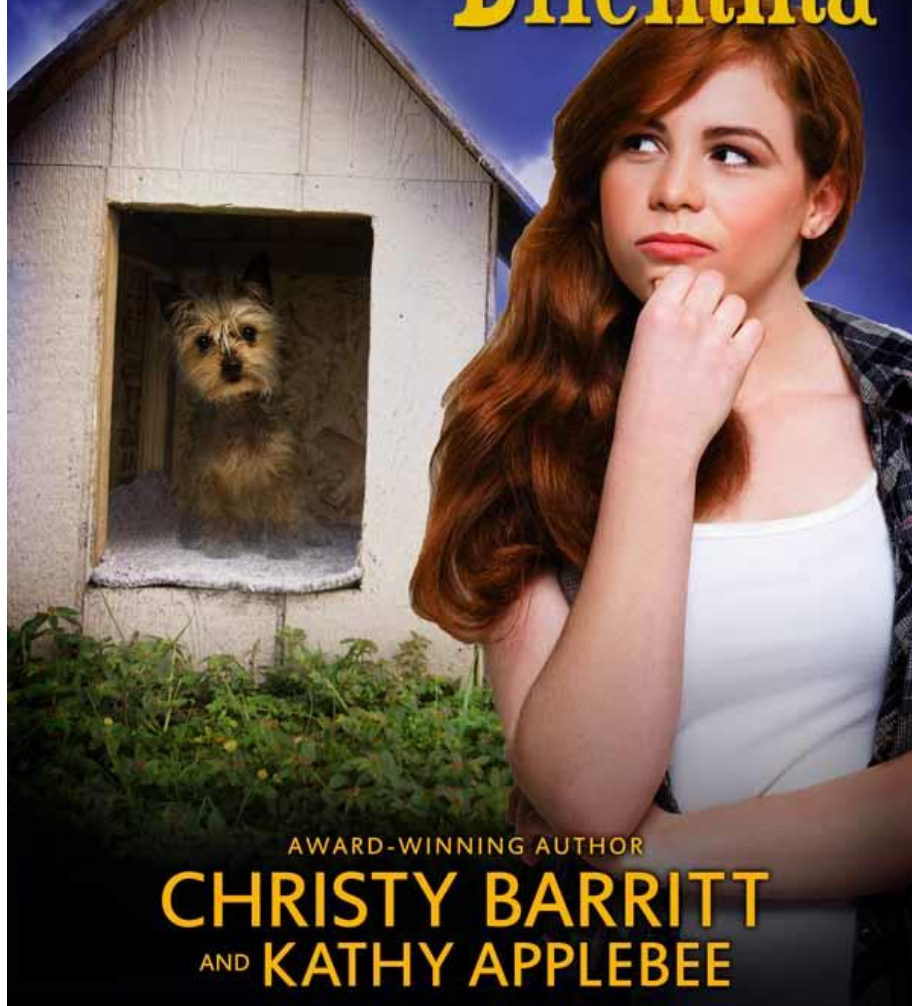


the Gabby St. Claire Diaries **Book 2**

THE Disappearing Dog Dilemma



Freebie Novel study

Writing prompts

As you read ...

Discussion questions
graphic organizers

Making inferences

In the wintry air with the sun going down, walking seemed to take half a day, not half an hour. By the time I arrived, I was a shuffling iceberg complete with a drippy nose and numb fingers and toes.

Based on the above information from chapter 1, what month might it be?

What time of day? What is the weather like? Is the setting inside or outside?

Even in our old van with the back bumper held on by duct tape, the trip to the Wrangley's was less than five minutes.

What can you infer about the condition of the van? About the socio-economic level of the owner? Which inference is based on the more solid evidence?

As you read find a **NOUN** that begins with

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

As you read find a **VERB** that begins with

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

As you read...

Compose a cinquain or biopoem about one of the characters

Antigone

Stubborn, idealistic, fearless, reckless

Niece of Creon

Lover of Polyneices, Haemon, and Justice

Who feels vengeance, concern, and determination

Who needs honor, respect, and self-confidence

Who fears dishonor, fear, and lack of confidence

Who gives a burial, her life, a sacrifice

Who would like to see justice, respect, and cooperation

Resident of Thebes

Antigone

*Example of a biopoem of
a character named
Antigone*

example

A biopoem

is a formula poem that may be used to analyze literary characters.

As you read, construct a biopoem about one of the major characters in The Disappearing Dog Dilemma

- LINE 1. First name
- LINE 2. Four traits that describe the character
- LINE 3. Relative of (brother, sister, daughter, etc.)
- LINE 4. Lover of _____ (Three things or people)
- LINE 5. Who feels _____ (Three adjectives)
- LINE 6. Who needs _____ (Three items)
- LINE 7. Who fears _____ (Three items)
- LINE 8. Who gives _____ (Three items)
- LINE 9. Who would like to see _____ (Three items)
- LINE 10. Resident of _____
- LINE 11. Last name



As you read find An
example of

In chapter

alliteration of the letter 'd'
simile

Chapter 1

metaphor
simile
hyperbole

Chapter 2

personification

Chapter 3 Chapter 4

simile

Chapter 5

simile

Chapter 6



As you read Sort/classification

What do you think of some of the characters?.



Friend material	Unsure/some of each	Not friend material

Of all the characters thus far, who are you most like?

Would you choose to go to OMS instead of the school you attend now? Why or why not?

Which lunch table would you sit at OMS? What lunch cliques are at your school?

As you read find An
example of

an idiom

In chapter

Chapter 8

simile
personification
hyperbole

Chapter 9

an idiom

Chapter 13

simile

Chapter 16

an idiom
simile

Chapter 17



As you read find an
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Chapter 9

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Chapter 13

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Chapter 16

an idiom
simile

Chapter 17



As you read find an example of

In chapter

Simile
Personification

Chapter 21

Simile

Chapter 22

alliteration

Chapter 23

Simile (2-3)

Chapter 24

hyperbole

Chapter 25

Simile
Alliteration
personification

Chapter 28-31



Making inferences

Chapter 1

“Ever heard of a leash law?” snarled the driver. He punched the accelerator and sped away.

Where is the setting of this scene? What might the driver be feeling? How can you tell? Why might the sentence below in red lead you to a different inference?

“Ever heard of a leash law?” asked the driver as he drove away.



Describe

Chapter 1

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delighted to feel the warmth curl around me. I
imagined I was a piece of bread in a toaster.

What figurative language do you note in the blue
passages?

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passages? (alliteration of the letter 'd')

I threw the door open and dashed inside,
delighted to feel the warmth curl around me like
I was a piece of bread in a toaster. (simile)

I could hear and smell the Oceanside Middle School cafeteria forty feet away. Greasy fries, old cardboard boxes and the noise of 150 seventh graders crammed into a chow hall built for economy of space, not separation of cliques, leaked into the seventh grade hallway. Posters of cartoon fruits and veggies covered water stains and cracked paint

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Chapter 2

Project

Draw a picture of the OMS cafeteria

OR

make 4-5 inferences of what OMS is like

OR

Fill in a 5 senses graphic organizer using information from this passage and chapter 2.

Journaling

Chapter 2

Brandon Coe was the coolest, the hottest and the warmest. That may sound like a contradiction in terms but it isn't. I figured he was like light, because light could be both a particle and a wave at the same time. And Bran was the light of my life.

How can someone be three different temperatures at the same time? OR

What can you infer about Gabby and science? OR

Bran was the light of my life: is this statement personification, simile, metaphor, connotation, denotation and how do you know?

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Bran was the light of my life: metaphor because it states Brandon WAS something. A metaphor is a figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action to which it is not literally applicable.

Journaling

Chapter 2

Too bad school administrators didn't close school for cold, dreary, freezing rain. I knew we needed it, but why couldn't precipitation schedule itself to fall between two and four a.m. when I was sound asleep?

If you could schedule rain, when would you schedule it and why? OR

Write one paragraph description of one of the most miserable weather you have experienced. Include where, when and why. OR

Draft a letter to the school board advocating for school closures for rain

Chapter 2

Even after two months, his gaze could start a flush crawling up my neck and across my face.

What emotion does this infer? How do you know?

His face was clouded over like the sky before a thunderstorm.

What emotion does this convey and what literary device is used to describe it?



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	pixie nose and haircut were at odds with her long arms and legs; she actually paid attention in classes and applied what she was learning to real life, straight A student
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	vacant look was the only thing that detracted from her picture perfect platinum blonde hair, expensive clothes, and classically beautiful face.

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"homeless man" or Amos	Long, dark hair, unkempt. Scruffy, dark beard. Army green jacket and dirty jean cut offs. Bandaged foot and leg on a pillow.
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hyperbole – an extravagant exaggeration

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hyperbole

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hyperbole

Chapter 3

Chapter 4

You have to have grey hair and sing along with elevator music to get respect around here.

What does this statement infer? How do you know?

The kitchen clock stared at me, the 6:33 an accusation: Bad Daughter.

Is the above simile, personification, hyperbole or metaphor?

I caught the scent of garlic bread and a whiff of the wonderful aroma of her spicy lasagna wafting from the kitchen. I bit into a forkful of delicious, gooey cheese, pasta and sauce.

What three senses are involved in the passage above? Write a paragraph description of a scrumptious meal you'd enjoy right now involving those same senses.

Chapter 3

Chapter 4

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What three senses are involved in the passage above? **Scent, sight and taste ('gooey' might involve the sense of feel, the sensation or feel of the cheese in the mouth)**

Journaling

Chapter 4

I caught the scent of garlic bread and a whiff of the wonderful aroma of her spicy lasagna wafting from the kitchen.

I bit into a forkful of delicious, gooey cheese, pasta and sauce.

Describe your favorite meal using at least 3 senses.

Instead I shook my dad who was dozing in front of the TV and took the stairs two at a time to wash up.

Who in your family might this description fit? OR

List 5-7 things that would motivate you to take the stairs two steps at a time.

Chapter 5

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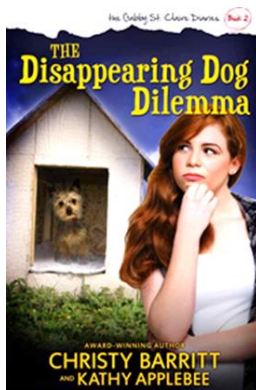
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Competition encourages producers to produce MORE of what consumers are willing to buy.

When a consumer has MORE choices, sellers work hard to attract business.

MATH CONNECTION

Like I'm getting paid seven dollars every morning and every evening for walking and feeding the Wrangley's pets

How much money would Gabby make in a week? If she pet sat the entire month of March?

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$$7 \times 2 \times 31 = \$434.00$$

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If the flip flops were 33% off, could Gabby buy them for \$10? **No**

What per cent off would the flip flops need to be to pay \$5 or less for them? **80%**

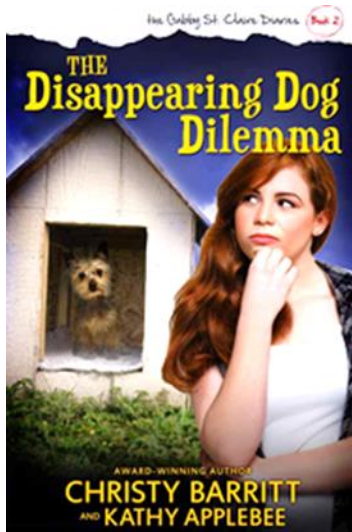
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What does this statement infer?

What figurative language is
used?



Describe a time when your
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the Sahara Desert”. What
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Why did it happen? OR

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The Disappearing Dog Dilemma
experiencing this. Explain who,
what, where, when and why.

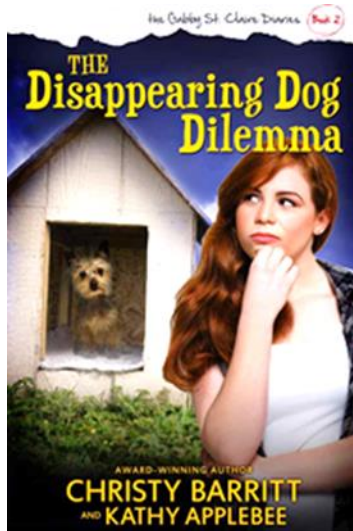
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Journaling

Chapter 5

Did I like Pete or did I just want a boyfriend, any boyfriend? What would it be like to have a boyfriend? Would I know what to say? What to do?

Imagine Gabby texted this to you. Give her some advice, possibly asking questions to help her clarify what she's thinking and feeling. OR

How do you decide if you like a member of the opposite gender? OR

How do you know what to say and do with your first boyfriend or girlfriend?

Who fits this description?

Chapter 6

	Description
	skinny white man wearing a lab coat nervously fiddled with the dark rimmed glasses perched on his long, thin nose.
	her clothes were Amish or Little House on the Prairie castoffs
	always the attention grabbing social butterfly of the entire seventh grade
	two years older than the rest of us, loved to show off his gleaming ankle monitor like it was Olympic gold.

Who fits this description?

Chapter 6

	Description
Dr. Arnold	skinny white man wearing a lab coat nervously fiddled with the dark rimmed glasses perched on his long, thin nose.
Hannah	her clothes were Amish or Little House on the Prairie castoffs
Donabell Bullock AKA the Diva	always the attention grabbing social butterfly of the entire seventh grade
Raff	two years older than the rest of us, loved to show off his gleaming ankle monitor like it was Olympic gold.

Chapter 6

Ms. Shernick's mouth flattened into a hard line. She drilled Raff with her eyes like a Texan drills for oil.

Is the above simile, personification, hyperbole or metaphor? What does it imply about Ms. Shernick's attitude toward Raff?

Her hands were clenched in her lap and one foot was popping up and down, up and down like a piston ... erupted out of her seat like lava spewing from a volcano

Who does this describe? What can you infer about her emotions?

What figurative language is used?

The whole class stared at her like she had three eyes or alien antennae sprouting from her head. Raff was muttering something about a loco **mamacita**. Without knowing Spanish, what can you infer 'loco mamacita' might mean? What can you infer about Raff?

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simile

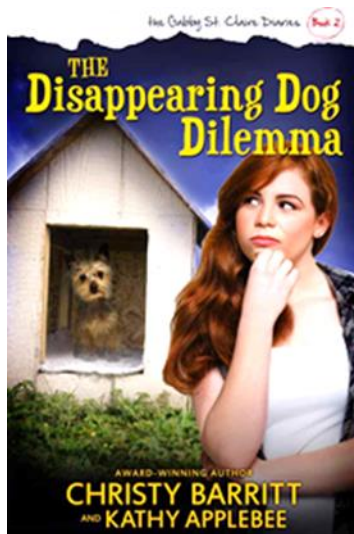
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Chapter 6

Describe a situation when a group of people stared at you in this fashion. Explain the who, what, where, when and whys. OR

Describe a situation when you stared at someone in this fashion. Explain the who, what, where, when and whys.

Predict

Chapter 6

We rate rocks on how scratch resistant they are. Talcum powder, which is used to make baby powder, is a one. Gypsum, from which we get plaster of Paris for casts, is a two. Most antacids are made of calcite, number three on Mohs hardness scale. Fluoride at four can be dissolved in toothpastes to help strengthen teeth.

Predict how this information might help solve a crime.

Look up Moh's scale and see what rates as 5-10. Why might this be good to know?

Mohs Hardness Scale

1 Talc Talcum powder.

2 Gypsum Plaster of Paris. Gypsum is formed when seawater evaporates from the Earth's surface.

3 Calcite Limestone and most shells contain calcite.

4 Fluorite Fluorine in fluorite prevents tooth decay.

5 Apatite

6 Orthoclase Orthoclase is a feldspar, and in German, "feld" means "field".

7 Quartz

8 Topaz The November birthstone. Emerald and aquamarine are varieties of beryl with a hardness of 8.

9 Corundum Sapphire and ruby are varieties of corundum. Twice as hard as topaz.

10 Diamond Used in jewelry and cutting tools. Four times as hard as corundum.

Chapter 7

Choose one of the excerpts from chapter 7 below and explain what the characters are thinking and feeling.

Pete eyebrows knit together as he scowled at us, but poor Paulette glanced around like she was lost in the Bermuda Triangle and trying to use a map written in Swahili to get out.

What would this mean if it happened in a PE class? How would it be different if it described a person in court or waiting for the winner of an election to be announced?

“You can unload to me any time.”
Gabby says to Pete.

Who do you unload to? What qualities make for a good listener?

Journaling



What is the Bermuda Triangle? Swahili? Do a little research if needed.

My heart started to thud like I'd run a three-minute mile; my heart doing cartwheels

Compare & contrast Chapter 8

The Wrangley's lived in a two-story house in a snooty neighborhood. When they'd given me a tour of the house, I'd noticed the upstairs only had one bedroom. The other two rooms were used as an office and home gym, complete with weights and a treadmill. I imagined they were an older couple and pretty well off because they had nice furniture and TVs in almost every room. Not that I was snooping. I was simply sharpening my powers of observation and deduction.

Compare and contrast the Wrangley's home with either Gabby's or your own OR

Was Gabby snooping?
Sharpening her powers of observation and deduction?
OR

Based on Gabby's description make a list of 4-6 deductions you might have come up with about the Wrangley's

Journaling

Chapter 8

Lana blew a gasket when she found Suzy sampling all her make up.

What does the idiom 'blow a gasket mean? Would this make you blow a gasket? Describe a time when you or someone else blew a gasket. OR

How much privacy should siblings have at home? In their rooms? How can people respect each other's privacy when living in close quarters?

Chapter 9

The guy at the Seaside Surf Shop recognized me from when my dad brought Tim and me to work there on Saturdays, and let us post our last flyer.

What figurative language is used in the store name? List 7-10 things you might buy there.

Journaling

What constitutes a date? How do you know if someone of the opposite gender likes you?

I felt a sudden overwhelming urge to sit down because my heart had stopped beating. I couldn't think of a response.

I took a wild guess that was where he wanted to eat and nodded, following him on Jell-O legs.

Describe a time when you had Jello legs.

Chapter 9

My mouth went bone dry, as dry as a Bedouin's flip flop. In the Sahara. During a drought.

Pete's voice came from a million miles away.

My heart thumped like a rabbit's leg on steroids.

Twenty bazillion thoughts flooded into my mind like Christmas shoppers storming a mall the day after Thanksgiving.

But these (thoughts) were quickly swept aside as the others, some only fragments, shoved and elbowed for attention.

Simile? Personification?

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Journaling

“One day I’m going to do something, something big and they’ll actually notice I exist.”

Who said this? Why do they feel this way? Have you ever felt like this? What did you do about it?

Where are you in birth order? How do you feel about that? Is it best to be firstborn? Last? Middle? Only?

Chapter 10

“I think it is awful that parents say they love all their kids the same, but when it comes down to it, they all have favorites.”

Agree or disagree? Why or why not? If someone told you this, what would you reply?

Chapter 10

Yeah, you got that right. I mean, I'd get it if Lana or Suzy had cancer of something. Then I think it's okay for a kid to be center stage all the time, for whatever time they had left. It sucks being in the middle, cuz it's like never gonna be your time."

Under what circumstances would it be alright for one child to get more attention than the others? For how long?

Journaling

Our heart-to-heart was turning mean. We never talked this way. I wanted a do-over on this conversation. I wanted to press "rewind" and start again but I had to settle for "stop."

Describe a conversation you wish you could have pressed rewind and started over. Who was it with? When? Where? About what?

Chapter 11

“Gabby, just consider something, okay?” Becca’s voice sounded strange, like she was going to deliver some bad news like “You have cancer” or “You have detention until you’re 21.”

I waited, scrunching my eyes shut like they could filter out bad news.

“I’m just asking,” Becca said.

That worried me even more. Sentences that started out that way were never ones you wanted to hear.

What words and/or phrases cue you in that bad news is going to be delivered? Who uses these phrases?

OR

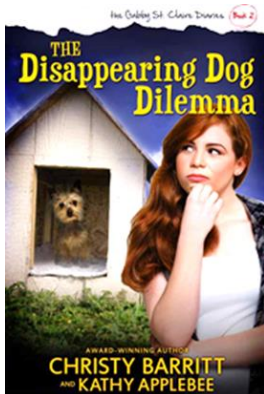
Tell us the who, what, where, when and why of some bad news you have had recently?

Chapter 12

I bristled like an irate porcupine. The way he said girl was obnoxious, like I was a little kid or a weakling or both.

What makes you bristle?

Journaling



Connotation

Denotation

“I don’t need some girl showing up unannounced at all hours of the day and night, barging into the house.”

Predict why Amos feels this way? If he had said “coming into the house” would the connotation or denotation change? If so, how?

None of the words or phrases in red are used literally. What do these idioms mean?

You're gonna be **rolling in the dough**

jumped to the conclusion I had been fired. I decided to let it go since I'd done enough **jumping** about Amos to make a trampoline dizzy.

Mom said **grace**

“What makes you think I ever want to **set foot** anywhere near you again?”

Vocabulary

Chapter 13

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You're gonna be **rolling in the dough** **Getting richer**

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Drawing conclusions without sufficient grounds to do so

Mom said **grace** **a prayer before a meal**

"What makes you think I ever want to **set foot** anywhere near you again?" **go or be around**

Connotation

Denotation

He **marched** off toward the ringing.

Is “marched” literal or figurative? How do you know? Choose five other words that fit in the sentence instead of “marched off” and mean the same as “went” .

How would each change the connotation?

I **stomped** a bit more than necessary on the rest of the stairs.

What does this infer about Gabby’s emotional state?

Chapter 14

Denotation

Connotation

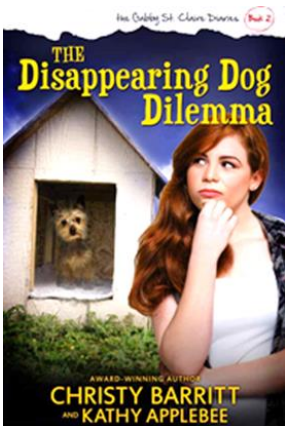
“True,” I conceded while hauling myself upright and downstairs.

Choose three words/phrases with the same denotation as hauling myself upright. The differentiate between their connotations.

Journaling

Becca played devil’s advocate.

What does this idiom mean?
OR describe a time you played devil’s advocate



Chapter 14

thinking for the zillionth time it would be nice if we had a mechanical dishwasher like everyone else.

Vocabulary

I have these ginormous decisions to make

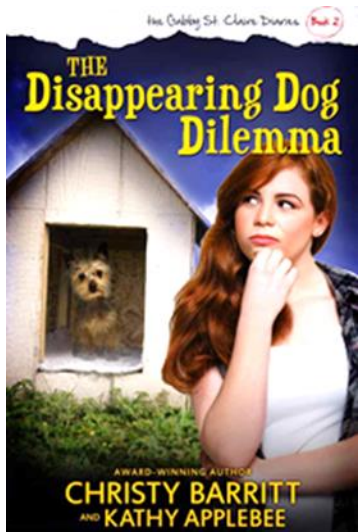
Pick one of these statements by Gabby and explain the use of hyperbole and why you think Gabby chooses hyperbole, even when she talks to herself.



Chapter 15

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Dorkina is not found in most dictionaries but Gabby uses it several times. Based on the context clues given when Gabby uses it, come up with a dictionary definition for dorkina.



Vocabulary

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Dorkina: noun. The feminine form of Dork - a dull, slow-witted, or socially inept person

Vocabulary

Chapter 16

“Opportunity cost is defined as the next best alternative not chosen, or the alternative given up, when we make a decision,” he said.

Had Pete said something about opportunity cost? I racked my brain to remember but came up empty. I decided I better tune in because, if Pete mentioned it, it might be important in our relationship.

“There are opportunity costs in making decisions about which TV show you watch at a certain time, how to spend your allowance, or deciding what to wear to school,” Mr. C said. “I need a volunteer to tell us about a choice they made, what they gave up, and if they were happy with that choice.

Imagine Mr. C called on you. What example would you use to answer?

Journaling

His praise made her preen like a peacock.

Chapter 16

she cringed like a kicked puppy.

Vocabulary

Which type of figurative language is used? How would you convey the same information using only literal language?

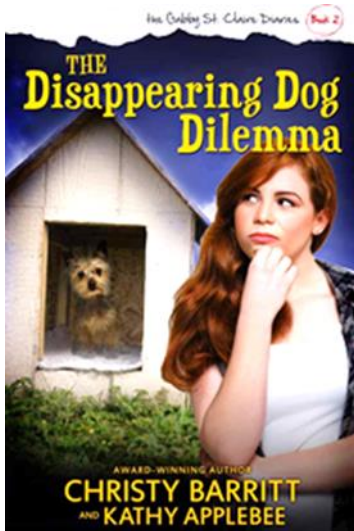
Journaling

“All economic questions and problems arise from scarcity,” he said. “Economics assumes people do not have the resources to satisfy all of their wants. Therefore, we must make choices about how to allocate those resources. We make decisions about how to spend our money and use our time.”

Which do you have more of: time or money? How does this influence the choices you make?

Journaling

Divide a page in your notebook into two columns with one column labeled 'choice' and the other 'opportunity cost.' List at least five choices you make today and the corresponding opportunity cost for those choices.



Chapter 16

[illegible]

Journaling

Chapter 17

Taco Tuesday only happened once a month, so the extra-long lunch line stretched around the OMS cafeteria like Mr. Fantastic's arms.

Consider what you know about Gabby, lunch and Pete, then hypothesize why Gabby thought of the line in terms of Mr. Fantastic's arms.

I switched to bringing my lunch in fifth grade when dad started “borrowing” my lunch money. I figured it was one small way I could contribute to dad's sobriety.

Why is ‘borrowing’ in quotation marks? What is Gabby saying without coming right out and saying it in a literal fashion? Why might she choose not to be literal?

Journaling

Chapter 17

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Pete dresses as and often talks about Super Heroes

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Becca routinely brought her lunch because her parents probably classified tacos with arsenic and Twinkies.

What figurative language is being used? What is arsenic? At what point should students choose their own meals and food?

As the silence between us continued, I resolved that I wasn't going to be the first one to speak. She was the one who acted like a jerk at lunch yesterday and then never bothered to call last night and apologize. I would wait her out. Even if the tension was building like a tidal wave.

Who should speak first? Why? OR
Describe a time when tension built like a tidal wave? What happened as a result of that build up?

(literal or figurative? How do you know?)

“Where?” asked Becca with ice framing the word.

Brandon had read him the riot act and warned him away from
me.

Vocabulary

Chapter 17

Amos had stopped pumping iron

... she was a few puppies short of a pet shop in the brain
department What does this imply?

Even in the harsh cafeteria light it sparkled like liquid fire
encircling her wrist.

List 3-5 things that could be described as “liquid fire”.

Journaling

Just like flipping a light switch,
Becca turned on a smile.

Who do you know that can
switch emotions on and off?
Under what circumstances?
When do you do it?

The Chapman's recycled everything, including the Sunday comics, which they used as gift wrap. They even reused bubble wrap. What kind of freak parents forbid their kids to pinch bubble wrap so they can reuse it?

Considering this and other information thus far: what is your impression of the Chapmans? Who do you know that most closely resembles them?

Journaling

Does opportunity cost mean giving up a best friend when a boyfriend comes along?

Write a position statement and back it up with three facts or examples



Although this trip wasn't about my ride, it wasn't exactly about missing dogs either. Did that make it a date? More disturbing: Did that make me a hypocrite because I was acting like it was about the dogs when really I just wanted to hang out with Pete?

Gabby just texted the above to you. What is your answer? Explain the rationale behind your answer to her in 2-3 sentences.

The chill March wind was at our backs, subtly pushing us away from school while running its icy fingers under my jacket.

Describe the where, when and how of a time you were cold.

Chapter 18



We coasted into Animal Control, a bleak off-white building with fences on the left side and out back. Someone had painted large murals of cats, dogs, birds and a couple of rabbits on one side, but it must have been ages ago since the paint was faded, peeling or missing in splotches.

Draw this or your own version of what Animal Control looks like.



Chapter 18

Denotation

Connotation

Choose one of the sentences below and rewrite it twice , changing the word in **red** AND keeping either the denotation or connotation the same.

I was glad he was bent down so he didn't see the stupid smile
plastered across my face.

Like spies, we **scuttled** to the edge of the building, squatted low and
peered carefully around the bend.

the man **forced** the dog inside the back of the van
He hopped back in the still running van and pulled away.

Journaling

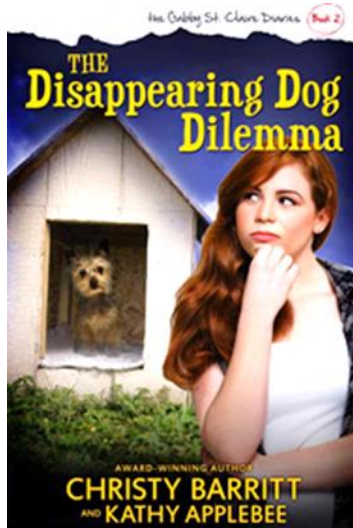
Chapter 18

grinning like the village idiot.

Is this idiom politically correct in today's world?

The harried counter clerk treated Pete and I like bothersome toddlers, barely making eye contact and answering in a clipped, annoyed tone.

When have you been treated like this? How did you feel? What did you do?



We hadn't peddled out of the parking lot before Pete's chain fell off. I tried to help as he fiddled with it, but words like sprocket, cog, crank set and bike cassettes were all lost on me.

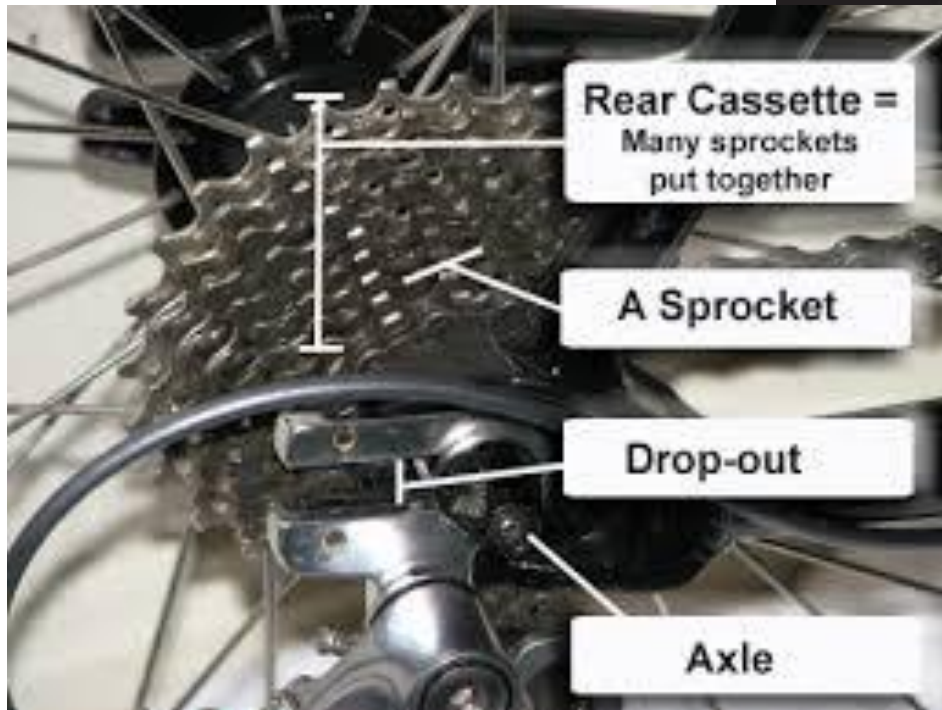
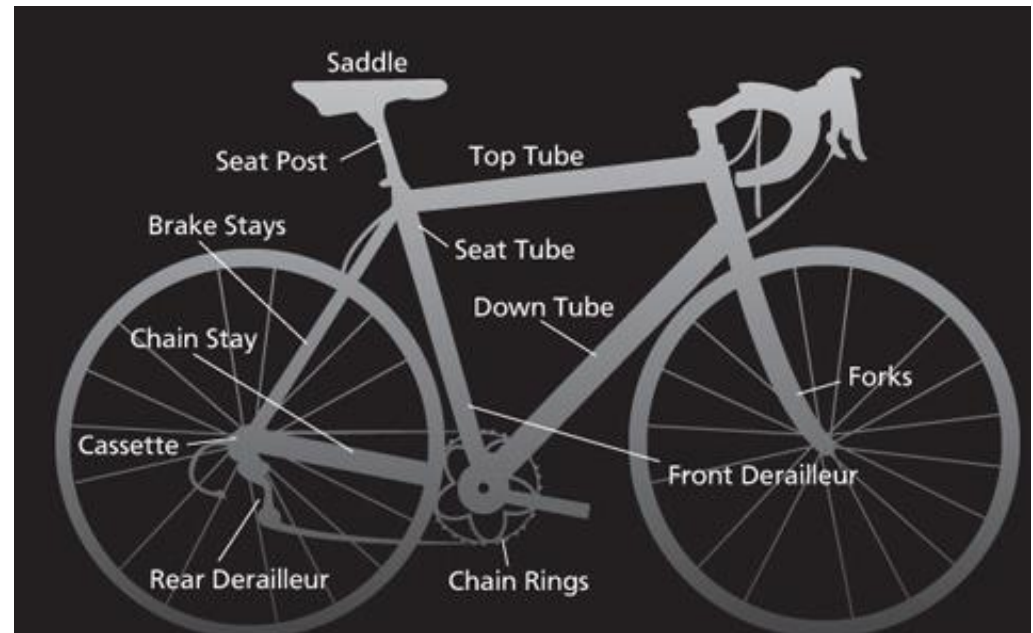
Predict what these words mean: crank set , cog, sprocket, bike cassette using context clues. Then check to see how close you came to the actual definition.



Chapter 18

Vocabulary

sprocket, bike
cassette



“Dad’s gonna swing by after he picks up Lana,” Pete said with a sigh. “Since her tap class ends at 5 pm, it’s gonna be dark by the time he gets here.”

I have to tell him I can’t wait. I have to pet sit! Said my brain. I can’t desert him, not now. He might break up with me. Said my heart. As the voices in my head warred back and forth, stupid Mr. C’s voice chimed in with, “Opportunity cost is giving up the second-best alternative to obtain something else.” In my mind’s eye I grabbed a remote control and switched him off. There had to be a way to keep both job and boyfriend.

What would you advise Gabby to do?

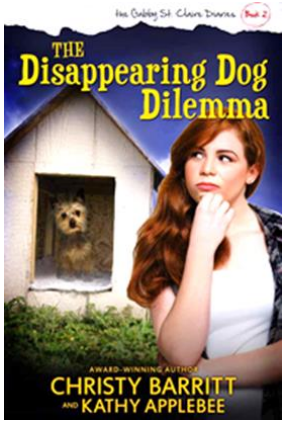
Chapter 18

Harried Clerk went inside, and the man forced the dog inside the back of the van, closing the doors with a clang that sounded like prison doors slamming shut. He hopped back in the still running van and pulled away.

Predict what will happen to the man and the dog.
Predict which chapter you will discover what happens.



Economics vocabulary



capital resource

entrepreneur

competition in the marketplace

opportunity cost

scarcity

Who might be covetous of something you own?

Who disposed the trash last at your house?

Who has the most social in your family?

What is the last thing you procured?

List 3 principles of friendship.

What is something you might disrupt?

Where would you find pharmaceutical products?

Describe your last interaction with a three year old.

List 3 gaudy articles of clothing you've seen on Facebook.

Of what are you a connoisseur?

Vocabulary chapters 5 & 6

Discussion time

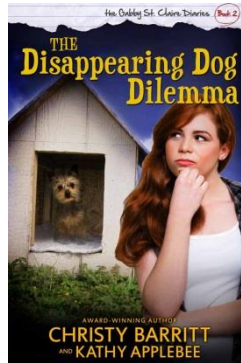
Covetous
Connoisseur
Disposed
Overkill
Gratifying
Principles
Gaudy
economic

Procured
Pharmaceutical
Diva
Interaction
Submissive
Social
Chemist
Society
disrupt



Chapter 1

Felony
modus
particle
unabashed
separation
wayward
transparently
afar
downside
administrators



Vocabulary chapters 1-2

Rate the words

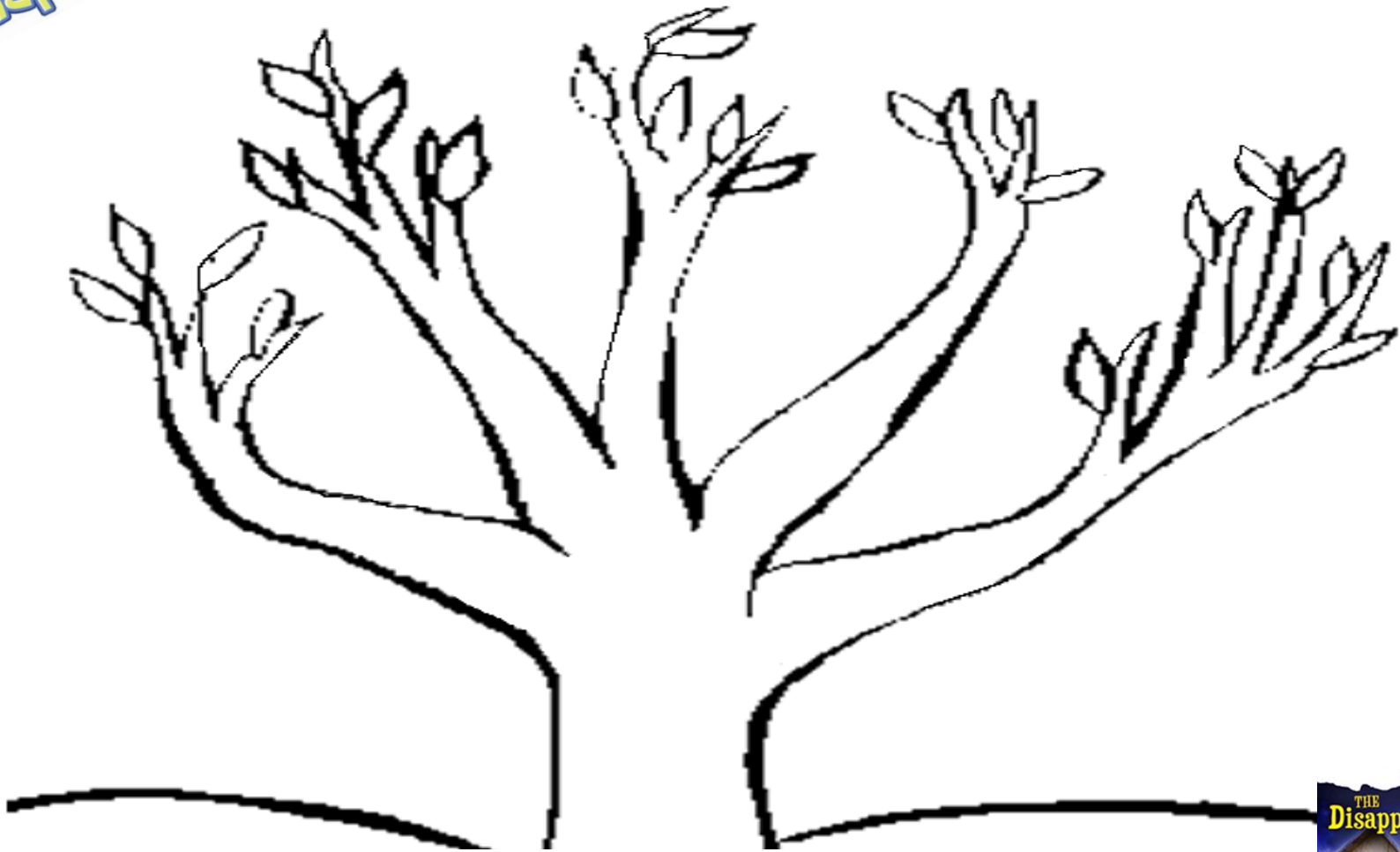
People know and understand words on different levels. Rate the words in the left column using the rating scale: below.

1 – I have never heard of this word

2- I may have heard of the word and could guess in a general way what it might be about.

3- I know this word. I have used before or have read it several times.. When others use it, I know what they mean.

4- I use this word when speaking and writing. I am very comfortable with this word.



Understandably

What is the root word? How many words can you make from its root word ?
How many related words? How are they related?





Four-Square definition **Chapter 5**

1. sketch	2. Example:
Connoisseur	
3. Non-example:	4. Definition

Using the above graphic organizer, thoroughly define the word Connoisseur

Synonym (same meaning)

Antonym (opposite meaning)

Vocabulary word web

Definition

The word

Picture or symbol

Sentence with the word



Part of speech, origin, root word....

Vocabulary

Chapters 7-8

Restriction

Cruelty

Alluring

Deduce

Entitled

Sampling

Subtly

Development

Organization

Chapters 9-11

Unequivocally

Arbitrary

Bribing

Eloquent

Authentic

Mode

Submerging

Probability

Shutdown

Chapters 12-13

Infamous

Bona fide

Irate

Derision

Maintaining

Aggravated

Willingness

Vagrant

Frequently

Chapters 14-16

Devotees

Scarcity

Assumes

Routinely

Derailed

Advocate

Demure

Arise

Accentuate



Vocabulary

Chapters 17-18

Sobriety
Entitle
Cheerfulness
Routinely
Resolved
Muteness
Maintained
Murals
Interlaced
Proverbial
Symbolic
Warred
Sprocket
Emblazoned
Subtly
Peddled

Chapters 19-22

Consenting
Tolerable
Definitive
Distinguishing
Insinuated
Rationalized
Behavioral
Witnessing
Riveting

Chapters 23-25

Thereof
Relating
Accessible
absolute
Objective
Absence
Whelping
Stifling
Du jour
Powerlessness
Evils

Chapters 26-28

Prevailed
Sole
Unplanned
Objections
Foreseen
Milestone
Mere



Vocabulary

Chapters 32-34

Confirming

Statute

Vying

Conflicting

Minimize

Adjacent

Disintegrating

Beachfront

Chapters 35-36

Unobstructed

Carting

Scope

Causal

Substituted

Economic

Gender

Chapters 37-39

Fundraising

Targeted

scarcity

Penning

Trashy

Accentuate

Conjured

Protocol

Chapters 40-end

Wrest

Endangering

Vicinity

Insistence

Counseled

Chaotic

Emblazoned

Enunciated

studious

Chapters 29-31

insignificance

necessity

gauged

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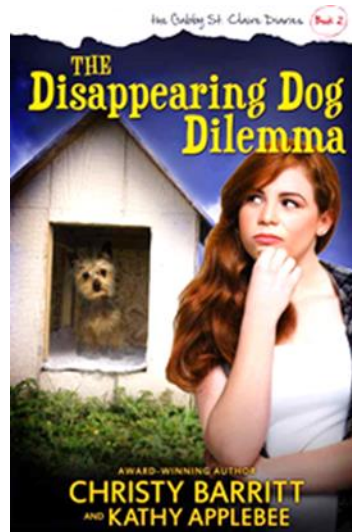
mire

heeding

pleasantries

conjured

earnest



Root words and their relatives



As you read chapters 1-4, find examples of these parts of speech

ROOT	NOUN	VERB (present)	(PAST)	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB (add -ly)

Chapter 21

Journaling

Chapter 20

I glanced around, hoping Pete would materialize. Joe's Pool Hall. A washateria. A tattoo parlor. An ABC liquor store. A couple of other dull brick three stories. The pit bull and Raff might fit right, in but I was feeling as conspicuous as I would have at a formal dinner at the White House.

Describe a time when you felt this way OR

Name a place in your area that reminds you of this place.

I peddled against the wind, my hair whipping around like tiny lashes, whacking my face. It was more than annoying because the experience reminded me of my whole life: fighting against the wind, being beaten down by problems, swimming upstream. No matter what I did right, fifty bazillion other things would jump at the chance to go wrong.

Describe a time when you felt this way OR

Advise Gabby

I felt relief wash through me like a cold Slushie

the rusty van pulled into the street and roared away,
coughing dark smoke from its tailpipe.

The words barely pushed past the loud throbbing of my
pulse slamming against my ear, beating like a bass drum on
steroids

None of my BFFL's had emerged from the lunch lady line up

The titters of laughter from the Devotees would normally
have cut like miniature knives, but not today. Today, I was
armored up and ready for any trash talk they threw my
way.

Wanda glowed like a radioactive isotope

Lethargic, sleepy students came to life and burst from their
seats like frenzied bees from a hive.

she would never go out with a boy until she was ancient,
like twenty-five or thirty.

Chapter 21

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Chapter 23

Chapter 24

Identify the
figurative
language

Chapter 25

I felt relief wash through me like a cold Slushie **simile**

the rusty van pulled into the street and roared away,
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Alliteration

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she would never go out with a boy until she was ancient,
like twenty-five or thirty. **hyperbole**

Identify the
figurative
language



Chapter 24

During the Friday Freedom Rush, individuals were pushed along like a piece of driftwood or an old bottle on the swelling tide of adolescent humanity, eager to start their weekend. Since the very first time I had experienced it in sixth grade, this rush had frightened because of the disconcerting sense of powerlessness to fight the current, of being swept along without a choice.

Chapter 25

Becca's parents had said she couldn't date until she was at least 16 and she had to be on the honor roll and a bunch of other random stuff which basically meant she would never go out with a boy until she was ancient, like twenty-five or thirty.

Chapter 26

Your first kiss was supposed to be all fireworks and swooning right? A milestone on the adolescent expedition to adulthood.

Choose one and
respond to what is being
said.

Chapter 28-31



Identify the
figurative
language

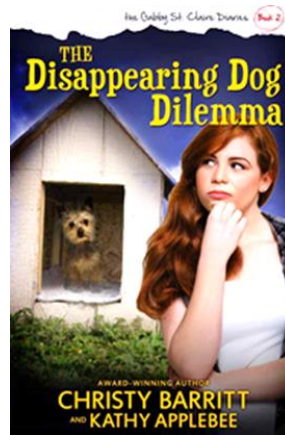
All the friendliness had drained from his eyes, but the smile stayed on his face like toast crumbs that should be brushed away.

The shed seemed to shift imperceptively

Cold water was sliding down my back where it had wormed its way under my collar.

A thousand reasons ... whizzed around like crazed bumblebees making me feel dizzy and unable to focus on just one

Chapter 28-31



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I also grabbed a couple of dog biscuits and shoved them in my pocket, thinking maybe I could tempt her out with those. The food bowl seemed to laugh at my idea, but it was all I had.

Nausea crawled out of the pit and into my stomach

The structure slumped over like an old man with a bellyache.

The sky had cleared enough to make Pixie's predicament plain

An idea as bright as lightning flashing above and just as fast zoomed through my mind.

Chapter 28-31

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Personification/simile

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alliteration

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Identify the
figurative
language

Chapter 28-31

Vocabulary

Using context clues define MONDO Chapter 33

Hawaiian Surfing Championships flickering across the screen. The plastic antenna of the phone was peeking out from under the couch.

“Your mother and I went to these.” My dad nodded toward the screen. “Right after we got married. A honeymoon business trip. I made it to the semi-finals before the grandfather of all mondo waves wiped me out.”

Chapter 36

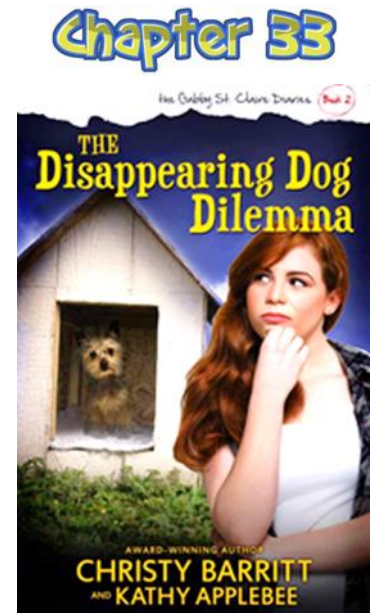
Becca says “General Hitler just got home and is calling.” Who does she mean?

Vocabulary

MONDO

Hawaiian Surfing lingo for huge,
monstrous

Becca means her father



Drawing connection

Chapter 35

The lot next to the store was vacant except for empty plastic bags and fast food trash. The rest of the street seemed deserted of people, even though parked cars and a battered van lined either side.

Chapter 21

The shed looked like it was on its last legs—literally. The wood looked rotted and the roof patched. The front end was propped off the ground about eight to ten inches on crumbling cinder blocks, but the back end was not just touching the ground, it looked like it had sunk in.

Chapter 28-31

Most of them were gray-brown like Pixie with white throats.

The tiniest one was all brown except the tip of one ear.

Another had a white throat and looked like he had knee socks on his front feet and anklets on his hind paws.

Chapter 35

“Fear, especially fear of the unknown, can invite people to do things they normally wouldn’t do. I would advise your friend to talk to her first friend about the whole situation. And I mean really talk, and as soon as possible. The longer things are wrong, the more likely they are to stay wrong.”

“But with more friends, you have to divide your time and activities between them. I think that’s where opportunity cost comes in.”

“It might be tempting for your friend to spend all her available time with her boyfriend, but it’s probably smarter to balance things out. Boyfriends come and go, but a good friend can stick closer than a brother.”

“Things don’t always work out,” I blurted thinking of Timmy and dad and even Mr. Baker’s plane crashing. “How do we know? We haven’t come to the ends of our stories

“God is our judge. In the end, He’ll set things to right, no matter how bad or unfair things seem or are right now. I find it comforting to know that in the scope of eternity, God has it all under control and everything will work out.”

Choose a paragraph and explain what you agree with, disagrees with and what you are unsure of at this point in your life.

Chapter 28-31

It might slow the sinking of my personal Titanic.

What was the Titanic? What does this statement mean?

Chapter 35

Opportunity cost always having to give up the next best thing to get the best thing, I don't think it's necessarily true. I mean, can't you have both things? Both friends?"

Write Gabby an answer

Chapter 37

I worried Becca might pull back into her shell like a turtle surrounded by sharks. I mean, if it had been me, I would have seen Benedict Arnold written all over it.

Who was Benedict Arnold? What does comparing a person's actions to him imply?

Journaling



“Parents over-react to everything,” Becca ranted. “Last night my mom threw out all those magazines your mom gave us! She says I am not to read that ‘trash’ anymore.

Imagine Mrs. Chapman asked you if she should have thrown out the magazines. Write a reply.

Chapter 37

Journaling

Chapter 38-41

Write Gabby an answer
Like how did Wanda get in a situation where the opportunity cost for keeping her mom safe was doing something illegal? And if she had refused to go along with Dougie’s plan and her mom got hurt, how could she live with that? How does someone like Wanda, or even me, keep from being in a position where you have to choose between two bad choices?

Chapter 19

Animal
testing:
Right or
wrong?

Persuasive argument –
choose one of these topics and
Choose your position
Write a thesis statement
Define your three reasons

Chapter 35

Usually same gender friendships
change once teens start dating. But
girls seem to have the hardest time
of adjusting their relationships,
even if there is time for all friends.

Agree or disagree?

Chapter 36

Dog fighting is horrible.
Agree or disagree?



Online economics resources

https://www.stlouisfed.org/education_resources/economic-lowdown-podcast-series/opportunity-cost/

Opportunity Cost – The Economic Lowdown Podcast Series. Covers choice, scarcity and opportunity cost.

http://www.richmondfed.org/publications/education/concepts_posters/pdf/2010_OpportunityCost.pdf

Four quick opportunity cost activities for upper elementary students

<http://www.kansascityfed.org/publicat/education/teachingresources/Bite-Size-Economics-2010-2011.pdf>

Bite size activities for K-12 from the Kansas Federal Reserve Bank.

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Vocabulary word web

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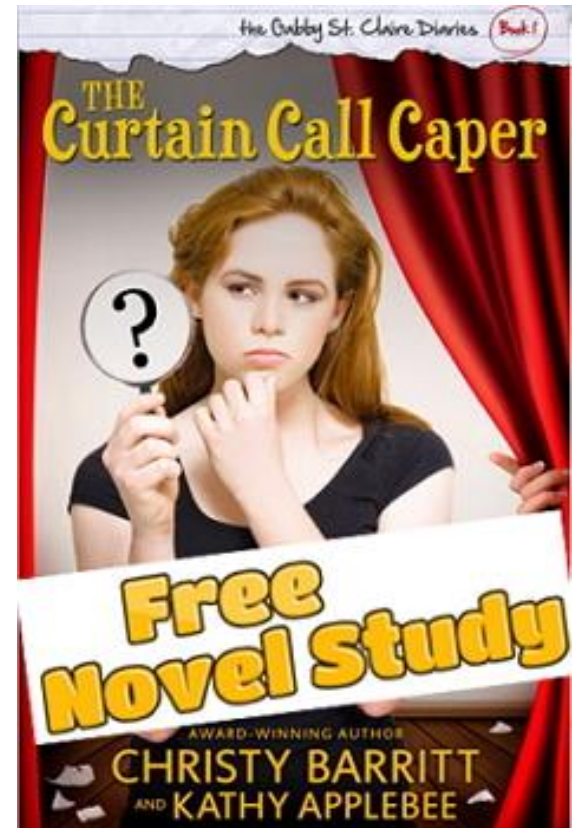
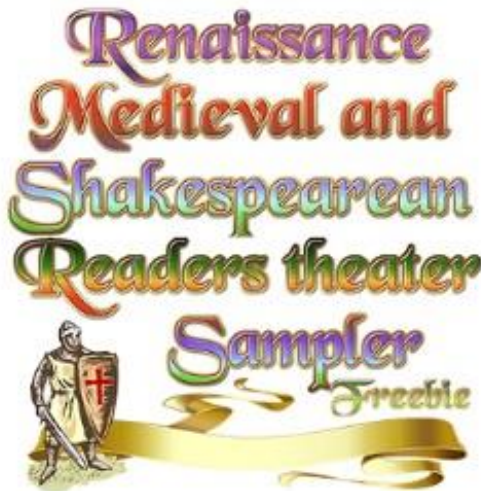
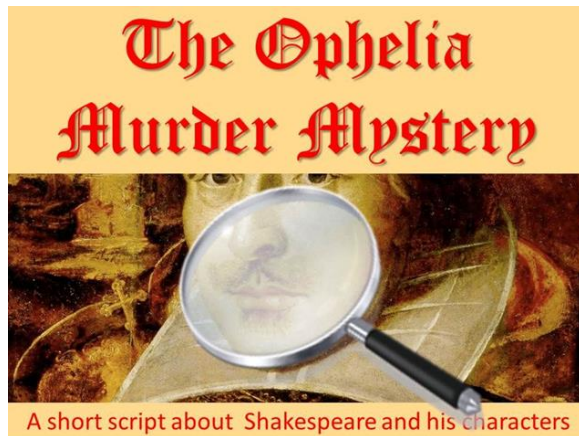
Part of speech, origin, root word....

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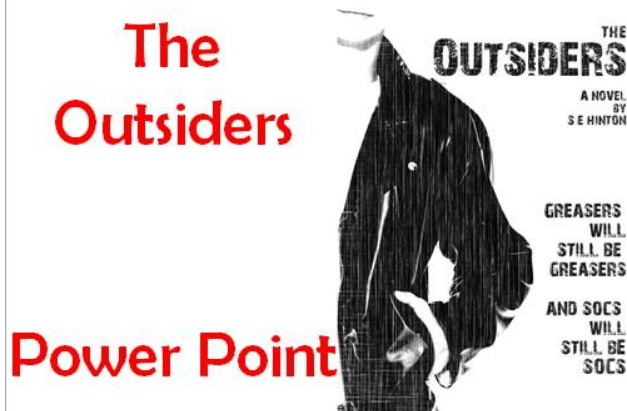
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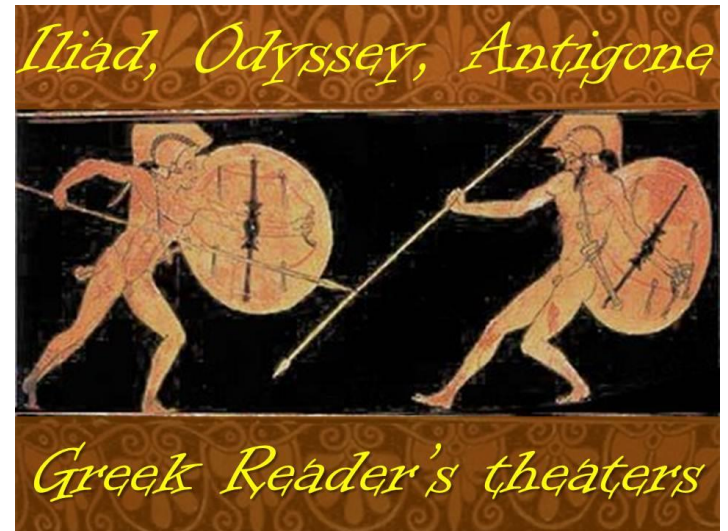
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