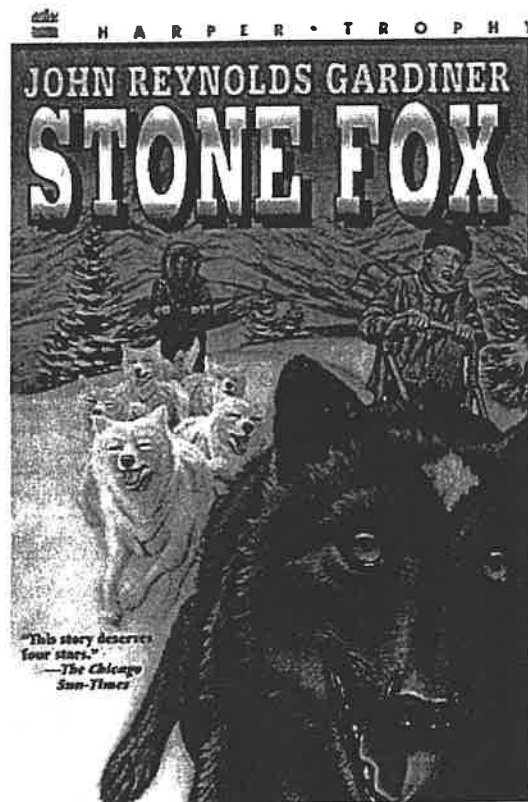


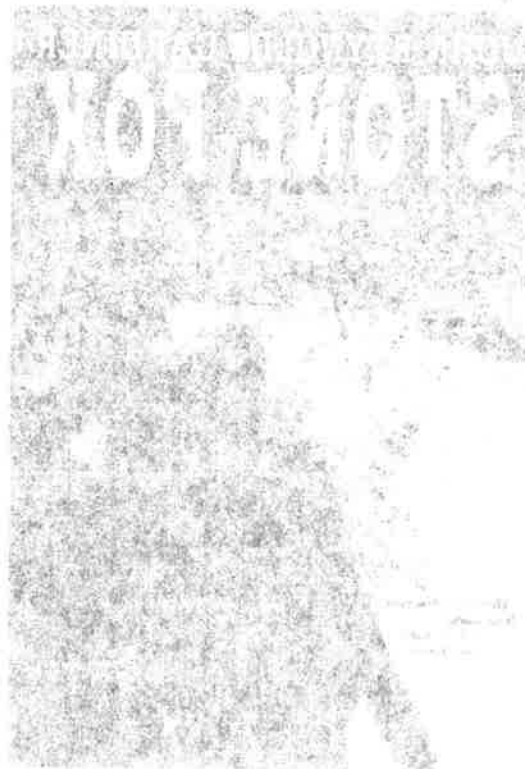
# Stone Fox



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# Stone Fox – Day#1



Name \_\_\_\_\_



Read  
Chapter 1  
Pages 3-11

## Vocabulary

1. Grandfather played his harmonica after dinner.
2. The doctor hitched her horse to the wagon.
3. Doc Smith's horse was a handsome palomino.



## Comprehension:

Respond to each question in complete sentences.

1. In chapter 1 we learn that Grandfather loves to play tricks or jokes. Which is the best joke that Grandfather plays on Little Willy? Describe the joke using details from the novel.

2. Willy goes over to Doc Smith's house to tell her about Grandfather. At first Doc Smith doesn't believe that Grandfather is really sick. What finally makes her think that Grandfather might really be sick?

3. Identify the main problem in chapter 1.

4. Grandfather loves to play tricks on others. Tell about a time that you played a trick on someone else. Or describe a time that you did something funny. Use details to help tell your story.

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5. This story takes place in the past. Many things in the story are different from how we might do things now. Compare how the doctor in this story is different from the doctor that you might visit.

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*This story is about a boy and the love that he has for his grandfather. Write a note to someone that is important to you. The note will explain why they are an important person in your life. Give specific reasons why they are important to you.*



# Stone Fox – Day#2



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Read  
Chapter 2  
Pages 12-21

## Vocabulary

1. Grandfather woke up early to check the irrigation ditch.
2. Willy pleaded for Grandfather to wake up.
3. We planted four acres of potatoes.
4. The horse pulled on its harness.



## Comprehension

Respond to each question in complete sentences.

1. In Chapter 2, Willy makes an important discovery about Grandfather. Explain what Willy discovers about Grandfather.

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2. In the middle of page 14, Willy is watching Doc Smith leave the farm. He starts to laugh. Why is Willy laughing as Doc Smith leaves the farm?

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3. Much work needs to be done to prepare the farm for the harvest of the potatoes. Explain what Willy must do to help prepare for harvesting the potatoes.

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**Responsibility** - Responsibility means being able to do something, or perform a task all by yourself. Being responsible means that other people can depend upon you.

This story is about a young boy being very responsible. Little Willy must take care of his grandfather. He must also take responsibility for the farm. Willy does many things that show his own responsibility.

All of us are responsible for certain things in our lives. You will need to think about ways that you are a responsible person.

Describe something that you are responsible for when you are at home:

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How are you a responsible person while at school?

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Do you think you are as responsible as Willy? Explain your answer with details about yourself or Willy.

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Now you will write a brief summary of Chapter 2. Include the problem, and other important events from the chapter. Write your summary on a separate piece of paper and staple paper to this worksheet.



# Stone Fox – Day#3



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Read  
Chapter 3  
Pages 22-29

## Vocabulary

1. The dog **lunged** at the cat.
2. The school was on the **outskirts** of town.
3. We worked in the fields until **twilight**.



## Comprehension:

Respond to each question in complete sentences.

1. Since Grandfather has been sick, Willy's life has changed. Explain the ways that Willy's life has changed.

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2. Compare how Willy gets to school to how you get to school.

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3. Willy has \$50 in the bank. What is he supposed to use the money for? What would you do with the money, if you were Willy? Explain your reasons.

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4. At the end of Chapter 3 someone is waiting at the house for Willy. Make a prediction about who you think is waiting for Willy. Explain why you gave your answer.

5. Look at the picture on page 25, and re-read page 24. Explain what is happening in the picture on page 25. Use details from the book in your answer.

**To paraphrase means to put something into your own words.  
Read each statement below. Paraphrase each statement. Tell what each statement means in your own words.**

“Medically, he’s as healthy as an ox”, said Doc Smith.

“Don’t accept help unless you can pay for it”, Grandfather told Willy.

Grandfather always said, “Where there’s a will, there’s a way.”

Willy loved to look at all the people, especially the “city slickers”.



# Stone Fox – Day#4



Name \_\_\_\_\_



Read  
Chapter 4  
Pages 30-36

## Vocabulary

1. The ball was **ricocheting** off of the walls.
2. The man was holding a small **derringer**.
3. He had a thin, **droopy** mustache.



## Comprehension:

Respond to each question in complete sentences.

1. Who is the man holding the gun on page 31? What does he want?

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2. Does Mr. Snyder like Searchlight? Justify your answer with a detail from the story.

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3. The name of this chapter is "The Reason". Think of a new name for Chapter 4. Describe why your title is a good title for the chapter.

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4. The author of this book does not want us to like Mr. Snyder. Explain at least two ways that the author tries to make us dislike Mr. Snyder. Use specific details from the novel.

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## Taxes



In this chapter we find out the reason that Grandfather is sick. Grandfather has not been paying his taxes.

The Government collects taxes to help pay for services that it provides for the citizens of our country. With the taxes that it collects, our government can do many things to help make our lives better.



In the spaces below we are going to brainstorm a list of things that the government does with the taxes that it collects.

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You are going to write a paragraph to describe how our government spends our tax dollars. You will describe the services that the government provides for us. Use the list from above to help you.



Your paragraph should describe how taxes help provide services for people. Make sure to include the following:

- ☐ Title
- ☐ Main Idea
- ☐ Closing Sentence
- ☐ at least 7 detail sentences.



# Stone Fox – Day#5



Name \_\_\_\_\_



Read  
Chapter 5  
Pages 37-45

## Vocabulary

1. Lester **pried** the nail loose.
2. He talked and **saliva** was on his lips.
3. He has a sled with five **Samoyeds**.



## Comprehension:

Respond to each question in complete sentences.

1. Chapter 5 is called "The Way". Think of a new name for this chapter. Explain why your new title is good title.

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2. Willy went to the bank to ask Mr. Foster for advice. What advice did Mr. Foster give to Willy? Do you agree with the advice?

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On a separate piece of paper, write a summary for chapter 5. Make sure to include important details from the chapter.



In this chapter Willy learns about a dog sled race. He finds out about it by reading a poster. Create a poster to advertise for the race. Include information about the race. Information about the race can be found on page 43. When you finish color the poster.



# Stone Fox – Day#6

Name \_\_\_\_\_



Read  
Chapter 6  
Pages 46-54

## Vocabulary

1. The room smelled like hair **tonic**.
2. He wiped his head with a **silk handkerchief**.
3. This is not a race for **amateurs**.
4. They **strutted** down the street in **unison**.



## Comprehension:

Respond to each question in complete sentences:

1. On page 48 the book says, “Willy felt ten feet tall”. Explain what it means to feel “ten feet tall”. Paraphrase that sentence into your own words.

Tell about a time that you might have “felt ten feet tall”. Use details in your answer.



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2. When Willy met Stone Fox, how did he feel? Support your answer with a detail from the text.

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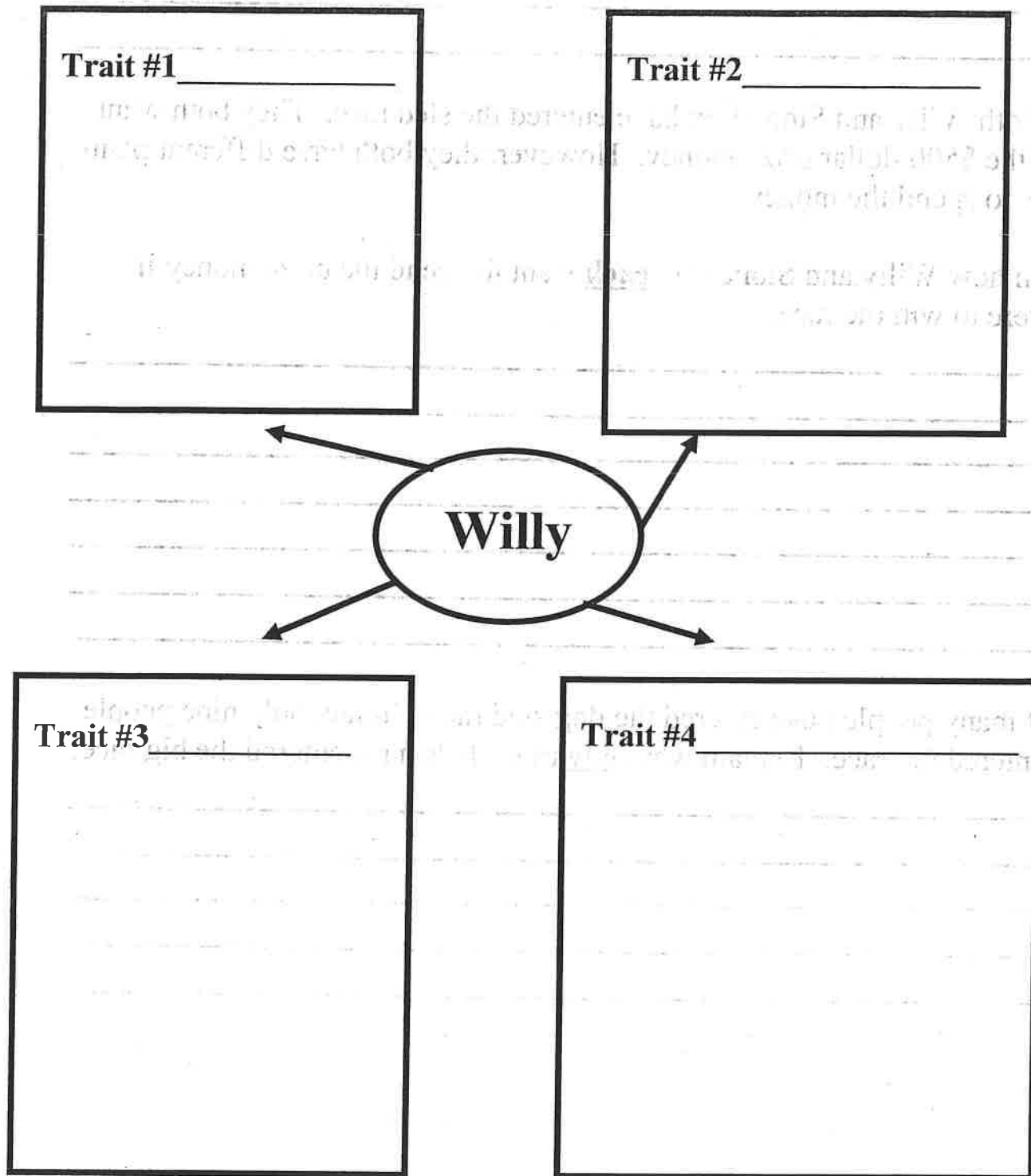
3. The book tells us that Stone Fox never talks to “white men”. Explain why Stone Fox has made his decision not to talk to the “white men”. What is his reason?

4. Both Willy and Stone Fox have entered the sled race. They both want to win the \$500 dollar prize money. However, they both have different plans on how to spend the money.

Explain how Willy and Stone Fox each want to spend the prize money if they were to win the race.

5. Not many people have entered the dog sled race. In fact only nine people have entered the race. Explain why only nine sleds have entered the big race.

**Complete the Character Trait Chart below for Willy.**  
**You will need to justify each trait with a specific event from the novel.**



# Stone Fox – Day#7



Name \_\_\_\_\_



Read  
Chapter 7  
Pages 55-61

## Vocabulary

1. Little Willy **beamed**, he was so happy.
2. This was a **treacherous** road at night.
3. They were in an old **deserted** barn.



## Comprehension:

Respond to each question in complete sentences.

1. This chapter is called "The Meeting". Create a new name for Chapter 7. Explain why your new title is a good choice.

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2. What does Doc Smith think about Willy's decision to enter the big race? Does she think Willy made a good decision? Support your answer with a detail from the novel.

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3. On page 61 the author says Willy couldn't sleep. Why did Willy have such a difficult time sleeping?

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4. Most of this chapter takes place late at night, in town. What made Willy go into town so late at night?

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5. On page 57 the author says "Willy beamed" and "Willy sang at the top of his lungs". Obviously Willy is in a very good mood on page 57. Explain why Willy is so happy on page 57.

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**Complete the Character Trait Chart for Stone Fox. You will need to justify each trait with a specific event from the novel.**

A character trait chart for Stone Fox. In the center is a circle labeled "Stone Fox". Four arrows point from this circle to four rectangular boxes arranged around it. Each box is labeled "Trait #1", "Trait #2", "Trait #3", and "Trait #4" respectively, followed by a blank line for the trait name and several horizontal lines for justification.

**Trait #1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Trait #2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Stone Fox**

**Trait #3** \_\_\_\_\_

**Trait #4** \_\_\_\_\_

# Stone Fox – Day#8



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Read  
Chapter 8  
Pages 62-68

## Vocabulary

1. The **jagged peaks** of the mountains were covered in snow.
2. The **contestants** lined up for the race.
3. **Tension** filled the air at the start of the race.



## Comprehension:

Respond to each question in complete sentences.

1. How do you think Willy must have felt as he got into town, before the race? Use details from the story to help justify your answer.

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2. Do you think Willy has a chance to win this race? Explain your opinion with reasons from the novel.

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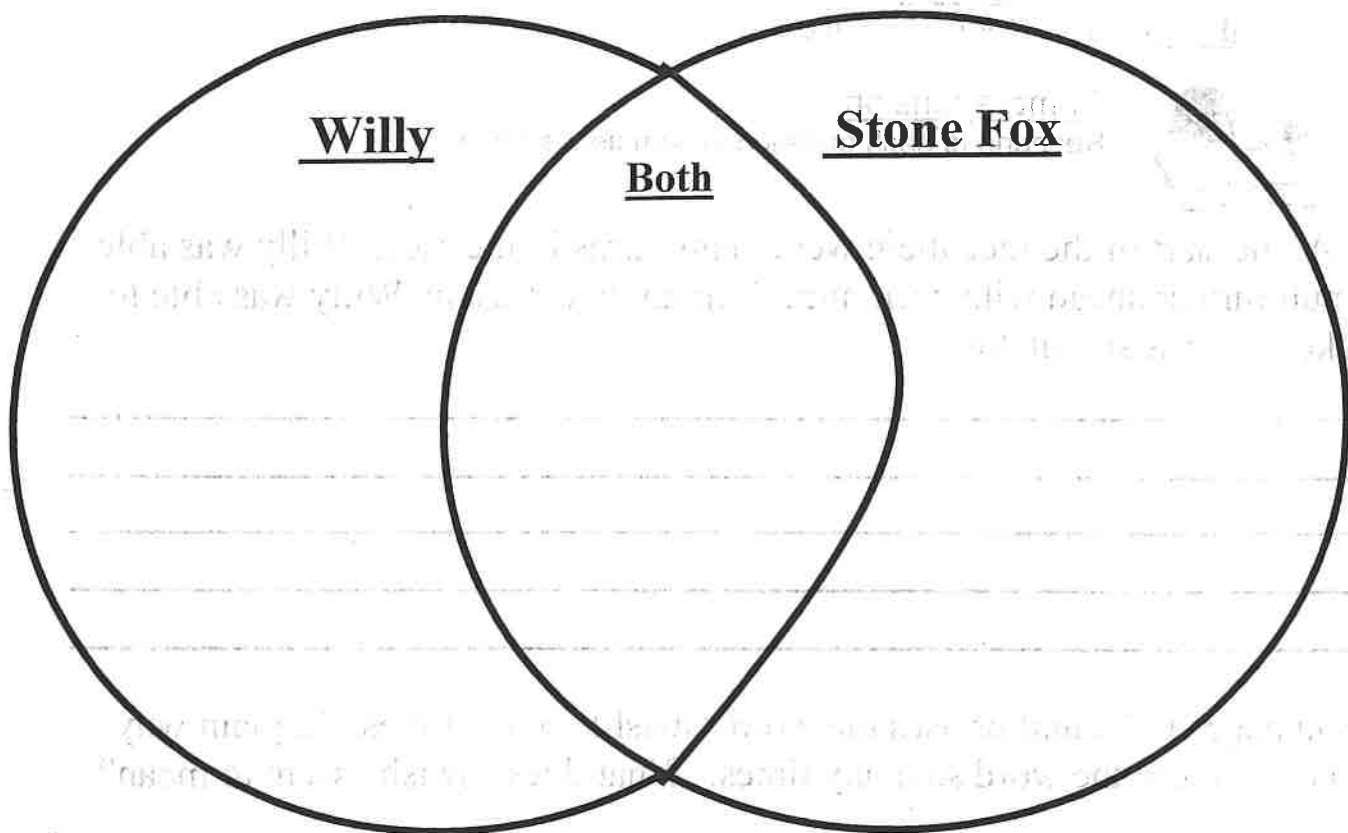
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*Use the Ven Diagram to compare Stone Fox and Willy. Think about the character traits that you have identified in the past few days. Use details from the story.*



Now use the Ven Diagram to help you write a paragraph that compares Stone Fox to Willy. Tell ways that Stone Fox is like Willy. Tell ways that Stone Fox is different from Willy.

- ☐ Title
- ☐ Main Idea
- ☐ At least 2 differences
- ☐ At least 2 similarities
- ☐ Closing

# Stone Fox – Day#9



Name \_\_\_\_\_



Read  
Chapter 9  
Pages 69-76

## Vocabulary

1. He didn't want to be **disqualified** from the race.
2. Stone Fox finally got a **glimpse** of Willy.
3. Willy **glanced** back over his shoulder.



## Comprehension:

Respond to each question in complete sentences.

1. At the start of the race there were many turns in the race. Willy was able to pull further ahead with each turn. Explain two reasons Willy was able to make the turns so quickly.

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2. On page 70 the author uses the word "swish!" many times. Explain why he chose to use the word so many times. What does "swish" seem to mean?

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3. When Willy reached the farm, he had a huge surprise. Explain the surprise that Willy had as he raced past the farm.

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4. On page 71 Willy took a shortcut right across a frozen lake. This shortcut helped him to gain even a bigger lead. None of the other riders took the same shortcut. Explain why the other racers did not take the shortcut.

Pretend that you are a reporter for the Jackson Daily News. Write an article to tell about the race. Use details from the book in your article.



Of course you don't know how the race ends. **You need to make a prediction about the end of the race.** Tell how you think the race ends.

(Try not to ruin the ending by looking ahead!!!)

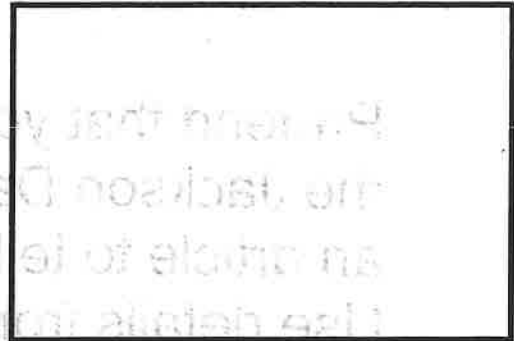


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# Stone Fox – Day#10



Read Chapter  
10  
Pages 77-81

## Vocabulary

1. Stone Fox put a **massive** hand on the dog.
2. With the **heel** of his **moccasin** he drew a line in the snow.



## Comprehension:

Respond to each question in complete sentences.

1. Many authors try to create a surprise at the end of a story. There is a big surprise at the end of this story. Explain the surprise.

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2. At the end of the story Stone Fox decides to help Willy. Why do you think Stone Fox helped Willy? Explain his decision to help.

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3. As the race went on, Willy's feelings changed. Think about how Willy felt at the start of the race. Think about how Willy felt at the end of the race. Explain how Willy's feelings changed from the start of the race to the finish of the race.

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Think about the main events from the novel. Use events from the novel to complete the statements below.

1. An important event from the beginning of the novel that helps to introduce the story or plot.

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2. This event identifies the main problem of the novel.

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3. In the middle of the story, this event shows something exciting. This event helps build towards the high-point of the novel.

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4. This event describes the most exciting part of the novel. This event is called the "climax".

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5. After the climax of the story some exciting events still occur. This event illustrates an exciting event that happens after the climax.

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6. This event describes how the story ends. This is usually part of the solution.

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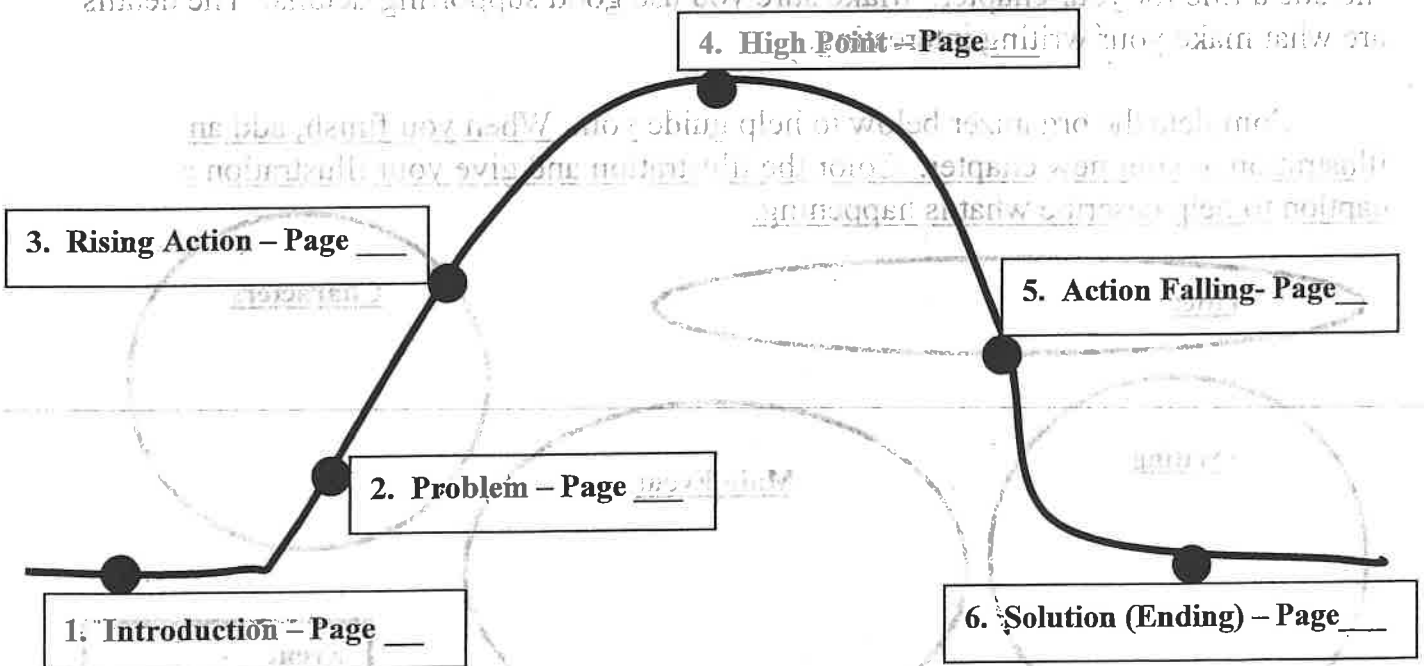
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The chart below shows how the actions and events of a novel tend to flow.

Usually the excitement starts at a low level, then tends to build. The excitement gets to its highest point near the climax. The excitement then continues to decline, until you get to the solution or, end.

Complete the chart below to show the most important events from Stone Fox. Use the information from the previous page to help you. You will be locating the page numbers for each event.



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# Stone Fox – Day#11



The story Stone Fox ends when Willy wins the big dogsled race. However many questions are never answered.



- ☐ Does Willy save the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Does Grandfather get better? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ What happens to Willy as he gets older? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Does Willy get another dog? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ What happens to Stone Fox? \_\_\_\_\_

You are going to write a new chapter to add onto the end of Stone Fox. Your new chapter will become Chapter 11.

In the chapter you need to try to answer at least 3 of the questions from above. Include a title for your chapter. Make sure you use good supporting details. The details are what make your writing interesting.

Complete the organizer below to help guide you. When you finish, add an illustration to your new chapter. Color the illustration and give your illustration a caption to help describe what is happening.

Title:

Characters

Setting

Main Event

Event

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## Responding to Literature

As you reflect on the powerful story, Stone Fox, tell how you felt about the character Stone Fox before the race, during the race and after the race. Why did you feel those emotions? Be sure to support your feelings and opinions with solid evidence from the story.

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# Responding to Literature Hero Debate



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