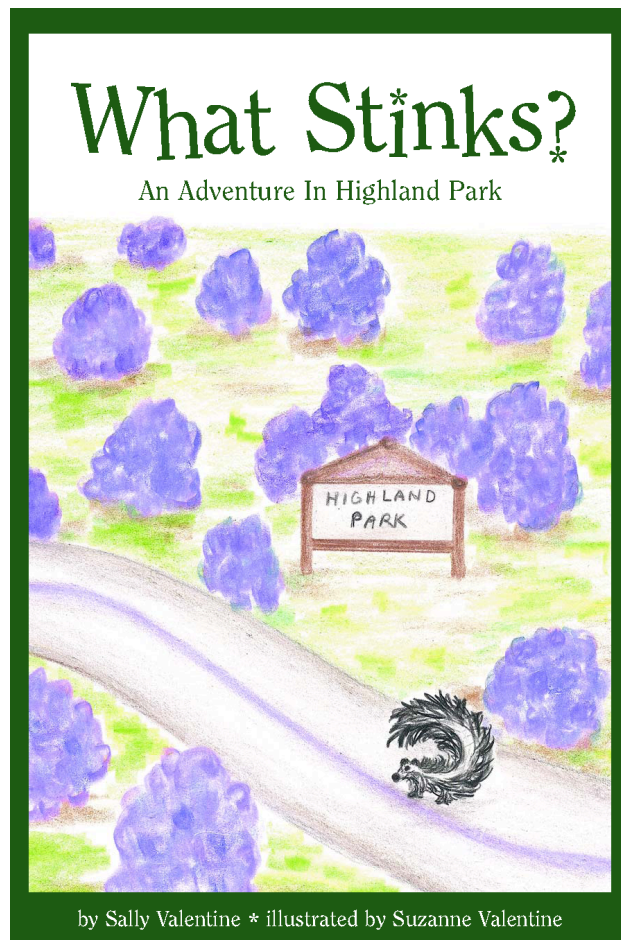


STUDY GUIDE FOR WHAT STINKS?

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VOCABULARY, MULTIPLE CHOICE, SHORT ANSWER, WRITE PARAGRAPH, WORD SEARCH

Chapters 1 and 2

What Stinks?

Name _____

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

assumptions _____

aggravate _____

acre _____

nursery _____

1. The original lilacs in Highland Park were planted by:

- A. George Eastman
- B. Edward Highland
- C. John Dunbar
- D. Nathaniel Rochester

2. They came from what part of the world?

- A. The Balkans
- B. Buffalo
- C. California
- D. Africa

3. Lilacs are a symbol of _____

4. What smell do you like? _____

5. How old is Highland Park? _____

6. How big is Highland Park? _____

7. How did Rochester become known as the Flour City?



8. How did Rochester become known as the Flower City?



Chapters 3, 4 and 5

What Stinks?

Name _____

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

donated _____

scanned _____

notorious _____

strode _____

conifer _____

retrieve _____

futile _____

1. What did Mrs. Levine ask Derrick to write for the Lilac Festival?

- A. poem B. story C. speech D. song verse

2. What is an arboretum?

- A. tree garden
B. butterfly garden
C. lilac garden
D. flower garden



3. Why did Janie name the skunk Princess?

4. What do you think is a good name for a skunk? _____

5. What disease might skunks have?

- A. poison ivy
B. chicken pox
C. rabies
D. hoof and mouth disease

Chapters 6, 7, and 8

What Stinks?

Name _____

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

aviator _____

feud _____

snicker _____

sprig _____

sincerity _____

idle _____

1. What do skunks usually eat?

2. Where do skunks spend the winter?

- A. Florida B. underground C. in trees D. indoors

3. Name two famous people who had lilacs named after them?

4. What did Mrs. Levine order Janie not to do?

5. What was the girls' favorite candy? _____

6. What is your favorite candy? _____

Write a paragraph describing one of your friends.

Name _____

Date _____

Vocabulary Chapters 1-8
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DIRECTIONS: Write the letter of the word next to its definition.

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| A. assumptions | _____ 1. took long steps |
| B. aggravate | _____ 2. not working |
| C. acre | _____ 3. made a gift |
| D. nursery | _____ 4. to laugh in a secret way |
| E. donated | _____ 5. facts taken for granted |
| F. scanned | _____ 6. a tree bearing cones |
| G. notorious | _____ 7. prolonged quarrel |
| H. strode | _____ 8. place where young animals or plants are cared for |
| I. conifer | _____ 9. looked through quickly |
| J. retrieve | _____ 10. to make worse or more severe |
| K. futile | _____ 11. state of being honest or genuine |
| L. aviator | _____ 12. a small shoot from a plant |
| M. feud | _____ 13. a unit of area equal to 43,560 square feet |
| N. snicker | _____ 14. useless |
| O. sincerity | _____ 15. pilot of an aircraft |
| P. idle | _____ 16. to get back again |
| Q. sprig | _____ 17. known and talked of in a bad way |

DIRECTIONS: Fill in each blank with a word from the list above.

1. Jeremy got scammed by the _____ con artist.
2. That evergreen tree is a _____.
3. On his day off, Mr. Johnson enjoyed being _____.
4. Jose _____ part of his allowance to World Hunger.
5. "Don't _____ that scar by picking at it," Mother said to Brenda.
6. Mr. Green _____ Lamar's report card and then _____ off to find him.
7. Charles Lindbergh was a great _____.
8. "That dress looks great on you," Debra said to Yolanda in all _____.
9. Miranda made a _____ attempt to _____ her deleted computer file.
10. Sholanda's dad bought a new lilac bush from the _____. Leroy started to _____ when he saw a _____ of the bush stuck in her shirt.
11. Tyquan made _____ about Ramon's family, and that started a long _____ between them.
12. Lincoln School # 22 was set on an _____ of land.

Name _____

Date _____

WORD SEARCH I

Vocabulary (Chapters 1-8)

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E	V	E	I	R	T	E	R	L	N	R	E	L	D	I
M	A	S	S	U	M	P	T	I	O	N	S	F	O	M
O	G	H	O	C	P	O	J	R	T	L	I	Z	N	P
G	G	C	A	D	K	Z	E	V	O	W	N	Y	A	R
I	R	M	I	V	A	F	U	Q	R	J	C	S	T	F
R	A	R	P	W	I	E	P	C	I	F	E	G	E	E
P	V	E	K	N	D	A	D	N	O	E	R	S	D	U
S	A	K	O	D	F	Z	T	Q	U	A	I	J	R	D
C	T	C	Q	Z	E	M	A	O	S	K	T	O	Y	P
H	E	I	I	G	X	E	T	E	R	L	Y	U	F	E
G	P	N	W	K	A	R	N	W	C	P	T	B	D	O
O	X	S	A	S	C	A	N	N	E	D	T	O	H	O
B	N	G	N	U	R	S	E	R	Y	J	R	H	N	V
X	M	R	V	D	E	Q	B	H	K	T	M	W	O	Z
F	U	T	I	L	E	L	Y	D	S	U	X	B	L	I

ASSUMPTIONS

AGGRAVATE

ACRE

NURSERY

DONATED

SCANNED

NOTORIOUS

STRODE

CONIFER

RETRIEVE

FUTILE

AVIATOR

FEUD

SPRIG

SNICKER

SINCERITY

IDLE

Chapters 9, 10 & 11

What Stinks?

Name _____

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

complaint _____

participant _____

constructively _____

accused _____

scrambled _____

1. What did Janie switch without telling Jeanetta?

- A. lunches B. homework C. books D. backpacks

2. On p. 46 the author says, "The silence lasted for only about fifteen seconds, but it was one of those fifteen seconds that seem like an hour." When can a short time seem like a long time?

3. Why did Mrs. Levine think Janie was sick?

- A. She was quiet.
B. She fell over.
C. Her face was all red.
D. She had a fever.

4. What color was the mayor's car? _____

5. How many basset hounds were walking in the parade?

- A. 10
B. 12
C. 20
D. 25



Name _____

Date _____

Vocabulary (Chapters 9-14)
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DIRECTIONS: Write the letter of the word next to the definition.

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| A. complaint | _____ 1. a person's attendants or associates |
| B. participant | _____ 2. charged with an offense |
| C. constructively | _____ 3. expression of grief or pain |
| D. accused | _____ 4. mental or physical strength |
| E. scrambled | _____ 5. a person who watches |
| F. vigor | _____ 6. a person who takes part in something |
| G. entourage | _____ 7. moving lightly as on the wind |
| H. reverie | _____ 8. promoting improvement |
| I. spectator | _____ 9. enjoyed a lot |
| J. strategic | _____ 10. moved with difficulty |
| K. wafting | _____ 11. according to a plan |
| L. reveled | _____ 12. daydream |

DIRECTIONS: Fill in each blank with a word from the list above.

Derrick _____ in watching every Sunday afternoon football game on TV. He loved watching as the ball went _____ through the air. He liked to guess what _____ play the quarterback would call next. He loved how the players _____ for the ball with great _____. If only he could be a _____ in the game and not just a _____ watching on TV. His only _____ on Sunday was that his mother _____ him of not paying enough attention to his little brother, but Derrick got in such a _____ while watching the game that he totally forgot about his little brother. He even liked the end of the game when the coach and his _____ left the field. Yes, Sunday was Derrick's favorite day of the week because he could watch his favorite teams play his favorite sport.

Which is the only word from the list above that does not fit in the previous paragraph?

Name _____

Date _____

WORD SEARCH II

Vocabulary (Chapters 9-14)

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V	B	E	G	A	R	U	O	T	N	E	C	C	N	A
D	I	X	B	J	C	E	D	I	C	F	K	H	E	D
X	F	G	M	L	S	T	R	A	T	E	G	I	C	L
L	C	M	O	P	J	G	G	O	N	L	H	N	W	R
F	B	A	H	R	K	N	A	D	A	D	Q	A	K	E
S	D	L	E	N	I	E	P	H	P	N	R	S	U	V
C	O	N	S	T	R	U	C	T	I	V	E	L	Y	E
R	K	E	F	R	C	S	O	Q	C	M	V	O	J	R
A	R	A	M	Y	L	D	M	P	I	S	E	W	B	I
M	W	G	H	Z	E	M	P	F	T	U	L	F	S	E
B	E	K	A	S	R	B	L	D	R	I	E	U	B	M
L	I	B	U	Q	L	G	A	K	A	B	D	M	P	R
E	G	C	L	O	F	B	I	C	P	C	F	Y	J	E
D	C	E	H	A	D	M	N	E	A	G	J	K	B	P
A	N	B	S	P	E	C	T	A	T	O	R	O	M	E

COMPLAINT

PARTICIPANT

CONSTRUCTIVELY

ACCUSED

SCRAMBLED

VIGOR

ENTOURAGE

REVERIE

SPECTATOR

STRATEGIC

WAFING

REVELED

Chapters 15, 16 & 17

What Stinks?

Name _____

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

stifling _____

deduced _____

clenched _____

cohorts _____

noxious _____

subdued _____

1. Why will Mayor Johnson never forget this day?

2. Why did Janie say the spraying skunk was the mayor's skunk?

3. Did Janie break a promise? Why or why not?

4. Who gave the mayor a clean shirt?

- A. the vice mayor
- B. Mrs. Levine
- C. Ron, the photographer
- D. Steven



Chapters 18, 19 & 20

What Stinks?

Name _____

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

frequent _____

escapades _____

ornamental _____

cinched _____

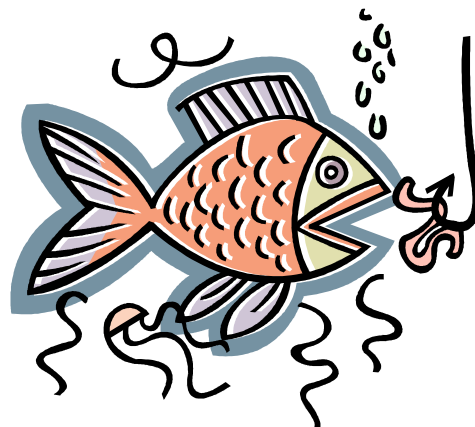
apology _____

lackeys _____

1. Where did the boys put the worms they gathered?

- A. tackle box
- B. lunch box
- C. shoe box
- D. pail

2. What kind of fish did the boys catch in Irondequoit Bay?



3. Was Janie's punishment fair? Why or why not?

4. What did Mayor Johnson send to Steven?

- A. A sweatshirt and a T-shirt
- B. a sweatshirt and a tie
- C. a sweatshirt and a picture
- D. a T-shirt and a picture

5. What did Mrs. Levine lecture her class about in Chapter 20?

Chapters 21, 22, & 23

What Stinks?

Name _____

Vocabulary: Write a definition for each word.

grobe _____

turban _____

disciples _____

matrimony _____

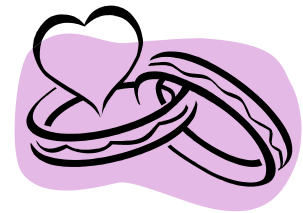
1. Who was responsible for making Janie and Jeanetta friends again?

2. What is Princess' middle name?

- a. Elizabeth
- b. Jeanetta
- c. Brenda
- d. Janie

3. According to Granny Rob, what four things must a bride wear?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____



4. How did Granny Rob include Mrs. Levine's students in the wedding?

5. What gift from Mrs. Levine's kids was Granny Rob wearing?

6. What is Granny Rob's new name?

7. Is *What Stinks?* a good title for this novel? Why or why not?

Name _____

Date _____

Vocabulary (Chapters 15-23)
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DIRECTIONS: Write the letter of the word next to its definition.

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| A. stifling | _____ 1. often |
| B. deduced | _____ 2. providing decoration |
| C. clenched | _____ 3. less intense or strong |
| D. cohorts | _____ 4. harmful or destructive |
| E. noxious | _____ 5. an admission of error |
| F. subdued | _____ 6. repressing or discouraging |
| G. frequent | _____ 7. adventures |
| H. escapades | _____ 8. friends, colleagues |
| I. ornamental | _____ 9. marriage |
| J. cinched | _____ 10. reasoned out a conclusion |
| K. apology | _____ 11. servants |
| L. lackeys | _____ 12. closed tightly |
| M. grope | _____ 13. followers |
| N. turban | _____ 14. a headdress worn in Middle Eastern countries |
| O. disciples | _____ 15. to feel around blindly |
| P. matrimony | _____ 16. made certain |

DIRECTIONS: Fill in each blank with a word from the list above.

1. Grandpa liked to talk about the _____ he had when he was young.
2. The dictator had his _____ carry out all his evil deeds.
3. Gregory _____ that it had rained when he saw puddles on the sidewalk.
4. The photographer was a _____ visitor to the camera store.
5. When Mr. Washington woke up, he had to _____ around for his glasses.
6. Granny Rob and Mr. Peterson were wed in holy _____.
7. Jesus' _____ liked to listen to him.
8. Janie had to make an _____ to Mayor Johnson.
9. A grand slam home run _____ the victory for the Rochester Red Wings.
10. Derrick was _____ a yawn when Mrs. Levine called on him in class.
11. Most flowers are just _____ and not good for eating.
12. Al Capone and his _____ robbed many banks in the 1920's.
13. The policeman _____ the thief who was running away.
14. Patrice was so angry that she _____ her fists.
15. The escaping gas gave off _____ fumes.
16. The sheik from Saudi Arabia was wearing a tall _____ with his business suit.

Name _____

Date _____

WORD SEARCH III
Vocabulary (Chapters 15-23)
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C	L	E	N	C	H	E	D	W	B	G	A	H	D	C
M	E	A	L	A	T	N	E	M	A	N	R	O	G	N
B	R	B	F	M	L	A	C	K	E	Y	S	C	O	S
W	E	S	C	A	P	A	D	E	S	I	E	X	D	T
C	D	E	H	C	N	I	C	D	E	A	I	J	H	I
N	R	L	I	F	K	A	C	Z	G	O	J	A	S	F
I	A	G	B	J	E	A	B	Y	U	K	D	N	U	L
D	Q	B	M	Q	L	P	N	S	F	L	T	E	B	I
E	K	A	R	F	A	O	K	D	C	J	N	A	D	N
D	P	C	E	U	M	L	G	X	O	B	E	N	U	G
U	X	O	L	I	T	O	B	A	H	N	U	I	E	F
C	I	D	R	C	K	G	C	G	O	I	Q	A	D	M
E	F	T	I	G	B	Y	A	C	R	H	E	K	J	F
D	A	B	C	H	A	D	F	L	T	B	R	C	M	B
M	D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E	S	G	F	H	Y	D

STIFLING
DEDUCED
CLENCHED
COHORTS
NOXIOUS

SUBDUED
FREQUENT
ESCAPADES
ORNAMENTAL
CINCHED
APOLOGY

LACKEYS
GROPE
TURBAN
DISCIPLES
MATRIMONY

