



GRADE 5 · READ BETWEEN THE LINES

THE PENCIL

Some things draw themselves.

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READ BETWEEN THE LINES

An inference is a smart guess that uses clues from the story. Answer each question and include your clue.

1. When Wyatt says “Finders keepers,” Sadie whispers, “That’s what I said.” What does she mean? What clue helps you?

2. Everything the pencil makes is gray: the quarter, the cookie, the smudge, the squashed spider. What does that tell you about the things it makes?

3. At the end, Wyatt’s regular yellow pencil draws a bed, a boy, and a tall thing that “doesn’t have a face yet.” What does this suggest?





GRADE 5 · PLOT MOUNTAIN

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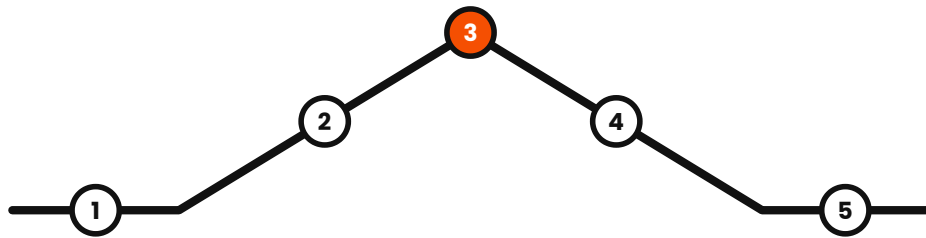
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PLOT MOUNTAIN

Every plot climbs to a climax and comes back down. Write what happens at each part of the mountain.



1. EXPOSITION (The beginning)

2. RISING ACTION (Trouble builds)

3. CLIMAX (The scariest moment)

4. FALLING ACTION (Things calm down)

5. RESOLUTION (How it ends)





GRADE 5 • FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE HUNT

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FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE HUNT

Authors compare things to help us picture them. For each quote, write the type (simile, metaphor, or personification) and what it means.

QUOTE FROM THE STORY	TYPE	WHAT IT MEANS
<i>"When I tip it, the grain shimmers silver, like it got dipped in glitter and wiped off."</i>	_____	_____ _____ _____
<i>"My hand doesn't listen."</i>	_____	_____ _____ _____
<i>"My face is on fire."</i>	_____	_____ _____ _____
<i>"The whole tall thing comes down, from the top, like a sandcastle when the wave hits it."</i>	_____	_____ _____ _____





GRADE 5 · WRITE A NEW ENDING

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WRITE A NEW ENDING

Rewrite the ending. Keep Wyatt and the pencil, but change what he chooses.

Go back to the moment Sadie says, "You put it back. And somebody else picks it up."
Write a new ending where Wyatt makes a different choice. What happens?

CHECK YOUR WORK

- ☐ Starts in the office with Sadie.
- ☐ Wyatt makes a different choice than in the story.
- ☐ The new ending shows the result of that choice.
- ☐ Keeps the story's spooky mood.

