hair.

3. Despite the rat's ( bellowed / *diminutive* ) size, the boy was still scared of it.

4. The young girl's energetic ( detestable / **gait** ) on the first day back to school showed how excited she was.

5. "I feel deep (vigorous / **sorrow**) for those who lost their home in the storm," said the mayor.

6. "Anyone who litters is ( *detestable* / diminutive )! How hard is it to put their garbage in a trash can?" Lily exclaimed.



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# Understanding the Story - Answer Key Chapters 5 - 6

### **Multiple Choice**

1. How does the Bureau of Missing Persons react when Mr. Little reports Stuart missing?

(a) Confused.

- (b) **Disgusted.**
- (c) Happy.
- (d) Relieved.

2. How does Stuart feel as he sets sail?

- (a) Happy and proud.
- (b) Tired and cranky.
- (c) Angry and bitter.
- (d) Scared and lost.

#### Short Answer

3. George is concerned for his brother and tries his best to find him. What are some ideas that George comes up with to find Stuart?

Example - When Stuart is missing, George comes up with many ideas to find him, including ripping up the pantry door, lowering food to Stuart through the hole and checking other places in the house for mouseholes.

#### Long Answer

4. At the end of the chapter, Stuart and the *Wasp* are about to race another sailboat. What do you think will happen next? Write your prediction below!

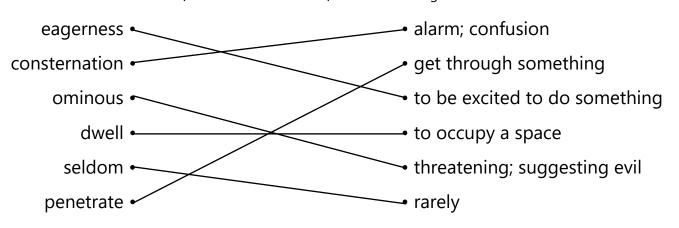
#### Answers will vary.



The name of the boat which Stuart hopes to race is called the *Lillian B. Womrath.* Create a character which the boat is named after. Who is Lillian? What does she look like? Does Stuart like her? Why or why not?Turn to your Character Chart and draw and write a description of the character Lillian from your imagination. Share your creation with your classmates! *Answers will vary.* 

# Vocabulary Study - Answer Key Chapters 7 - 8

**Match Up** Match the words in the left column with their definitions in the right column.



### Fill in the Blanks

Complete each sentence by filling in the blanks with the provided vocabulary.

consternation dwell eagerness ominous penetrate seldom

1. Tom's *eagerness* to play sports again after breaking his arm was obvious when his mom found him sleeping with his baseball glove.

2. The storm clouds gathered in the sky, creating a very *ominous* scene.

3. I **seldom** eat out, but when I do I go to the fanciest restaurants.

- 4. When Mia found gum in her hair, she could not hide the look of *consternation* on her face.
- 5. The bears *dwell* in a small cave by the river.
- 6. The builder used a hammer to *penetrate* the inner wall.



Chapter 7 is full of action! Reread the chapter and record six verbs (action words) used to describe the sailboat race.

# Understanding the Story - Answer Key Chapters 7 - 8

### Multiple Choice

1. Who owns the Wasp?

#### (a) Dr. Paul Carey, a surgeon-dentist.

- (b) Emily Harden, a housewife.
- (c) Luther P. Jenkins, a fighter pilot.
- (d) Dr. Rita Pitrello, a veterinarian.

2. How does Stuart catch a cold in Chapter 8?

- (a) He is sneezed on by a sickly little boy.
- (b) He eats ice cream on a cold day.
- (c) He becomes trapped in the refrigerator.
- (d) He goes outside without his mittens and hat.

#### **Short Answer**

3. How does Stuart stop Snowbell from pouncing on Margalo in Chapter 8?

Example - Stuart stops Snowbell from pouncing on Margalo in Chapter 8 by shooting an arrow through Snowbell's ear.

#### Long Answer

4. Write a short summary of the sailboat race. (Use at least one quotation from the story to describe Stuart's adventure).

#### Answers will vary.



Have you ever been sailing? Write about your experience below. If you have never been sailing, would you like to go? Why or why not?

# Vocabulary Study - Answer Key Chapters 9 - 10

### Which Word?

On the provided lines, write the matching vocabulary word for each definition.

gingerly	modestly	perish	offhand	obliged	unlawful
1. To be in debt to	o another.			obliged	
2. To die. <b>perish</b>					
3. Said or done without much thought.				offhand	
4. Carefully and ca	autiously.			gingerly	
5. Against the law				unlawful	
6. To act or speak humbly.				modestly	

### Making Sentences - Answers will vary.

Make a sentence for each word below.

1. Gingerly:
2. Modestly:
3. Obliged:
4. Offhand:
5. Perish:
5. Unlawful:



A noun is a person, place or thing. Some examples of nouns are: *mouse*, *New York City* and *teacher*. Can you find at least five nouns in Chapters 9 - 10? Write them below!

## Understanding the Story - Answer Key Chapters 9 - 10

### **Multiple Choice**

1. Why does Stuart drop his ice skates into the ocean?

- (a) Stuart drops the skates accidently.
- (b) The skates catch fire.
- (c) Stuart tries to distract a shark.

(d) **To make it easier for Margalo to carry him.** 

2. Where does the Angora cat live?

(a) In a tool house in a small park.

- (b) In the Littles' garage.
- (c) In a dumpster behind a local coffee shop.
- (d) In an animal shelter two streets over.

#### Short Answer

3. How does Margalo save the day in Chapter 9?

Example - After Margalo sees Stuart being dumped into a garbage truck, she follows the truck out to the garbage scow. Once there, she locates Stuart and flies ashore with him hanging onto her feet.

#### Long Answer

4. What does the pigeon overhear the cats talking about? What does she do about what she hears?

Example - The pigeon overhears Snowbell telling the Angora cat how and when to reach Margalo so that the Angora might eat her. The pigeon leaves a note warning Margalo of the Angora cat's plan.

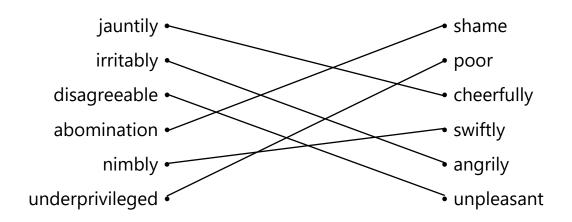
If you could fly like Margalo, where would you fly to and why?

A Little Answers will vary. Extra!

# Vocabulary Study - Answer Key Chapters 11 - 12

### Match Up

Match the vocabulary words with their synonyms!



### **Best Word**

Circle the word which works best in each sentence.

- 1. Mrs. Gail donated half of her fortune to a charity for ( *underprivileged* / nimbly ) youths.
- 2. "Good morning, all!" Mr. Tibbons said to his neighbors (irritably / *jauntily*).
- 3. "What an (disagreeable / *abomination*)! We should've won that game!" the coach exclaimed.
- 4. The hot weather and bumpy road made for a very (underprivileged / *disagreeable*) car ride.
- 5. Marta ( *irritably* / abomination ) answered the phone when it rang in the middle of the night.
- 6. The red squirrel (jauntily / *nimbly*) climbed the tree in just a few seconds.



A simile is a figure of speech that uses the words 'like' or 'as' to compare two things. For example, "You are as bright as the sun". Find a simile from Chapter 12 and write it below!

# Understanding the Story - Answer Key Chapters 11 - 12

### **Multiple Choice**

1. Why does Stuart run away from home?

- (a) He is tired of living with humans.
- (b) To seek his fortune and find Margalo.
- (c) To go on an adventure around the world.
- (d) To avoid Snowbell and his Angora friend.

2. What does Stuart do for the superintendent of schools in Chapter 12?

(a) He films a commercial for the school board.

(b) He scares away a family of mice who are living in the nearby school.

(c) He reads to underprivileged students.

(d) He teaches a class for a day.

#### Short Answer

3. What are the rules that Stuart would accept if he were Chairman of the World?

Example - Two rules that Stuart would accept if he were Chairman of the World are: 1) No being mean and 2) No stealing.

#### Long Answer

4. Would you like to have Stuart as your teacher? Give three reasons why you would or would not.

#### Answers will vary.

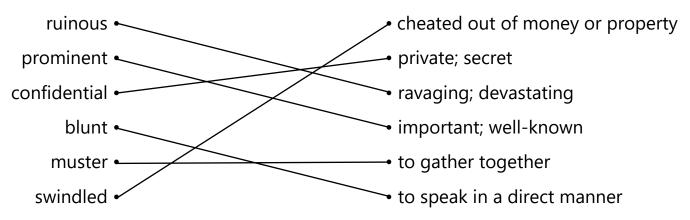


Dr. Carey lends Stuart a car with the power of invisibility. If you had the power of invisibility, what would you do? Where would you go?

# Vocabulary Study - Answer Key Chapters 13 - 15

### Match Up

Match the words in the left column to their definitions in the right column.



### Fill in the Blanks

Complete each sentence by filling in the blanks with the provided vocabulary.

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1. "This is *confidential*! Do not tell anyone!" Jacob told his sister.

2. The storeowner was *swindled* out of hundreds of dollars by her employee.

3. The Feathers are a *prominent* family in the town of Featherton.

4. Due to a stomachache, a quick smile was all I could *muster* when I ran into a friend at the pharmacy.

5. "I'll be **blunt**. I've chosen Annabelle to be the lead in the school play. She is just better in the role," the drama teacher explained to another student.

6. The weather proved *ruinous* to the couple's outdoor wedding plans.



An adjective is a word that describes a noun. Some examples of adjectives are: *pretty, smelly, green and small*. Skim Chapter 13 to 15 for adjectives and write what you find on the lines below!

# **Understanding the Story - Answer Key** Chapters 13 - 15

### **Multiple Choice**

1. What do Stuart and Harriet Ames have in common? 2. What ruins Stuart's date with Harriet?

- (a) They both love birds.
- (b) They are both mice.
- (c) They are both small.
- (d) They both have red hair.

- (a) A pair of mean boys won't leave them alone.
- (b) Stuart's canoe is too damaged to use.
- (c) Harriet becomes ill and goes home early.

(d) A thunderstorm forces Stuart to cancel the date.

#### Short Answer

3. Realistic fiction is a kind of story which is not true but *could* be. Is *Stuart Little* realistic fiction? In other words, could this story happen in real life? Why or why not? Remember to give examples from the story.

Example - Stuart Little is not an example of realistic fiction. There are many elements of the story which could never happen or exist, including a mouse that can communicate with humans, an invisible car and a girl smaller than a mouse.

#### Long Answer

4. The ending of the story leaves the reader with many questions. Will Stuart find Margalo? Will he find his fortune? Will he ever return home? What do you predict will happen to Stuart after the end of the book?

#### Answers will vary.



A Little Based on your predictions above, write a Ch Stuart Little on the other side of this paper. Answers will vary. Based on your predictions above, write a Chapter 16 for the story

# **Time for a Test!** - Answer Key Stuart Little

#### <u> Part A – Multiple Choice</u>

1.What does Mrs. Little do for Stuart every morning before he dresses?

(a) Reads him a story.
(b) Fluffs his pillows.
(c) Gives him a platter of cheese.
(d) *Weighs him*.

4. Why do the Littles think that Stuart is in the mousehole in Chapter 5?

(a) The Littles can hear
Stuart calling for help.
(b) Stuart's hat and cane
were found by the hole.
(c) Stuart told George
he wished to explore it.

(d) Snowbell keeps clawing at the mousehole entrance.

7. Which subject(s) does Stuart decide to skip while teaching the scholars?

(a) Writing.

- (b) Social studies.
- (c) Arithmetic.
- (d) All of the above.

2. Why do the Littles reword the poem '*Twas* the Night Before Christmas?

(a) They are bored with nothing else to do.
(b) *To protect Stuart from embarrassment.*(c) To make the poem funnier.
(d) The original poem

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5. Who saves Stuart from the garbage scow in Chapter 9?

(a) *Margalo.*(b) Mrs. Little.(c) Dr. Carey.(d) Snowbell.

is too long.

3. How does Stuart turn the faucet in the morning?

# (a) *He pounds it with a hammer*.

(b) He bites down on it with his teeth.(c) He ties a string to it and pulls.(d) He pokes it with his toothbrush.

6. How does Stuart smash up Dr. Carey's model car?

(a) He drives it off a high table.
(b) He drops a book on it.
(c) He drives it into the lake.
(d) *He accidently presses the 'invisible' button.*

8. What is the name of the town where Stuart meets Harriet?

(a) Ames' Acres.
(b) Ames' Town.
(c) *Ames' Crossing.*(d) Ames' Place

9. In which direction does Stuart go at the end of the story?

(a) *North.*(b) South.
(c) East.
(d) West.

# **Time for a Test!** - Answer Key *Stuart Little*

#### Part B – Short Answer

1. How would you describe Stuart to someone who has not read the story?

Example - Stuart is a kind and loyal mouse with a curious nature and sense of adventure. He is not afraid to try or do new things, despite his small size. He is brave and will do anything he can to help those he loves.

2. The setting is where and when a story takes place. Describe the setting of the story *Stuart Little*.

Example - The story Stuart Little opens in New York City, where Stuart lives with his family. Later in the story, Stuart leaves New York City and visits other places in America, including a town called Ames' Crossing.

3. Stuart goes on many adventures in the story. Which of his adventures is your favorite and why?

Answers will vary.

#### Part C – Long Answer

1. Stuart is a small mouse living in a big world. How does Stuart's size help him? How does his size make things difficult for him?

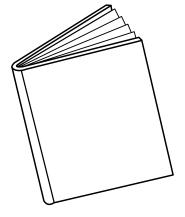
Example - There are many examples throughout the story of how Stuart is able to use his size to help his situation. One example is when he retrieves his mother's ring from the drain. There are also many examples of times when his size is a hindrance. One example is when he is taken out to the garbage scow because he is dumped into a garbage truck accidentally.

2. Describe the ending of the story *Stuart Little*.

Example - The ending of Stuart Little is open-ended. In the last chapter, Stuart talks a bit with a repairman who agrees with Stuart that north is a good direction to go in. The story ends with Stuart heading north and believing that he is headed in the right direction.

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# **Before Reading**



Title of Book:

Author of Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you read anything by this author before? If so, what was it?

Look at the front cover. What hints do you think it gives about the story?

Read the back cover. What do you learn about the story from the back cover?

Based on the front and back covers, do you want to read this book? Why or why not?

Name:\_

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# Who was E. B. White?

Use the internet and other resources to research the author of Stuart Little, E. B. White.

## **Before Researching**

1. What do you already know about E. B. White?

2. What do you want to find out about E. B. White?

### After Researching

3. What have you learned from your research?

4. Where did you get your information?

Name:

# **My Character Chart** Draw a picture and record important information about each important character as you read the text.

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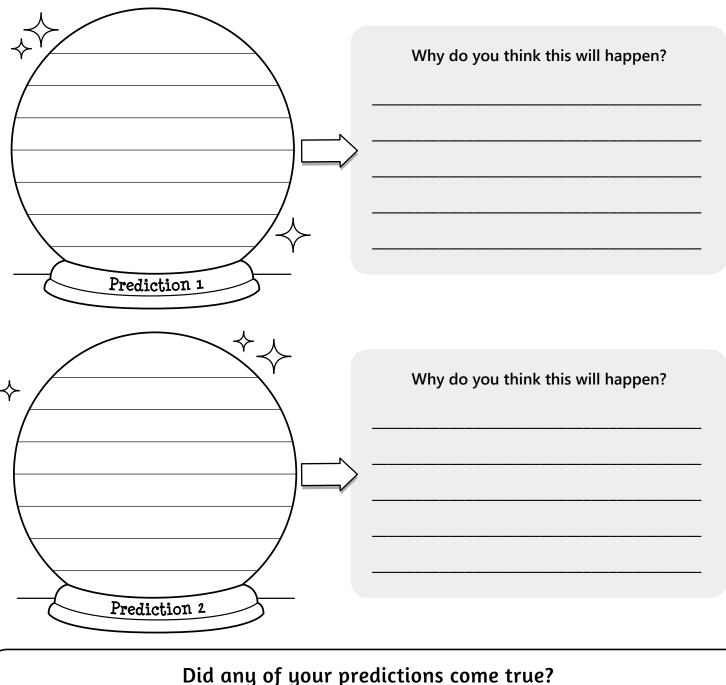
# My Character Chart (Cont'd)

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# **Making Predictions**

Can you predict the future? What do you think will happen next in the story? Write down two predictions inside the crystal balls. Revisit this page later to answer the last question.



What ended up happening in the story?

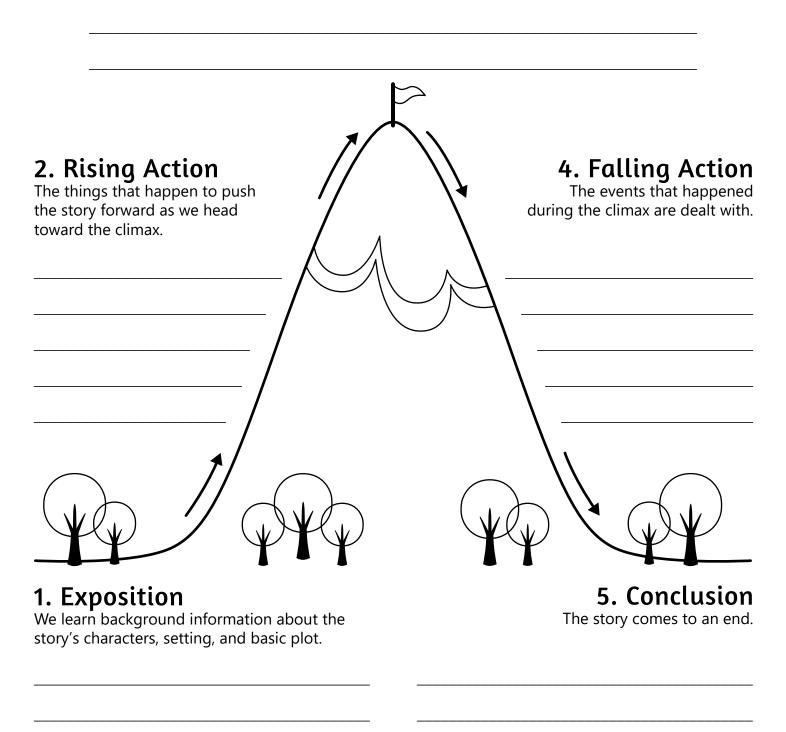
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# **Plot Mountain**

A story's plot is made up of five parts: exposition, rising action, climax, falling action and conclusion. After you've finished reading *Stuart Little*, fill in the spaces below.

### 3. Climax

The most exciting and emotional part of the story.

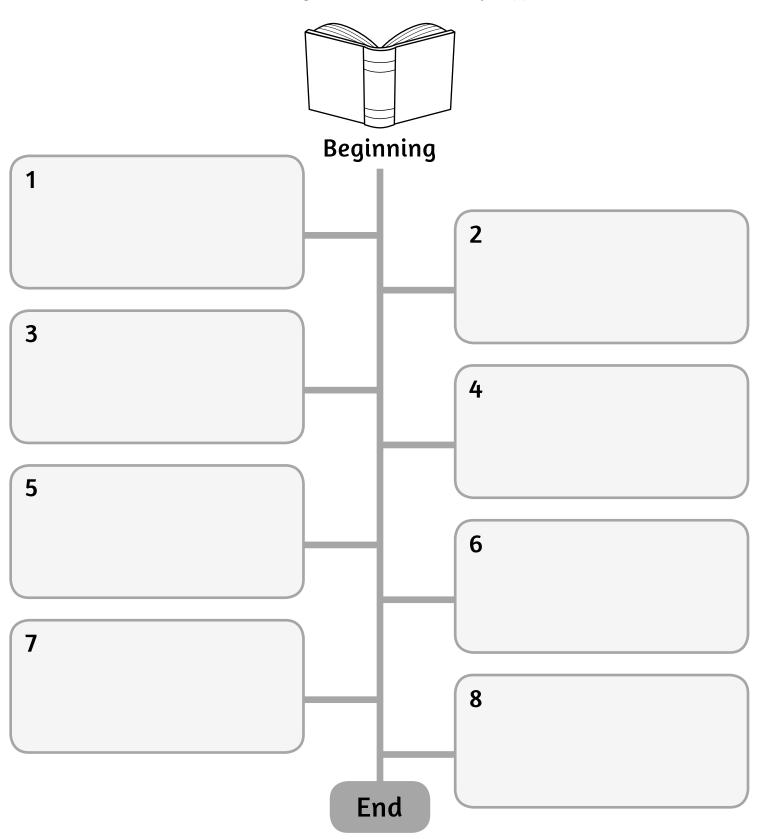


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# **Story Timeline**

Fill in the plot timeline by deciding on the most important plot points of *Stuart Little* and recording them in the order they happen.



# What is Conflict?

Conflict refers to the problems and challenges that make stories interesting and move plots along. Conflict is an important part of any story. Below are some of the different conflict types you may encounter as you read.

### Man Versus Man

Two or more characters struggle against each other.

### **Man Versus Society**

A character struggles against a part of society such as a company, religion, school, etc.

### Man Versus Nature

A character struggles against a force of nature such as the weather or an animal.

### Man Versus Self

A character struggles to overcome his or her own weaknesses.

Look for some examples of conflict in *Stuart Little* and add them to the chart below.

Example of Conflict	Type of Conflict

Name:\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

# **Story Setting**

The setting is the time and/or place in which a story happens.

1. Describe the setting of Stuart Little. When and where does it take place?

2. Draw a picture of a setting described in the story.

3. Explain what you have drawn above.

Name:\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

# What is a Theme?

The theme a central topic or idea of a story. A story can have one or more themes. Some examples of themes are acceptance, cooperation, bravery and determination. What do you think one theme of *Stuart Little* is?

### One theme of Stuart Little is...

Find three examples from the book that supports this as one of the themes.

2.

1.\_\_\_\_\_

3.

Name:

# **Problem Solving**

An important part of any story is the problem which the main character faces. Write down the main problem faced in *Stuart Little* below, then brainstorm some possible solutions to the problem.

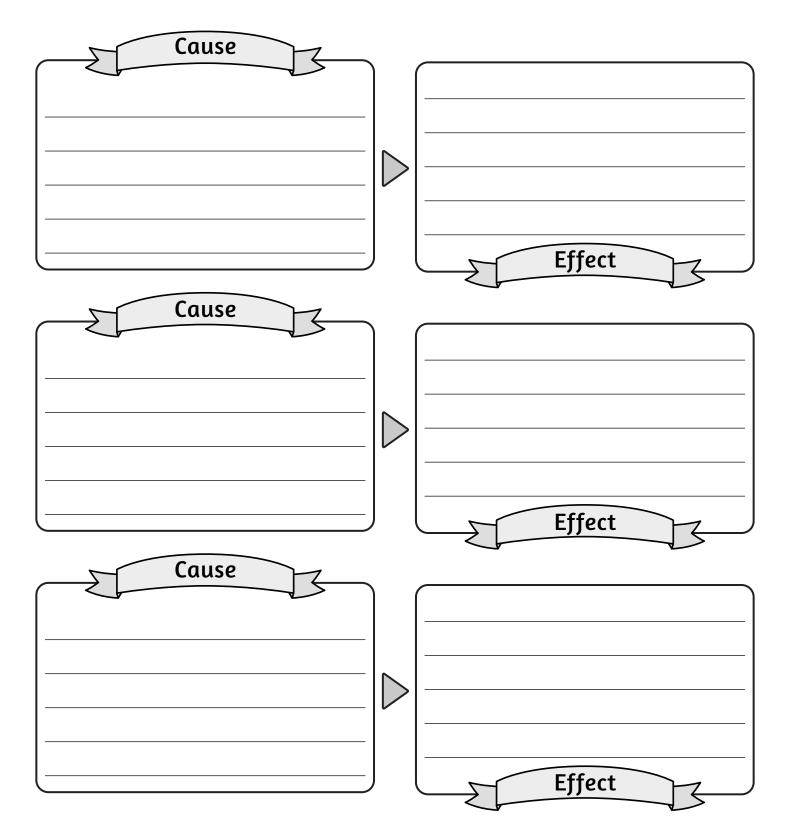
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# **Cause and Effect**

An action or development in a story is the 'cause'. The result of the action or development is the 'effect'. Find some examples of cause and effect in *Stuart Little* and record them below.



Name:\_

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# **Character Types**

In fictional stories, there are many different types of characters that play different roles. Read about different character types below, and decide which character from *Stuart Little* fits each character type. (Some characters may fit more than one character type).

### Major Characters

Major characters play a big part in the story. They influence the plot and take part in solving the main problem of the story.

Example(s) from the book:

#### The Protagonist

The protagonist is the main character of the story. Stories are often told from their point of view.

#### Example(s) from the book:

#### **Dynamic Characters**

Dynamic characters change through the story, usually because they overcome a challenge which makes them grow as a person.

Example(s) from the book:

#### **Round Characters**

Round characters have complicated personalities and more than one character trait.

#### Example(s) from the book:

#### Minor Characters

Minor characters pop up to help (or hurt) the story's major characters.

Example(s) from the book:

#### The Antagonist

The antagonist is the character (or characters) who causes problems for the protagonist.

Example(s) from the book:

#### **Static Characters**

Static characters do not change. Their personalities and attitudes are the same at the end of the story as they were at the beginning.

#### Example(s) from the book:

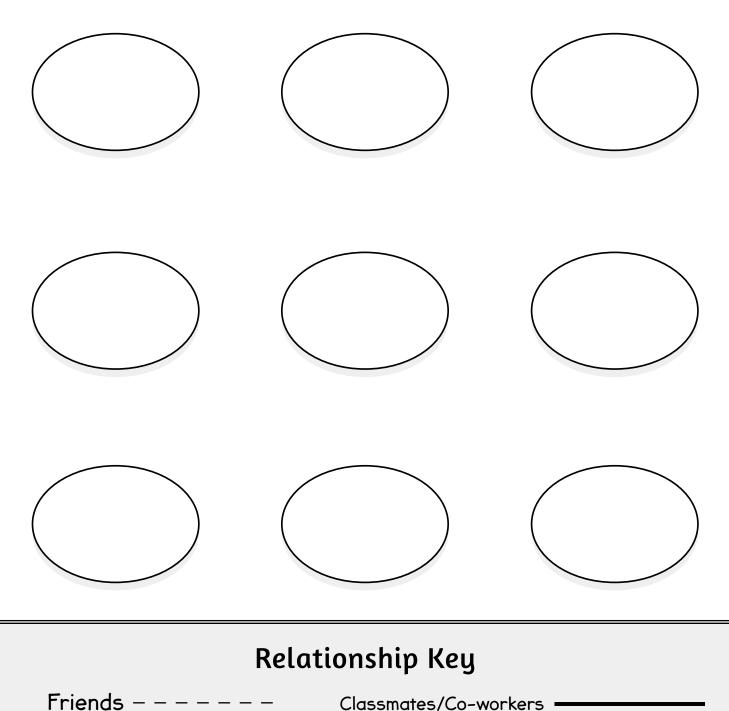
#### **Flat Characters**

Flat characters don't have complicated personalities. Readers know them by only one character trait.

#### Example(s) from the book:

# **Character Map**

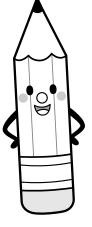
Write a different character name in each bubble below. Then, draw different styles of lines in different colors (as shown in the Relationship Key) to show the relationships between each character.



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# **Facts and Opinions**

#### A fact is something that is proven to be true.

An example of a fact is, "The month after July is August".

#### An opinion is a feeling or belief about something.

An example of an opinion is, "July is the best month of the year!"

In the spaces below, record four facts and four opinions about Stuart Little.

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# **Persuasive Writing**

To be *persuasive* is to be good at convincing people to think a certain way.

Write a persuasive passage in which you try to convince your readers that they should either read or not read *Stuart Little*. Make sure to include reasons for why you think the story is good or bad using examples from the text. For example, if you tell your readers that the story is funny, tell them about something funny that happens in the book.

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# **Quotation Quest**

Skim the novel and write down three favorite quotations, or quotations you think are important to the story.

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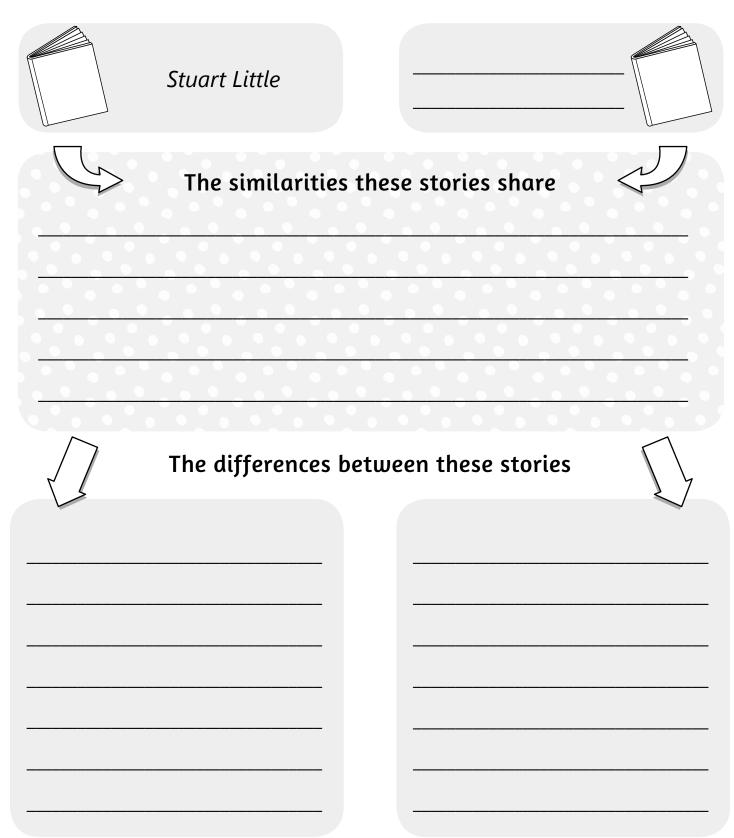
# **Character Comparison**

Choose two characters from *Stuart Little* and compare them to each other. What are their similarities and what are their differences?

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# **Story Comparison**

Compare *Stuart Little* to another story you have read. What are their similarities and what are their differences?

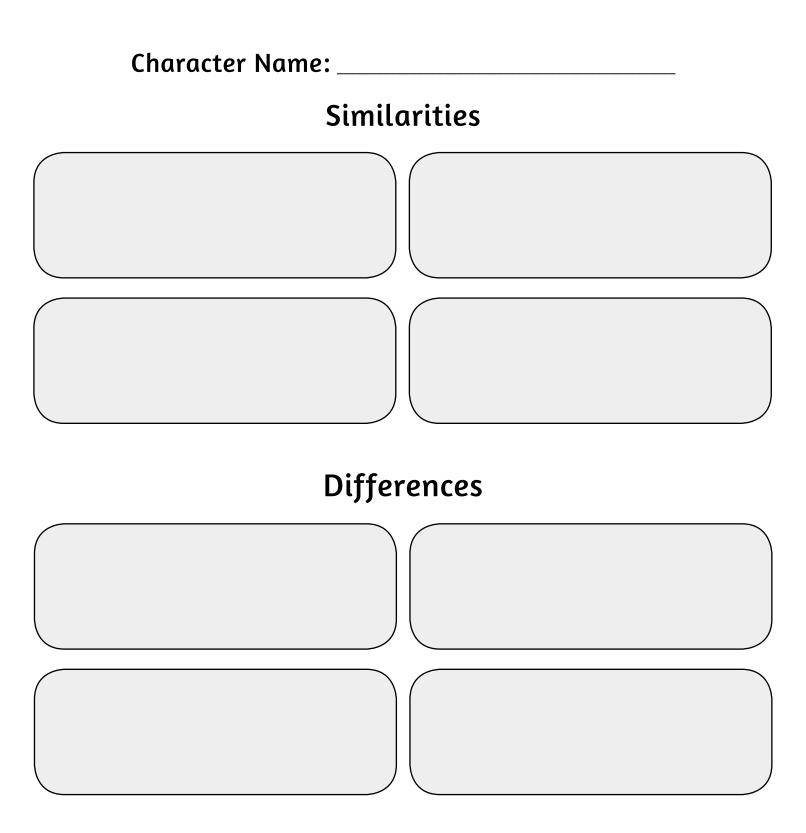


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# **My Life - Making Connections**

In the spaces below, make comparisons between your life and the life of a character of your choosing from *Stuart Little*.



Name:\_\_

# **Reading Log** Record information about the books you read on this chart.

Comments				
# of Pages				
Author				
Book Title				

#### **Common Core State Standards**

This novel study is aligned to the Common Core State Standards (U.S.)

Grade 3

RL3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

RL3.3 Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.

RL3.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language.

RL3.5 Refer to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking about a text, using terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections.

RL3.6 Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters.

L3.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

L3.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning word and phrases based on grade 3 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

L3.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meanings.

Grade 4

RL4.1 Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

RL4.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.

RL4.3 Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions).

RL4.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., Herculean).

L4.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

L4.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

Grade 5

RL5.1 Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

RL5.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text. RL5.3 Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact).

RL5.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes.

L5.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 5 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

L5.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

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