

STUDENT CHAPTER PACKET

BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA

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Chapter 1: JESSE OLIVER AARONS, JR.

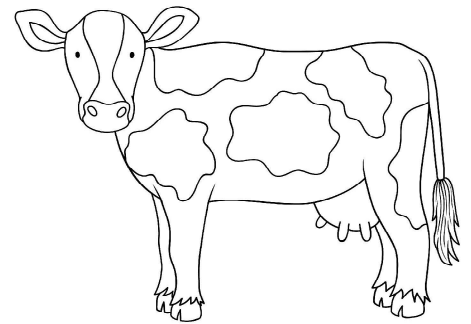
Chapter 2: LESLIE BURKE

❖ **Quickwrite:** Write about your siblings. How many do you have? What are they like? Do you get along with them? If not, why not?

❖ **Vocabulary:** Fill in the blanks.

1. My sister spoke in a _____ voice when she answered me, so I knew something wasn't right.
2. Our classroom erupted in _____ when we heard the alarming news.
3. The loving mother murmured _____ to her crying baby.
4. My teacher praised me for having a tremendous amount of _____ and told me that such determination would get me far in life.

soothingly
grit
peculiar
pandemonium



❖ **True or False:** Mark T for True and F for False.

1. Jesse gets along with all of his sisters. _____
2. Jesse's mother is usually gentle and nurturing. _____
3. At first, Jesse is unsure about Leslie's gender. _____
4. Jesse is determined to be the fastest runner at his school. _____
5. Jesse's hobby is writing. _____

❖ **Setting Analysis:** What is the name of Jesse's town? What is it like?

Chapter 3: THE FASTEST KID IN THE FIFTH GRADE

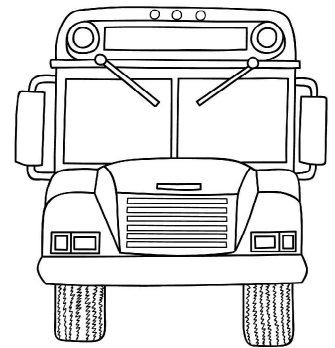
Chapter 4: RULERS OF TERABITHIA

❖ **Quickwrite:** Have you ever had to move homes or schools? Write about what it was like to adjust. If you never have, write about what it might be like.

❖ **Vocabulary:** Fill in the blanks.

1. My voice _____ under my teacher's skeptical gaze, as I gave her excuses about my missing homework.
2. I tried not to be _____ but that was nearly impossible, as I was wearing a neon pink shirt.
3. My only _____ at the end of the hard day was a cuddle from my dog.
4. The young driver _____ sped down the street, causing a collision.

conspicuous
recklessly
consolation
faltered



❖ **True or False:** Mark T for True and F for False.

1. Jesse finally changes his mind about Leslie. _____
2. Leslie's family is extremely poor. _____
3. Leslie loves to read and imagine. _____
4. Jesse, Leslie, and May Belle build Terabithia together. _____
5. All of the boys are shocked when Leslie wins all of their races. _____

❖ **Inferencing:** On the lines below, write one or more quotes from the text that support(s) the following statement.

Jesse is sometimes afraid, but he pretends not to be.

Chapter 5: THE GIANT KILLERS

Chapter 6: THE COMING OF PRINCE TERRIEN

❖ **Quickwrite:** Write about a gift that you have been proud to give to someone. Then, write about a gift you received that was meaningful to you.

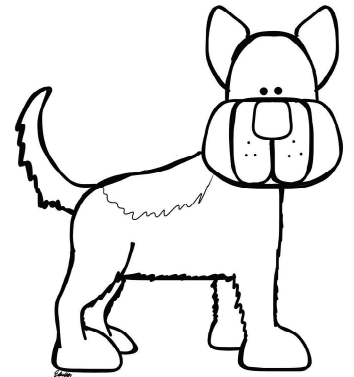
❖ **Vocabulary:** Fill in the blanks.

1. My dog was very hungry and ate his food _____ as soon as I set it down for him.
2. Without any real evidence, there can really only be _____ about who committed the crime.
3. She was _____, and she dropped her face into her hands and began to sob aloud.
4. The winner accepted the medal and _____ gave a gracious speech, thanking many people for helping her to succeed.

vigorously
stricken
speculation
humbly

❖ **True or False:** Mark T for True and F for False.

1. Jesse gives Leslie a television for Christmas. _____
2. Jesse's gift to May Belle is a Barbie. _____
3. Jesse and Leslie play a trick on Janice. _____
4. Leslie names her new puppy Willard. _____
5. Leslie's gift to Jesse is art supplies. _____

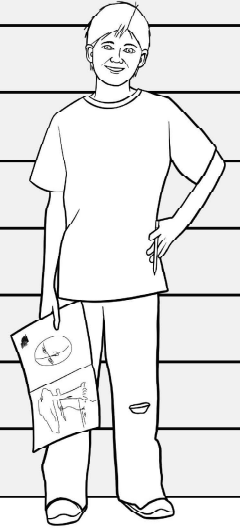


❖ **Character Analysis:** Write about two *minor* characters that you have met in the story so far. Explain why you like or dislike each of them.

Chapter 7: THE GOLDEN ROOM

Chapter 8: EASTER

- ❖ **Quickwrite:** What do you and your family do to celebrate Easter? If you don't celebrate Easter, write about another holiday that you celebrate. If you don't celebrate holidays, write about any tradition that your family has.



- ❖ **Vocabulary:** Write a vocabulary word next to its synonym.

1. resistant _____
2. surprised _____
3. display _____
4. irritation _____

reluctant
nuisance
dumbfounded
spectacle

- ❖ **Fill-in-the-Blank:** Fill in the blank with a suitable answer.

1. Jesse dislikes Leslie's dad because _____.
2. Leslie talks to Janice and finds out that _____.
3. May Belle tells Jesse that _____.
4. Jesse's mother hesitates to allow Leslie to join them for church because _____.
5. Leslie thinks that church is _____.

- ❖ **Cause and Effect:** Describe one event from these chapters. Then, explain at least two effects that this event causes.

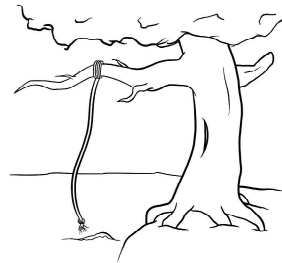
Chapter 9: THE EVIL SPELL

Chapter 10: THE PERFECT DAY

❖ **Quickwrite:** Write about your greatest fear(s). Why is this your fear?

❖ **Vocabulary:** Write a vocabulary word next to its synonym.

1. plotting _____
2. attentively _____
3. trembling _____
4. closeness _____



conspiring
intently
kinship
shuddering

❖ **Fill-in-the-Blank:** Fill in the blank with a suitable answer.

1. Chapter 9 is called "The Evil Spell" because _____.
2. Jesse feels _____ about going to Terabithia when it is raining.
3. On "The Perfect Day," Jesse goes _____.
4. At the museum, Jesse feels _____.
5. When Jesse gets home, he finds out that _____.

❖ **Opinion Writing:** Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Explain.

Fear shows weakness.

Chapter 11: NO!

Chapter 12: STRANDED

- ❖ **Quickwrite:** Write about a time in your life that you have experienced great sadness or extreme anger. What caused this and how did you deal with these emotions?



- ❖ **Vocabulary:** Write a vocabulary word next to its antonym.

1. breathing _____
2. remain solemn _____
3. without determination _____
4. organized _____

relentlessly
rumpled
snicker
smothering

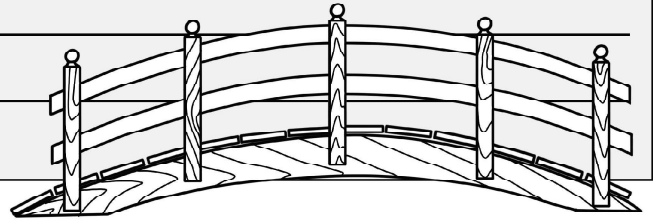
- ❖ **Sequencing:** Put the following statements in chronological order, using the numbers 1-5.

- ___ Jesse hits May Belle in the face.
- ___ Jesse's mother makes a lot of pancakes for him.
- ___ Bill tells Jesse and his father that Leslie will be cremated.
- ___ Bill asks Jesse to take care of P.T. until they get back from Pennsylvania.
- ___ Jesse runs away from his house, but his father picks him up in the truck.

- ❖ **Opinion Writing:** Below, write a quote from these chapters that you think is important. Explain why you think the quote is important.

Chapter 13: BUILDING THE BRIDGE

❖ **Quickwrite:** Write about a time in your life that you experienced a big change. What changed? How did you adjust?



❖ **Vocabulary:** Write a vocabulary word next to its antonym.

1. slow _____
2. happily _____
3. loyal _____
4. laughing _____

whimpering
piteously
swift
traitorous

❖ **Sequencing:** Put the following statements in chronological order, using the numbers 1-5.

- ___ Mrs. Myers speaks to Jesse in the hallway at school.
- ___ Bill and Judy come to say good-bye before leaving, and give some of Leslie's things to Jesse.
- ___ Jesse uses lumber to build a bridge to Terabithia.
- ___ May Belle screams for Jesse to help her across the branch.
- ___ Jesse wakes up early and milks Miss Bessie.

❖ **Opinion Writing:** Do you like or dislike the ending to the story? If you like it, why do you like it? If you dislike it, what would you change about it?
