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Dear Incoming Seventh Graders,

I am so happy to be your teacher for Language Arts next year. You are an amazing group of young people and I truly look forward to watching you continue to grow and change.

1. You will be reading the novel Tiger Rising by Kate DiCamillo. As you read, you will complete the attached questions, making sure you answer all parts of every question in complete sentences. You will also do the Vocabulary definitions before you read each chapter. These papers will be collected and graded the first week back. There will be a TEST on the novel and you will write a THEME Essay during the first two weeks of school.
2. You will also read any other grade appropriate book. As you read, you are to complete the attached Vocabulary Sheet of new words you encounter as you read. Your goal should be about one word per chapter. You will write the word, the sentence in which it appeared, and the definition. When you return, you will create a One-Pager to represent the book you read, just like you did for the Southwest in Fifth Grade.

I hope you have a wonderful summer. I look forward to hearing about all of your adventures.

Mrs. Sammons

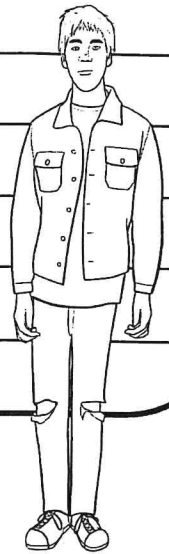
Name _____

Vocabulary Words and Definitions

CHAPTERS	WORD	DEFINITION
1-3	notion	
	astounded	
	swaggered	
4-6	ignorant	
	whittle	
	thrill	
7-9	regretted	
	relieved	
	slathered	
10-12	fierce	
	tattered	
	defiant	
13-15	trespassing	
	pacing	
	evaporated	
16-18	forbidden	
	suspended	
	fervently	
19-21	mocking	
	dismayed	
	materialized	
22-24	reproachful	
	seep	
	soothes	
25-27	cautioning	
	gratitude	
	oblivious	
28-30	stunned	
	marveled	
	coward	

Chapters 1-3

- ❖ **Quickwrite**: Have you ever had to move to a different state or school? Describe your experience. If not, write about how you imagine it would be.



- ❖ **Vocabulary**: Fill in the blanks.

1. Some people have the _____ that teachers do not have lives outside of school; however, this is untrue.
2. The lottery winner was _____ that she had won two million dollars.
3. The arrogant boy _____ through the shopping mall.

notion
swaggered
astounded

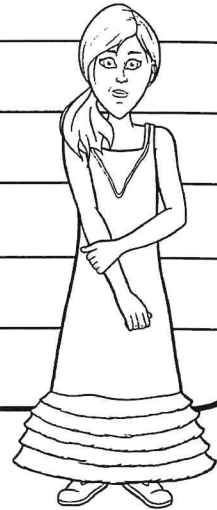
- ❖ **True or False**: Mark T for True and F for False.

1. Rob's father passed away recently. _____
2. Rob finds a tiger in a cage. _____
3. The bus driver tries to protect Rob from the other boys. _____
4. A new girl named Cherry gets on the bus. _____
5. Rob tries not to think about his mother. _____

- ❖ **Character Analysis**: What do you know about Rob so far?

Chapters 4-6

- ❖ **Quickwrite:** Describe a time when you have helped someone in need. How did it make you feel?



- ❖ **Vocabulary:** Fill in the blanks.

1. If someone is _____ about something you know about, you can try sharing your knowledge with him or her.
2. I love the _____ I feel when I ride a rollercoaster.
3. If you _____ a figure out of wood, you must be careful not to cut yourself.

ignorant
whittle
thrill

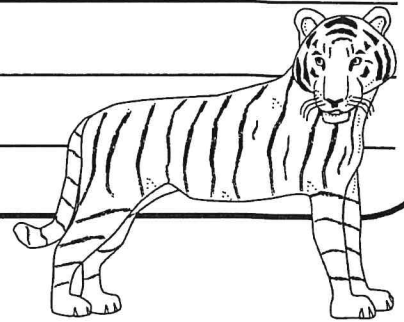
- ❖ **True or False:** Mark T for True and F for False.

1. Rob thinks that Sistine hates him. _____
2. Rob's principal tells him to take a few days off from school. _____
3. Rob's mother taught him to whittle. _____
4. Rob sees Sistine getting beaten up, but he does nothing to help her. _____
5. Rob is very upset that he must stay home from school. _____

- ❖ **Figurative Language:** Write an example of figurative language from these chapters. Explain what it means.

Chapters 1-9

- ❖ **Quickwrite:** What do you do at home, if you are unable to attend school?



- ❖ **Vocabulary:** Fill in the blanks.

1. I _____ eating too much candy, when I had a terrible stomachache the next day.
2. Before going to the beach, I _____ sunscreen all over my body so that I would not burn.
3. Alma was _____ to see that she had passed her English test with flying colors.

regretted
relieved
slathered

- ❖ **True or False:** Mark T for True and F for False.

1. On the bus ride home, Sistine sits next to Rob. _____
2. Rob carves a tiger out of wood that night. _____
3. Rob's father tells Rob he will help with work at the motel. _____
4. Rob hates the rainy weather. _____
5. Rob's father wakes him up at five thirty in the morning. _____

- ❖ **Theme Analysis:** Give these three chapters three new chapter names. Explain your thinking for each one.

Chapters 10-12

- ❖ **Quickwrite** Think of your best friend. How did you become best friends with him/her?



- ❖ **Vocabulary** Fill in the blanks.

1. The small child had a _____ look on her face, as she demanded her own way.
2. The mother lioness became _____ and frightening, as she fought to protect her cubs.
3. The hikers had been lost in the woods for many days, so it was understandable that their clothes were quite _____.

fierce
tattered
defiant

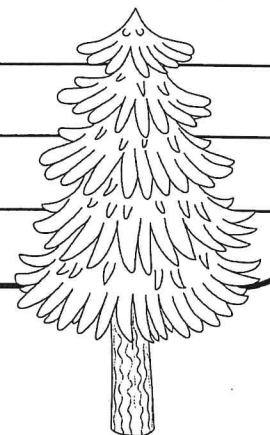
- ❖ **Sequencing** Put the following statements in chronological order, using the numbers 1-5.

- _____ Sistine sees Rob's carving of her.
_____ Sistine changes out of her dress and into Rob's clothes.
_____ The kids on the bus tell Rob that he has leprosy.
_____ Willie May tells Rob to let his sadness rise.
_____ Sistine gives Rob his homework.

- ❖ **Plot Summary** Write a brief summary of what happens in these chapters. Use sequencing words like *first*, *next*, *afterwards*, and *last*.

Chapters 13-15

- ❖ **Quickwrite**:- Have you ever gotten in trouble with your parents or with a teacher? What happened?



- ❖ **Vocabulary**:- Fill in the blanks.

1. The smile _____ from his face, when he realized that I did not find his prank funny at all.
2. You can get fined a lot of money by _____ in private places.
3. My sadness over moving to a different school _____ when I realized how much I liked my new teacher and new friends.

trespassing
faded
evaporated

- ❖ **Sequencing**:- Put the following statements in chronological order, using the numbers 1-5.

- _____ Rob's father gives Sistine money so she can use the pay phone.
- _____ Rob and Sistine laugh as they run away.
- _____ Rob and Sistine hear a car driving near the tiger's cage.
- _____ Sistine tells Rob about her parents.
- _____ Sistine tells Rob that they should set the tiger free.

- ❖ **Character Analysis**:- Compare and contrast yourself with one of the characters from the story. Write about at least two similarities and two differences.

Chapters 16-18

- ❖ **Quickwrite** Have you ever been to a zoo? If so, write about it. Do you think it is right or wrong to lock animals up at the zoo? Explain.



- ❖ **Vocabulary** Fill in the blanks.

1. As Christmas came near, I wished _____ for a brand new bicycle to be under the tree.
2. The balloon was floating away so slowly that it looked _____ in mid air.
3. The teacher informed the students that cheating was _____, and that this behavior would have dire consequences.

forbidden
suspended
fervently

- ❖ **Sequencing** Put the following statements in chronological order, using the numbers 1-5.

- _____ Rob notices blood on his hands from the grocery bag.
- _____ Rob meets Sistine's mother.
- _____ Beauchamp tells Rob to get into his truck.
- _____ Rob remembers his father shooting a bird.
- _____ Rob asks Willie May what she thinks about animals being locked up.

- ❖ **Opinion Writing** Write an important quote from these chapters. Write about why you think it is so important.

Chapters 19-21

- ❖ **Quickwrite**: Do you have an older adult in your life that you can trust? Who is it? Describe him or her.



- ❖ **Vocabulary**: Fill in the blanks.

1. The girl felt angry when she saw her classmate _____ her.
2. After I fell in the mud on the playground, I was _____ to see that my brand new shoes were filthy.
3. I jumped in surprise; it seemed that my brother had _____ from nowhere.

materialized
dismayed
mocking

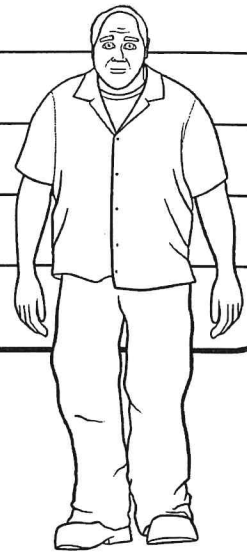
- ❖ **Multiple Choice**: Choose the best answers.

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| 1. What does Beauchamp hire Rob to do? | 2. What does Sistine call Willie May? |
| a. Groom the tiger. | a. A witch. |
| b. Clean the motel. | b. A mean old lady. |
| c. Sweep the sidewalks. | c. A heroine. |
| d. Feed the tiger. | d. A prophetess. |

- ❖ **Character Analysis**: Name at least three emotions that Sistine has in these chapters. Explain why she has each of them.

Chapters 22-24

- ❖ **Quickwrite**: What is the best or most meaningful gift you have ever given to someone? Describe it. How did he or she react when you gave it to them?



- ❖ **Vocabulary**: Fill in the blanks.

1. I did not have an umbrella when it began raining, so I shivered as I felt the rain _____ through my clothes.
2. When I forgot to say please and thank you to my grandma, my mom gave me a _____ look, and reminded me to do so.
3. Nothing _____ my baby brother more than his favorite stuffed animal.

reproachful
seep
soothes

- ❖ **Multiple Choice**: Choose the best answers.

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| 1. Why is Rob's father angry? | 2. Who does Sistine tell about the tiger? |
| a. He finds the meat. | a. Rob's father. |
| b. He finds the tiger. | b. Sistine's mother. |
| c. He dislikes Sistine. | c. Willie May. |
| d. He does not approve of Rob talking to Willie May. | d. Her teacher. |

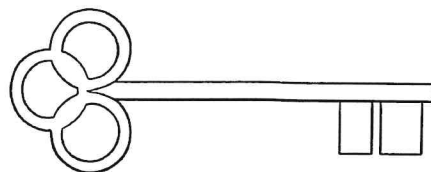
- ❖ **Theme Analysis**: What is an important lesson that can be learned from this story so far? Explain.

Chapters 25-27

- ❖ **Quickwrite**: Have you ever gotten into a disagreement or argument with a friend? Write about what happened.

- ❖ **Vocabulary**: Fill in the blanks.

1. As I happily looked around the room at my family and friends, my heart overflowed with _____.
2. Chastised, the speeding driver listened to the police officer _____ him to slow down, before he caused a serious accident.
3. The chatty students were completely _____ to the teacher repeatedly telling them to quiet down.



cautioning
gratitude
oblivious

- ❖ **Multiple Choice**: Choose the best answers.

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| 1. What does Willie May advise Rob and Sistine to do? | 2. What does Rob say about Sistine's father? |
| a. Free the tiger. | a. He won't come for Sistine. |
| b. Don't do anything. | b. He loves Sistine. |
| c. Call the police. | c. He is a bad dad. |
| d. Tell Rob's dad. | d. He is a good dad. |

- ❖ **Opinion Writing**: Read the following quote, which is said by Willie May in Chapter 25. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.

"Right ain't got nothing to do with it. Sometimes right don't count."

Chapters 28-30

- ❖ **Quickwrite**: Have you ever lost someone or something that you truly cared about? Write about it.

- ❖ **Vocabulary**: Fill in the blanks.

1. The child _____ at the extraordinary shooting stars.
2. I felt _____ when my mom told me my dog had passed away.
3. A _____ is often fearful and not very brave.

stunned
marveled
coward

- ❖ **Multiple Choice**: Choose the best answers.

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| 1. Who tells Rob's father about the tiger? | 2. What is Rob's mother's name? |
| a. Sistine | a. Caroline |
| b. Willie May | b. Agatha |
| c. Beauchamp | c. Violet |
| d. Rob | d. Elizabeth |

- ❖ **Figurative Language**: Write an example of figurative language from these chapters. What type of figurative language is it? How do you know?

❖ **Comprehension and Analysis**: Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. Describe what happens to the tiger after Rob and Sistine release it.

2. On page 106, the text reads, "[Rob] wanted to tell [Willie May] that he did not feel whole." What do you think this means?

3. Do you think this story has a happy ending or a sad ending? Support your answer.

❖ **Beyond**: Create a new, creative book cover for *The Tiger Rising* below. Be sure to include the title name and author name on your book cover.

Glossary: As you read, record any new or uncommon words, the sentence in which the word is used, and the word's definition, in the table below. **Aim for about one word per chapter.**

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