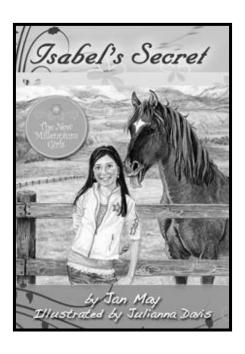
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Isabel's Secret



Literature Focus, Vocabulary, Discussion Questions, and Activities

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*Isabel's Secret*Chapters 1-2

The Secret and Makeover Magic



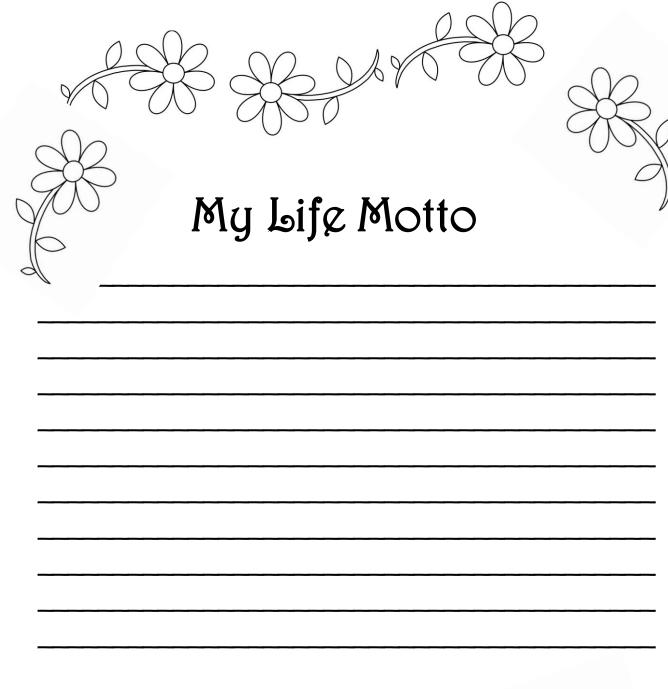
Literature Focus: Theme

. A theme is the main idea that runs throughout a story. In this story, the theme is perseverance (not giving) when things are difficult. One thing you read right away in chapte one is Isabel's motto. What is it?	•
2. Do you have a favorite Bible verse or motto that helps you when hings get tough? Write it on the lines below.	_
3. What three things does Isabel do that show perseverance?	_
3	_

Discussion Questions Chapters 1-2

1. What is Isabel's big problem?	
2. How does she think she can solve it?	
3. Do these things work?	Why or why not?
4. Have you ever had a big problem like Isabel?	
What was it and how did you solve it?	

Activity - A life motto is a simple sentence or phrase that sums up what a person or family believes is true, and they try to live by it. Isabel chose the motto she did because she believes in perseverance and not giving up. With the fun bordered paper provided on the next page, write out your life motto or Bible verse that encourages you when things get tough.









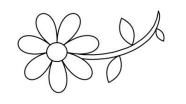
Vocabulary Chapters 1-2

Words in Context

Instructions: Place the correct vocabulary word or phrase into the blank space in the sentence that matches best. Below is the list of words to choose from.

Word List

sheepish	rangeland
dedicated	grimace
essence	catastrophe
chiffon	cuticle cream
concoction	camouflage
scorch	reluctant



- 1. The gorgeous, lavender-colored summer dress was made of _____ and lace.
- 2. Jed, the cowboy, took his cattle to the ______
 to eat grass and exercise.
- 3. Dad dressed in _____ when he went hunting so he would blend in with the forest.

4. Jackson, the puppy, was	to get wet in
the cold water for his bath.	
5. Everyone on the basketball team was	
to working hard and practicing so they could	win the championship this
year.	
6. Jordan gave her mom perfume with the _	of rose
for Mother's Day.	
7. Albert was in the basement all night work for the scien	
8. All the girls at Merriam's slumber party of	applied
to their fingernails as	part of their manicures.
9. Toby smiled a	grin after he accidently
spilled water all over the floor.	
10. The hurricane caused such a	for
the people in New Orleans.	
11. The patient gave a painful	while the
nurse examined his wound.	
12. The hot midday sun began to	the garden,
so Mom pulled out the hose and watered it.	

Chapters 3-4

The Race and Sleepover

Literature Focus: Character Development

We come to know a character by what they like, do, and say. Make a character web for Isabel and Holly. Even though they are different girls, they each are special in their own way. In the stars below write down all the things that you know about Isabel such as physical features like hair color, her favorite things to do, and what she says.



Make a character web for Holly. Do the same thing as you did for Isabel on the previous page.



Discussion Questions Chapters 3-4

What was it?
What was it?
they would be back oming back?
of things to do in

Activity - Make a Safety Storm or Blizzard Sheet

There are some ways you can plan before a disaster occurs. You may never have to use these tips, but you will want to know them just in case.

If you find yourself home alone, take a deep breath and relax! Remember, you are really never alone. The Lord is always with you and can give you wisdom for any situation if you ask.

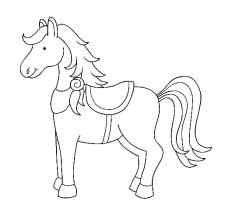
- Make up a family plan for disasters and post it where every family member can find it.
- Make a blizzard kit ahead of time and keep it where it can be found easily.

Include:

- Battery-operated radio with extra batteries.
- Several flashlights with extra batteries. Avoid candles because of the fire hazard.
- Have an emergency food supply of canned goods, a can opener, and water.
- Designate a spot in the coat closet to keep thermal underwear, hats, and socks.
- Keep board games or arts and crafts for kids handy. A storm could last several days.
- Children may be tempted to go outside but should not go. Blizzard temperatures can be cold enough for frostbite.
- Eat for body heat and jump up and down or move around in the house to stay warm, but do not overexert.

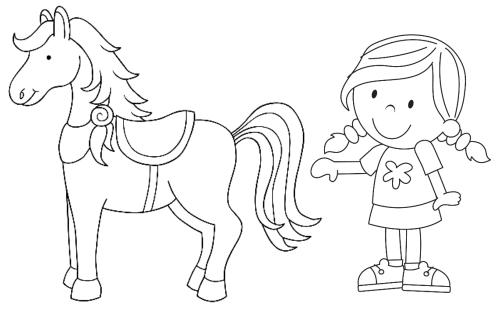
Vocabulary Chapters 3-4 Crossword Puzzle

Instructions: Read the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle. Use the word list for help.



Word List

appaloosa	unpredictable	bask
psyche out	contaminate	acknowledge
recognize	coax	
linoleum	defiant	
podium	influence	
contestant	taunt	

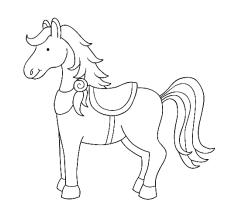


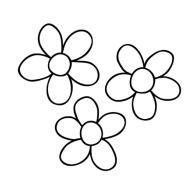
Words Across:

- 2. Any breed of rugged saddle horses developed in western North America and usually having a white or solid-colored coat with small spots
- 4. To lie or relax happily in a bright and warm place
- 7. Showing no respect for authority; refusing to obey
- 8. To get someone to do something by gentle persuasion
- 9. Not predictable; not able to be known beforehand
- 13. A raised platform for a speaker or orchestra conductor
- 14. To make dirty, polluted, or not usable by touching or by adding something to

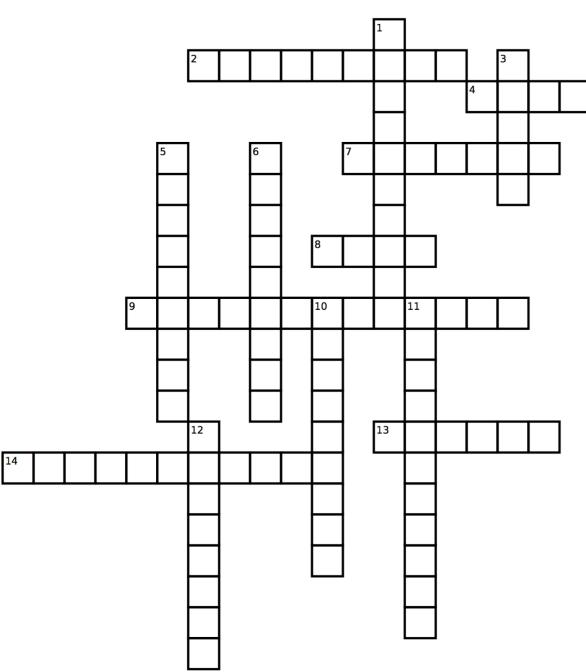
Words Down:

- 1. someone who takes part in a contest; competitor
- 3. to make fun of, tease, or challenge in mean language
- 5. to identify (someone or something) from previous experience or contact with that person or thing
- 6. to weaken the confidence of, intimidate.
- 10. the power or invisible action of a thing or person that causes some kind of effect on another
- 11. to admit or accept the truth
- 12. a floor covering that is not easily worn out which is made by pressing linseed oil and ground-up wood products onto a canvas backing



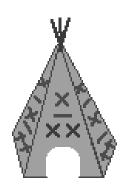






Chapter 5-6

Betrayed and The Museum



Literature Focus: Plot

A plot is a road map of where your story is going, with important stops marked along the way. It moves the story from the beginning to the end, with some fun twists along the way.

1. What event is important	to the plot	and reveals mor	re information
about the mystery?			
		 	

- 2. There is usually one (or more) GREAT DRAMATIC QUESTION in a novel. This is the unspoken question that every reader is asking in their minds while reading the story. This question MUST be answered by the end of the story. What is the GREATEST DRAMATIC QUESTION in this book?
- 3. There are several smaller DRAMATIC QUESTIONS along the way. Name one.
- 4. List one or two questions that you, the reader, would like to see answered by the end of the story.

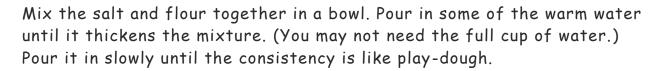
Discussion Questions Chapters 5-6

1. Why does Isabel feel like her dad is betraying her?
2. Isabel is a tomboy. She likes to do lots of physical activities like catching bugs and getting dirty. Are you more like Isabel or Holly? You are special just the way you are so either answer is the right one!
3. Name four cool artifacts or exhibits the girls see at the museum.
4. What do you think the writing on the pot means?
5. Why does Isabel feel "creepy"?

Activity Make Friendship Bracelets

Isabel would like this no-bake recipe!

- 1 cup of salt
- 2 cups white flour
- up to 1 cup of warm water
- food coloring
- elastic string
- skewer to poke holes in beads



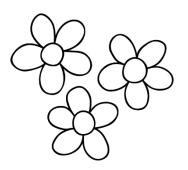
Separate the dough into four-to-six equal pieces. Add a few drops of food coloring to each of the pieces. For fun: swirl together two colors for two of the portions. Knead the dough for a few minutes, mixing the colors in until smooth.

Roll small pieces as large as you want the beads to be in the palms of your hands to form balls. Mix a few colors together to form a swirl effect. You can also form squares or cut out different small shapes.

Make a large hole in the center of each bead with a wooden chopstick or skewer. The hole will shrink while baking.

Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper and bake beads at 200° for 3-4 hours until they are dry.

Thread the beads with elastic string and tie a knot at the ends. Share one with your BFF. Share one with someone who needs a friend!



Vocabulary Words Chapters 5-6

Word Search

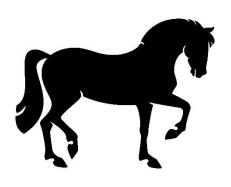
Instructions: Circle the eleven vocabulary words in the puzzle below. (See word list that follows.) Words can be found vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. When you have finished, look up the definitions and write them next to the words. Happy searching!

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Word List-Write out the definitions

1) COINCIDENCE -	 	
2) PIKES PEAK -		
3) TOTEM POLE -		
4) AMBLE-		
5) UNEARTH -		
6) TURQUOISE -		

7) PAPOOSE -
8) ANTICIPATION -
9) PORTAL -
10) FOOLS GOLD -
11) APATOSAURUS -



Chapters 7-8

Camp Tialocaka and Jason Twofeathers

Literature Focus: Sensory Setting

A setting is the place where the story happens and the time in history. In these chapters, the setting is Camp Tialocka in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



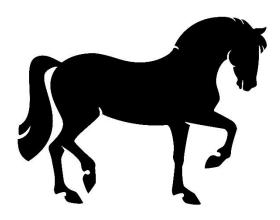
The sensory setting is when an author uses all five senses to describe the setting, so that the readers will not just read the story but experience it through their senses.

The five senses are **sight**, **sound**, **smell**, **taste**, and **touch**. For each of the sentences below, identify which of the five senses the author used to describe the setting.

1. The other girls on the bus sang silly camp songs all the way to Camp Tialocka)
2. Twelve rustic pine cabins sat on the bank of a shimmering lake.	
3. "These horses are smelly," said Amanda, holding her nose.	
4. Yellow and blue butterflies fluttered around the bushes.	
5. A redwing blackbird called out, and the locusts were starting to hu	m
6. The hot summer heat made her legs stick to the saddle.	

Discussion Questions Chapters 7-8

1. What changes Isabel's mind about liking girly things?
2. Why are Amanda Parkington's friends called the "Snob Mob"?
3. Name some of Isabel's activities at camp.
4. Have you ever gone to summer camp? What were some of your
favorite activities there? Or if you have never attended camp, what
would you LIKE to do there?



Vocabulary Chapters 7-8

Words in Context



Word List

irritate	notorious	French manicure
elaborate	industrious	American paint horse
canter	rustic	sympathetic
obvious	dipper bird	suspicious

Instructions: Place the vocabulary word or phrase in the blank space in the sentence that matches it best. Choose from the words listed in the word box above.

 Madeline was acting 	very	after the pi
in the window went miss	sing.	
2. The cabin that Tiffa	ny and Leanne stayed	in over the summer was
very	inside.	
3. While Ben was trying	g to concentrate, Davi	d began to
	_ Ben with his constar	nt whistling and humming.

4. William was	towards his sister
Lacey when she fell and scraped her kne	e.
5. Jesse James was a	outlaw from the
Wild West.	
6. On the way back from the fields, Roc	ket, the mustang, began to
7. It was very	that the girl scouts were
getting tired from the long hike.	
8. All the bridesmaids got a	and a
makeover before the wedding.	
9. Because Emma was so	at work,
her boss gave her a raise.	
10. On the camping trip Mark spotted a	
diving into the river.	
11. The teacher asked Kimberly to	
more about her school project.	
12. Mocha, an	horse, has a colorful,
one-of-a-kind white-and-brown coat the	nt looks like splatter marks

Chapters 9-10

Powwow and Dresses with Bells

Social Studies Focus: What is a Powwow?

A modern-day Pow Wow is a celebration where Native American people gather and enjoy a festival with dancing, singing, and honoring the traditions of their culture. They wear traditional clothing called "regalia," like buckskin pants and dresses. Modern-day powwows



may last from one to four days and draw people from 100 miles around. Some offer contests in Native American singing and dancing. One fun dance is the Bear Dance.

Discussion Questions Chapters 9-10

1. What special event does Isabel want to participate in at the Pow Wow?
2. What secret does she discover while she's there?
3. Jason gives Isabel a new name. What is it?
4. What special gift does Isabel receive from her Native American grandma?
5. Have you ever received a special gift from your grandma that was hers when she was a little girl? What was it? If not, what would you like her to give you?

Activity - Make a Name Decoration for your Bedroom

Names have special meanings given to us by our parents. During Bible times, people named babies for important events or what they believed God for. Make a special nameplate decoration for your bedroom. Make them with your sister or best friend. Include fun photos of yourselves or special mementos.



You will need:

- Large and small stickers
- Wall-art decals
- Small paper plates in variety of colors
- Black magic marker
- Alphabet stickers
- Puff paints or puff glue
- Wide ribbon (2-3 inch wide); 3 yards long for each nameplate
- Butterflies, plastic or sticker
- Fun photos if desired
- 1. Choose the type and number of plates you want to use. Lay them out on the table or floor so you can see what they look like together. In the example, we chose a flowered plate to glue on top of a pink one in an alternating pattern.
- 2. Cut out the letters and pictures of the stickers you want to use, but don't peel and stick them yet (in case you want to change them around). Arrange them on the plates first to see how they look.
- 3. On the top plate, use the alphabet stickers and spell your name. Then decorate around it with stickers or glitter glue.
- 4. On the next plate, write what your name means, or write a Bible verse and decorate the plate.









5. Use large stickers that are sold for wall art to put in the middle of the next plate.

Or draw a special word in glitter paint.



6. Roll out the ribbon and lay the plates on top of it in the order. Leave about 2 inches between each plate and 4 extra inches on top. Use a hot glue gun to apply a couple lines of glue right in the middle of the BACK of the plate. Be careful, it's hot! (Have a parent supervise.) Then flip the plate over and attach it to the ribbon. We



used the glue bottle to press it firmly in place because it was hot. Do this with all the plates.

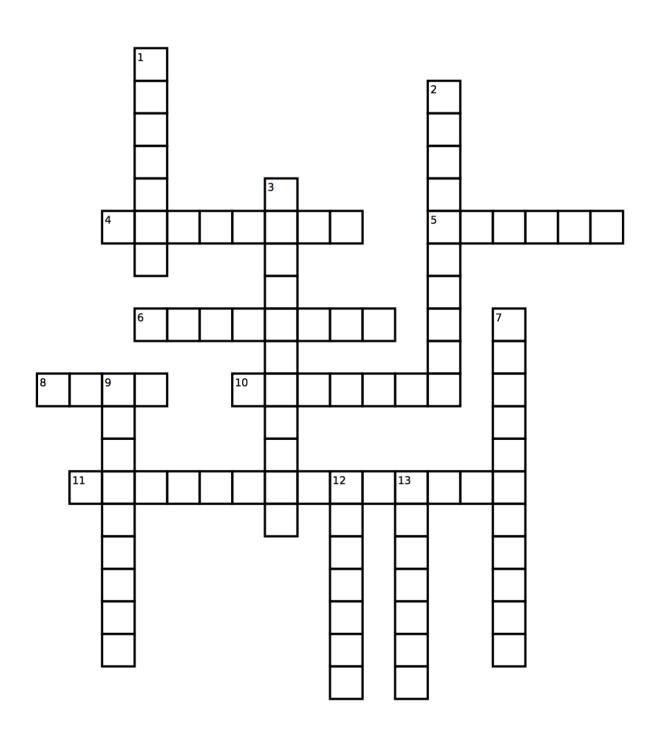
7. Tie a bow with the extra ribbon and attach it above the top plate on the ribbon with hot glue.



Chapters 9-10 Vocabulary Words

Crossword Puzzle

Instructions: Read the clues listed below to complete this crossword. Use the word list for help.



Word List

conjure	Sitting Bull	powwow
Sacajawea	mustang	torrent
eagle formation	reservation	prospector
gold rush	fry bread	saunter

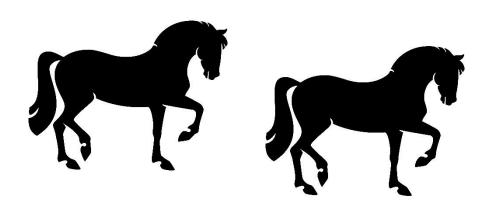
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Words Across:

- 4. is a flat dough fried or deep-fried in oil, shortening, or lard. The dough is generally leavened by soured milk, baking powder, or yeast (rarely)
- 5. a North American Indian ceremony involving feasting, singing, and dancing
- 6. the rapid movement of people to the newly discovered goldfields in California in 1848-1849.
- 8. to think about something carefully for a long time
- 10. to walk along in a slow and relaxed manner
- 11. a group standing in the shape of an eagle

Words Down:

- 1. to create or imagine something
- 2. a person who searches for precious minerals and metals
- 3. a chosen area of land for Native Americans to live on and taken care of by a Native American tribe under the US Bureau of Indian Affairs
- 7. a Native American leader of the Sioux tribe in the late nineteenth century. He was a chief and medicine man when the Sioux took up arms against the settlers in the northern Great Plains and against United States Army troops
- 9. a young Native American woman who guided Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on their expedition to explore territory gained through the Louisiana Purchase
- 12. a small and strong wild horse of western North America
- 13. a large amount of water that moves very quickly in one direction



Chapters 11-12

The Letter and The Reporter



Social Studies Focus

Native Americans told stories about their families and passed them on to each generation. They loved telling stories with good life lessons. It was a way to remember family history. We have books today like the Bible and Aesop's Fables that teach us good life lessons.

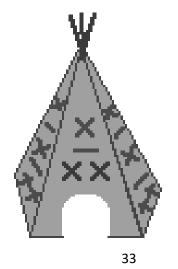
1. Grandmother	Tabitha make	s Isabel a	special	item for	story-tel	ling
time. What is it:	Ş					

2	2.Do you	have	a special	blanket	or ten	t that y	ou like [.]	to sit	under	when
>	you read	books	s or tell s	stories to	your	siblings:	? Wher	e is it	?	

Discussion Questions Chapters 11-12

1. Native American beliefs differ from Christianity. They believe in a
Creator as we do, but we also believe in God's Son, Jesus. That's a big
difference! Isabel respects their faith even though she doesn't agree
with it. Do you have friends who have different beliefs than you do? If
so, write down several ways you can share your faith with them.

2. Native Americans also respect the earth by taking good care of it and only killing animals when their people are hungry. In what ways do
you help take care of the earth that God gave us?
3. Native Americans love to tell stories about animals to help them learn good life lessons. When Grandmother Tabitha told her story about Ben Sawee, the eagle, God helped Isabel see that He was going to help with her problem. Have you ever read stories about life lessons like Aesop's Fables or Bible parables that gave you wisdom for a problem? If so, write down several titles of your favorite ones.





Activity - Make Chocolaty-Peanut Butter Native American Teepee Treats

Isabel makes these for a special Native American friend in the book Isabel's Secret.



You will need:



Smooth peanut butter

16-oz bag chocolate chips

Candy corn and pumpkins

Pretzel sticks-small bag

12 pointy ice-cream cones

Toothpicks

1. Pour the chocolate chips into a microwave safe bowl and microwave on high for 1-2 minutes until melted.



2. Using a butter knife, coat the inside of each cone **thickly** with peanut butter.



3. With a spoon, drizzle a layer of melted chocolate over the peanut butter inside the cone.



4. Use a scissors to cut $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches off the top of the cone. Hold the cone on its side and be careful not to let the chocolate drip out.



5. Hold the cone on its side and push 3 pretzel sticks in the top.



6. Lay the teepees on their sides on a tray lined with wax paper. Put into the freezer for 15-20 minutes or until the chocolate is solid.



7. With the remainder of the melted chocolate, coat the bottom with a line of chocolate and use that as "glue" for the candy corns.



8. For something different, you can cut up the candy corns with a knife to place on top of the chocolate



9. Place candy corn in the middle the same way or use your own designs.



Chapters 11-12 Vocabulary

Word Search

Instructions: Circle twelve vocabulary words in the puzzle below. (See word list that follows.) Words can be found vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. When you have finished, look up the definitions and write them next to the words. Happy searching!



Word List-Write out the definitions

1) GIDDY-	
2) HERITAGE -	
3) DOCUMENTARY -	
4) PERSONALITY -	
5) INSTRUCTION -	
6) SOLUTION -	

7) LAMENT -	
8) SWELTER -	
9) GOVERNMENT GRANT -	
10) LANYARD -	
11) SLATHER -	
12) PUBLICITY -	

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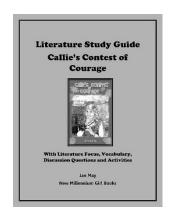
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Isabel's Secret Study Guide Answer Key

Literature Questions Chapters 1-2

- 1. "Winners never quit, and quitters never win, for I serve the mighty God that lives deep within!"
- 2. Answers will vary.
- 3. Any three of these:
 - She tries wearing a dress even though she doesn't like it.
 - She asks Holly for a makeover.
 - She encourages herself with her motto after she falls down the stairs in her dress.
 - She keeps practicing racing fast to beat Kip Johnson.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Gran thinks she is a tomboy and needs to go to a girl's school in Boston.
- 2. Holly giving her a makeover.
- 3. No, she trips on the stairs and tears her dress.
- 4. Answers will vary.

Vocabulary Chapter 1-2

- 1. Chiffon
- 2. Rangeland

- 3. Camouflage
- 4. Reluctant
- 5. Dedicated
- 6. Essence
- 7. Concoctions
- 8. Cuticle Cream
- 9. Sheepish
- 10. Catastrophe
- 11. Grimace
- 12. Scorch

Discussion Questions Chapter 3-4

- 1. Because he keeps teasing her that boys are better riders than girls.
- 2. Answers will vary.
- 3. Answers will vary.
- 4. Blizzard
- **5**. Roll towels underneath the windows and doors, fill a pan of water for drinking, get out flashlights in case of a power outage, put on thermal underwear, drip water in faucets in case pipes freeze, and listen to the weather station on the radio.

Crossword Answers

Across

- 2. Appaloosa
- 4. Bask

- 7. Defiant
- 8. Influence
- 9. Unpredictable
- 13. Podium
- 14. Contaminate

Answers Down

- 1. Contestant
- 3. Taunt
- 5. Recognize
- 6. Psyche out
- 10. Coax
- 11. Acknowledge
- 12. Linoleum

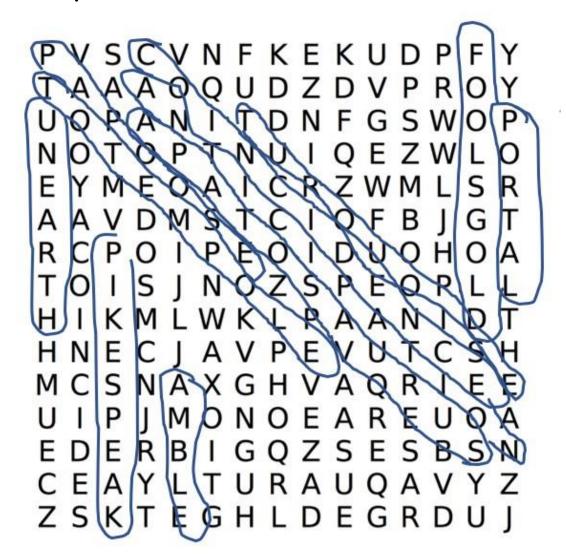
Literature Questions Chapters 5-6

- 1. Finding the clay pot and the writing on it.
- 2. What is Gran's secret?
- 3. Will Isabel go to Gran's school in Boston?
- 4. Answers will vary.

Discussion Questions Chapters 5-6

- 1. Dad is sending Isabel to "girl" camp.
- 2. Answers will vary. (Holly or Isabel)
- 3. Teepee, cradleboard, jewelry, stuffed eagles and bears, photos, pipes
- 4. Accept any reasonable answer.
- 5. She doesn't know what it all means.

Vocabulary Word Search Answers



Vocabulary Definitions [You need to write the answers to the vocabulary definitions here.]

Literature Questions Chapters 7-8

- 1. sound
- 2. sight
- 3. smell
- 4. sight
- 5. sound
- 6. touch

Discussion Questions Chapter 7-8

- 1. She made a pretty bracelet.
- 2. Because they were proud and thought they were better than all the other girls.
- 3. Archery, wilderness skills, jewelry making, and horse games.
- 4. Answers will vary

Vocabulary Chapters 7-8

- 1. Suspicious
- 2. Rustic

- 3. Irritate
- 4. Sympathetic
- 5. Notorious
- 6. Canter
- 7. Obvious
- 8. French manicure
- 9. Industrious
- 10. Dipper Bird
- 11. Elaborate
- 12. Appolosaa

Discussion Questions Chapters 9-10

- 1. Horse Competitions
- 2. She is part Native American.
- 3. Mourning Dove
- 4. Necklace
- 5. Answers will vary.

Vocabulary Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 4. Fry Bread
- 5. Powwow
- 6. Gold Rush

- 8. Muse
- 10. Saunter
- 11. Eagle Formation

Down

- 1. Conjure
- 2. Prospector
- 3. Reservation
- 7. Sitting Bull
- 9. Sacajawea
- 12. Mustang
- 13. Torrent

Social Studies Focus Questions Chapters 11-12

- 1. Story Blanket
- 2. Answers will vary.

Discussion Questions Chapters 11-12

1.-3. Answers will vary.