

Grade Two Summer Reading Packet

To be completed at home during Summer 2011 and submitted to
Grade 3 teacher by August 25, 2011

Stuart Little

From the Back Cover

He's one small mouse on one very big adventure...Stuart Little is no ordinary mouse. Born to a family of humans, he lives in New York City with his parents, his older brother George, and Snowbell the cat. Though he's shy and thoughtful, he's also a true lover of adventure. Stuart's greatest adventure comes when his best friend, a beautiful little bird named Margalo, disappears from her nest. Determined to track her down, Stuart ventures away from home for the very first time in his life. He finds adventure aplenty. But will he find his friend?

Name _____

Parent Signature _____

SUMMER READING ACTIVITIES

STUART LITTLE



Week 1 – (June 12th – 18th) Chapters 1 - 2

Vocabulary: manner, shinny, preferred, solemnly, inquired, trifle, annoyed, slimy, radiators, perspiration, session, emerge, references, belittling, louse, grouse, souse, pantry, venture

Vocabulary Activity

- Choose 5 words from the vocabulary list above
- Copy the sentences from the book in which the words were used
- Write a definition using your own words, and draw a picture or symbol which reminds you what the word means

Comprehension Questions - Stuart Little Chapters 1 - 2

1. What did Stuart look like?
 - a) cat
 - b) pig
 - c) boy
 - d) mouse
2. What did Mr. Little make Stuart's bed from?
 - a) plywood
 - b) dresser drawer
 - c) 4 clothespins and a cigarette box
 - d) cardboard box
3. Where did the Littles live?
 - a) Los Angeles
 - b) Dallas
 - c) Miami
 - d) New York City

4. How did Stuart help Mrs. Little when she lost her ring?

- a) went behind the couch
- b) went behind the dresser
- c) climbed down the drain to get it
- d) crawled under the bed

5. What was wrong with the piano?

- a) out of tune
- b) one key would stick
- c) creaked

6. How did Stuart help with the problem the piano had?

- a) Stuart climbed inside the piano and glued the loose boards back into place.
- b) Stuart helped tune the piano.
- c) Stuart climbed inside the piano and pushed the key up when it stuck.

Week 2 – (June 19th - 25th) Chapters 3 – 4

Vocabulary: pale, abdominal, friar, abbey, brace, awl, faucet, custom, gleaming, trapeze, sill, acrobats, fond, shrill

Vocabulary Activity

- Choose **two** words from the list as vocabulary words for the week
- Find the sentences from the book in which these words were used
- Write a sentence using the words the same way as they were used in the book

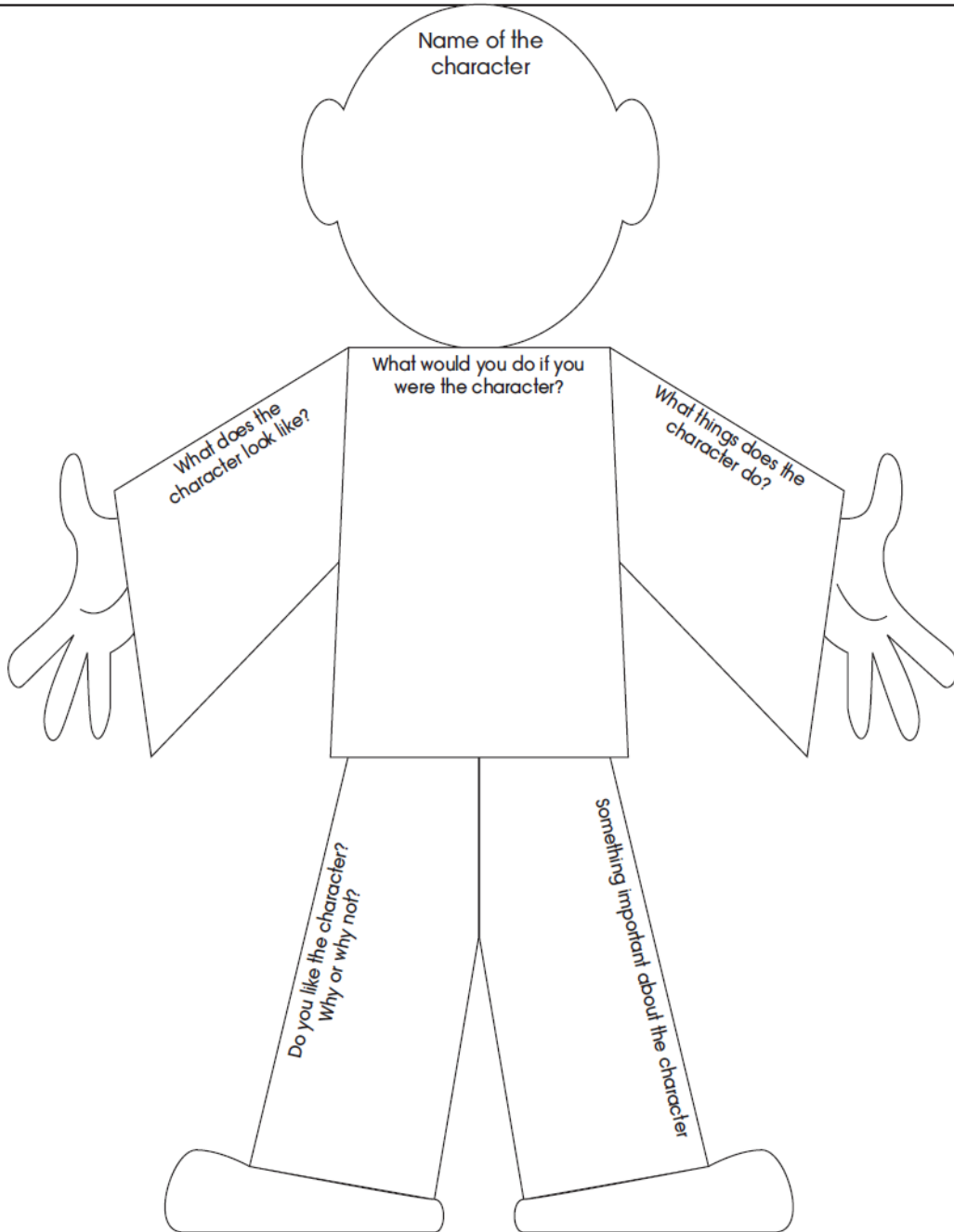
Comprehension Activity

Describe the character "Stuart Little" by answering questions in each section of the character map on the following page.

Name _____

Character Characteristics

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Week 3 – (June 26th – July 2nd) Chapters 5 - 6

Vocabulary: ice pick, vigorous, pry, wedged, bellowed, cramped, disgust, discarded, sorrow, exasperated, cope spyglass, sauntered, trousers, fare, conductor, muttered,

Vocabulary Activity

Pick the most important word in each chapter and explain why you chose it. Be sure to support your choice with examples.

Comprehension Activity

- Write an acrostic poem about the character Stuart Little.

Acrostics: Acrostics are poems that use the letters of a specific word to begin each line.

CAT

Causing Stuart headaches

Acting mean

Trouble always follows

- Draw a picture that illustrates your poem.

Week 4 – (July 3rd – July 9th) Chapters 7 - 8

Vocabulary: sulky, serge, fragments, consternation, barometer, ominous, looming, halyards, vessel, helm, penetrated, stumbled, prunes, nip, broth, bronchitis

Vocabulary Review Activity

DIRECTIONS: Match the word to the definition

belittling awl diminutive consternation



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|-------------------|---|
| ___ belittling | a. pointed tool for making holes |
| ___ awl | b. Extremely small in size; tiny |
| ___ diminutive | c. Amazement or horror that confounds the faculties, and incapacitates for reflection; terror, combined with amazement; dismay. |
| ___ consternation | d. To cause to seem less than another or little |

Comprehension Questions

DIRECTIONS: Circle the correct answer to each question.

1. How much did LeRoy offer to pay Stuart to drive his boat?
 - a) 50¢
 - b) 75¢
 - c) \$1.00
 - d) \$5.00

2. At the beginning of the race, what accident happened on the shore?
 - a) The policeman was pushed into the water.
 - b) A ship crashed onto the bank.
 - c) A small child fell on a boat and broke it in two.

3. What happened when the wave hit Stuart?
 - a) He got wet.
 - b) He fell overboard.
 - c) He held on to the wheel and steadied the ship.

4. What happened when the wave hit the Lillian B. Womrath?
 - a) sank to the bottom of the pond
 - b) capsized, but then uprighted
 - c) nothing

5. What got in Stuart's path?
 - a) branch
 - b) ball
 - c) paperbag
 - d) fish

Week 5 – (July 10th – July 16th) Chapters 9 – 10

Vocabulary: fast, grove, hoisted, pier, scow, modestly, gingerly, gloomily, inquired, delicatessen, permanent, rustling, admit, offhand, risk, chops, oblige

DIRECTIONS: Choose one word from the list. Complete the vocabulary word map on the following page.

Word Map

Name _____

Date _____

4

(synonym)

5

(antonym or "nonexample")

3

(the matching dictionary definition)

1

(Vocabulary Word)

Page Number _____

6

(other forms of the word)

2

(sentence or phrase from the text)

8

(my very own sentence)

7

(my association, example, or sketch)

Comprehension Activity - Write a Missing Person report to help Stuart find Margalo.

Your report should include the following information:

her name, type of animal, a description, where she comes from, what she likes to do, the time of year she disappeared, direction she headed, her special friends, any enemies she had. Draw a picture to go with your report.

Week 6 – (July 17th – July 23rd) Chapters 11 – 12

Vocabulary: coop, irritably, heartbroken, strand, slung, wads, gauze, pincers, fortune, miniature, fenders, extracting, punctured, homesick

Vocabulary Activity

Choose three (3) words from the list. Write three (3) synonyms and three (3) antonyms for each word.

Vocabulary Word	Definition	Synonym	Antonym

Comprehension Activity

Pretend you are the author of Stuart Little. Design a poster to advertise your book. Be creative...use details...elaborate...use color!

Try to make it 3-D or movable.

Week 7 – (July 24th – July 30th) Chapters 13 – 14

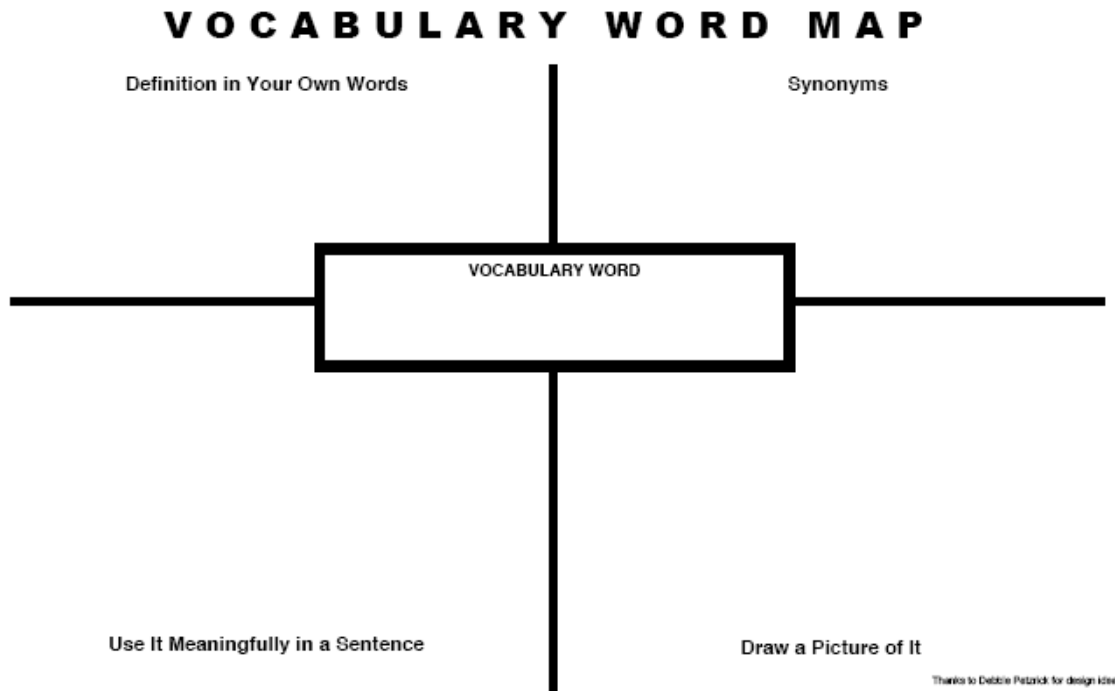
Vocabulary: prominent, ancestors, lingered, tremble, stationery, correspondence, confidential, acquaintance, petty, offensive, tranquil, lashed, stern, swindled, bailed, cranky, seams, morrow, episode, errand, perspiration, fidgeting, sulk

Vocabulary Activity

Choose one (1) word from the list. Complete the vocabulary map below.

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Comprehension Activity

Create a timeline of the major events in the book. Use drawings or magazine cutouts to show the events along the timeline. Label each event.

Week 8 – (August 1st - August 8th) Chapter 15

Vocabulary - attendant, junctions, peered

DIRECTIONS: Read the sentence in the chapter in which the word was used. Use clues from the text to write a definition for the word. Then use a dictionary to write the actual definition of the word as it was used in the sentence.

Word	What I think the word means	What the word actually means
attendant		
junctions		
peered		

Comprehension Activity

Make up another ending for the story. Include drawing/sketches to illustrate the changes.