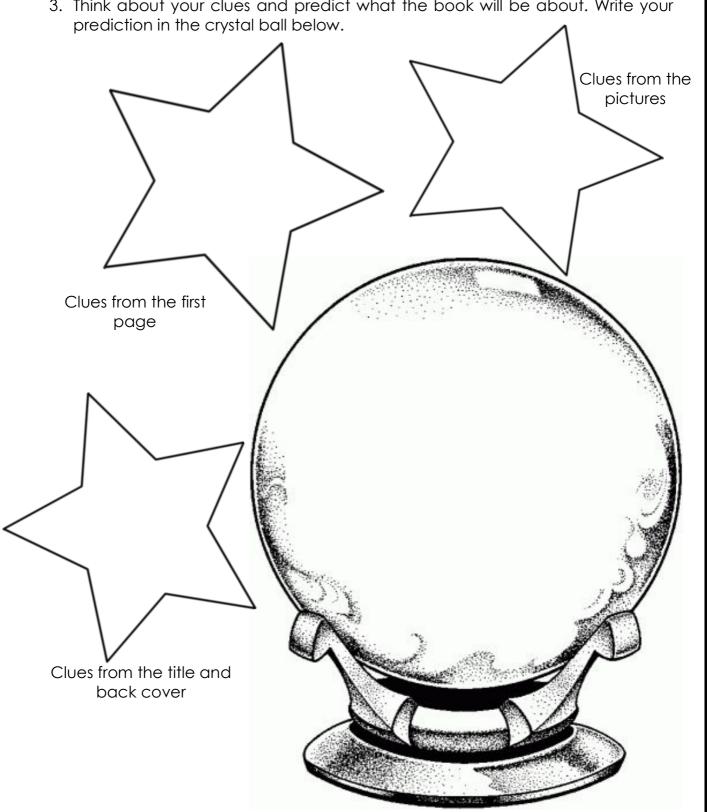


What's your prediction?

- 1. Read the title, back cover and first page of your book and look at the pictures.
- 2. Fill in the stars with clues to what the book will be about.

3. Think about your clues and predict what the book will be about. Write your





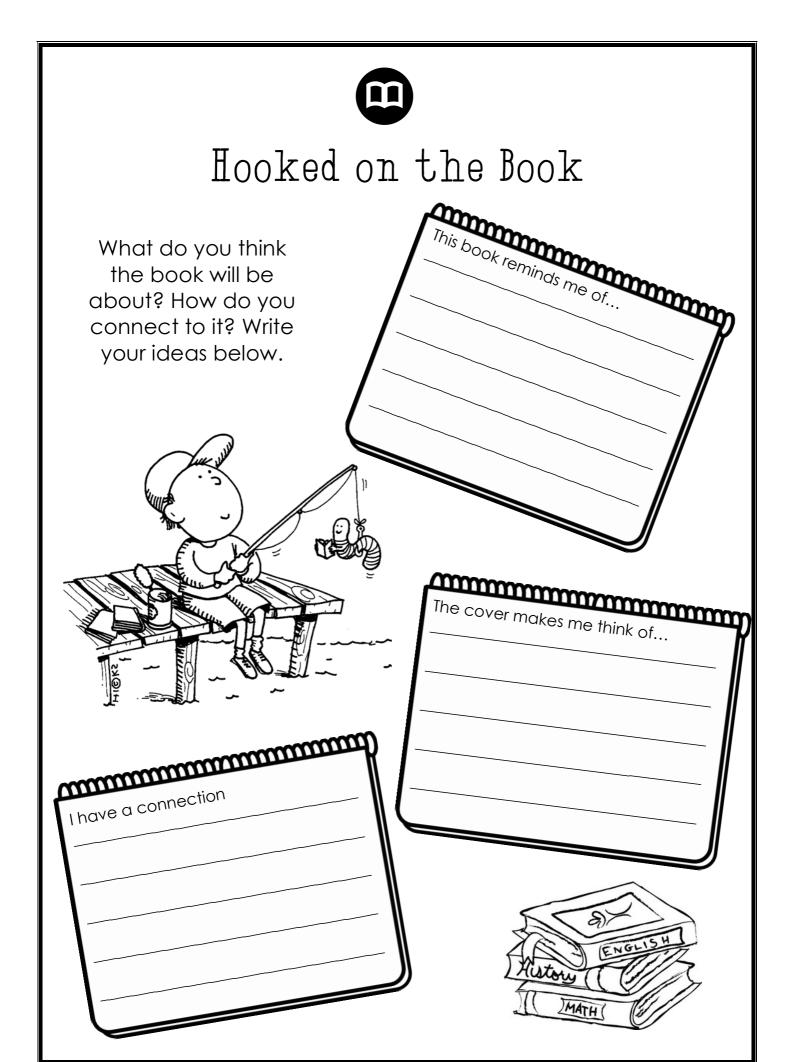


What a Character!



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Draw a picture of each of your characters and write their names in the blocks. Cut out each block around the outside. Fold along the inside line. Glue the small strip to the strip for the matching character on the page "What a Character!"	Character Covers								
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Where's the conflict?

Every good story has a main problem or conflict. This is what makes the story interesting. Usually the problem is introduced near the beginning of the story and the main character spends most of his or her time trying to solve the problem.

Problem

What was one important problem the character faced?

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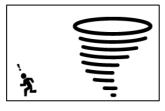
How was the problem solved?

Draw it:	Draw it:
Write it:	Write it:

There are four main types of conflict. Think about the story you are reading and circle the one that you think best describes the main character's problem.



Character against another character



Character against nature



Character against himself



Character against society or many people



What's the Big Idea?

In many books you read, you will find that there is a **theme** or lesson that runs through the book. Some books have more than one theme. Below are some common themes in stories.

Perseverance

These books have characters who never give up, even when things are very difficult.

Gratitude

These books have characters who learn that you should not take things for granted.

Teamwork

These books have characters who work together to achieve something they would not have achieved alone.

Believe in Yourself

These books have characters who display self-confidence and show pride in themselves.

Courage

These books have brave characters who have the strength to overcome fear and accept risk.

Loyalty

These books have characters who trust each other and never turn their backs on their friends or family.

Now think about the story you are reading.



Title Author

What is the theme?

What do the characters do to show this?

What is the message of the story? What do you learn?

