



Thinking Guide and Activities - Occasion

Title of the Selection: The Astronaut and the Onion by Ann Cameron

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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Occasion Thinking Guide
Fiction, Literary Nonfiction, Poetry or Drama



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Significant Characters	A young girl named Gloria Jones and Dr. Grace Street, the astronaut
Outcome	Gloria and the astronaut talk about what it is like in space and what Gloria needs to do to be an astronaut herself. Then Gloria thinks about how the little onion led to the meeting.

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Summary

While playing with an onion at the supermarket, Gloria meets an astronaut named Dr. Grace Street. Gloria talks with her about what it is like in space and learns what she needs to do to be an astronaut. She also reflects on how the little onion led to the chance meeting.

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

- _____ A young girl named Gloria Jones and Dr. Grace Street, the astronaut
- _____ Playing with an onion at the supermarket, Gloria meets an astronaut

- _____ Gloria and the astronaut talk about what it is like in space and what Gloria needs to do to be an astronaut herself. Then Gloria thinks about how the little onion led to the meeting.

Matching Activity 2



Directions

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



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Occasion Thinking Guide
Cloze – 1st Letter Activity

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Directions

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

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Significant Characters	A young girl named G _____ Jones and Dr. Grace Street, the astronaut
Outcome	Gloria and the astronaut t _____ about what it is like in s _____ and what Gloria needs to do to be an astronaut herself. Then Gloria thinks about how the little onion led to the chance m _____.

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Cloze – Blank Activity

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As selection is read, fill in the blanks.

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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 support the meaning of the unfamiliar word. The words are listed in the order in which they appear in the article.

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