



## Thinking Guide and Activities - Occasion

Title of the Selection: The Ant and The Grasshopper retold by Amy Lowry Poole

Genre: Poetry

The Occasion Thinking Guide is provided. The Occasion Thinking Guide identifies the occasion, significant characters, and the outcome of the selection. In addition, the elements are color coded and used to develop a meaningful summary.

- ★ Occasion Thinking Guide
- ★ Color-Coded Occasion Thinking Guide and Summary

The Occasion Thinking Guide is used to develop other fun and interactive activities. Fisher Reyna Education offers the following activities:

- ★ Missing Summary-Part Activity
- ★ Matching Activity 1
- ★ Matching Activity 2
- ★ Thinking Guide Cloze 1st Letter Activity
- ★ Thinking Guide Cloze Blank Activity
- ★ Write Summary Elements Activity
- ★ Vocabulary – Using Context Clues



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Fiction, Literary Nonfiction, Poetry or Drama



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Outcome	After hard work on the ants' part, their winter survival is secure and the grasshopper, out in the cold, wishes he had prepared along with the ants.

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**Summary**

While the Grasshopper tries to encourage the ants to stop working, the Ants continue the work to secure their survival through winter and succeed.

**Missing Part Activity**  
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**Directions**

Choose one of the following Thinking Guides, and instruct students to write the missing summary element as they read the selection.

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**Matching Activity 1**  
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**Directions**

Identify the summary part by writing letters for summary element in the blank.

- OC** for Occasion
- SC** for Significant Characters
- OU** for Outcome

- \_\_\_\_\_ The Grasshopper and The Ants
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Grasshopper continuously tries to get the ants to stop working and enjoy the warm weather with him
- \_\_\_\_\_ After hard work on the ants' part, their winter survival is secure and the grasshopper, out in the cold, wishes he had prepared along with the ants.

## Matching Activity 2



### Directions

Cut apart and place the summary parts by the correct summary element in the Thinking Guide.



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The Grasshopper and The Ants

Occasion	
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**Occasion Thinking Guide**  
Cloze – 1<sup>st</sup> Letter Activity

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**Directions**

As selection is read, complete the words in the blanks with the first letter given.

Occasion What is the link? idea, setting, series of happenings, or situation	The Grasshopper continuously tries to get the ants to stop w_____ and enjoy the warm w_____ with him
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Cloze – Blank Activity

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As selection is read, fill in the blanks.

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**Occasion Thinking Guide**  
Write Summary Elements Activity

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**Directions**

Students take notes that include occasion, significant characters, and outcome. Implied summary elements increase the level of difficulty with this activity.

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## **Vocabulary – Using Context Clues**

Note: This vocabulary activity should be used after students have read the article.



Directions: Display the following vocabulary list. Ask the students to orally define the words they recognize. Then reread the selection as the students listen for these words. After hearing one of the listed words in context, ask students to give its definition. Discuss the context which helped define the unfamiliar words. The words are listed in the order in which they appear in the article.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.