Genre – Poem

Occasion

Thinking Guide and Activities

Title of the Selection: ***Climbing***

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An **Occasion Thinking Guide** with selection summary is provided. The Occasion Thinking Guide identifies the occasion, significant characters, and the outcome of the selection. In addition, the elements are color coded and used to develop a meaningful summary.

- ***Climbing*** Occasion Thinking Guide
- Color-Coded Occasion Thinking Guide and Summary

The Occasion Thinking Guide is used to develop other fun and interactive activities. Fisher Reyna Education offers the following activities:

- Missing Summary-Part Activity
- Matching Activity 1
- Matching Activity 2
- Thinking Guide Cloze 1st Letter
- Thinking Guide Cloze Blank
- Write Summary Elements Activity
- Vocabulary – Using Context Clues

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Occasion Thinking Guide

Fiction, Literary Nonfiction, Poetry or Drama

Title of the Selection _Climbing_
Source: STAAR Grade 3 Release April 2015
Genre: Poetry – Occasion

Occasion What is the link? idea, setting, series of happenings, or situation	Climbing a tree
Significant Characters	Speaker
Outcome	She feels the trunk of a tree is the road for her on a sunny summer day.

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Color-Coded Occasion Thinking Guide
Fiction, Literary Nonfiction, Poetry or Drama

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Genre: Poetry – Occasion

Occasion What is the link? idea, setting, series of happenings, or situation	Climbing a tree
Significant Characters	Speaker
Outcome	She feels the trunk of a tree is the road for her on a sunny summer day.

While climbing a tree, the speaker talks about how it makes her feel, and that she knows the trunk of a tree is the road for her on a sunny summer day.

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Missing Part Activity

Climbing

Directions

Choose one of the following Thinking Guides, and instruct students to write the missing summary element as they read the selection.

Occasion What is the link? idea, setting, series of happenings, or situation	
Significant Characters	Speaker
Outcome	She feels the trunk of a tree is the road for her on a sunny summer day.

Occasion What is the link? idea, setting, series of happenings, or situation	Climbing a tree
Significant Characters	
Outcome	She feels the trunk of a tree is the road for her on a sunny summer day.

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Matching Activity 1
Climbing

Directions
Identify the summary part by writing letters for summary element in the blank.

OC for Occasion
SC for Significant Characters
OU for Outcome

_____ Speaker

_____ She feels the trunk of a tree is the road for her on a sunny summer day.

_____ Climbing a tree

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Matching Activity 2

Directions
Cut apart and place the summary parts by the correct summary element in the Thinking Guide.

She feels the trunk of a tree is the road for her on a sunny summer day.
Climbing a tree
Speaker

Occasion What is the link? idea, setting, series of happenings, or situation	
Significant Characters	
Outcome	

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Occasion Thinking Guide
Cloze – 1st Letter Activity

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Directions
As selection is read, complete the words in the blanks with the first letter given.

Occasion What is the link? idea, setting, series of happenings, or situation	C_____ a t_____
Significant Characters	S_____
Outcome	She feels the t_____ of a tree is the r_____ for her on a sunny s_____ day.

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Occasion Thinking Guide
Cloze – Blank Activity

Title of the Selection _Climbing_____
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Directions
As selection is read, fill in the blanks.

Occasion What is the link? idea, setting, series of happenings, or situation	_____ a _____
Significant Characters	_____
Outcome	She feels the _____ of a tree is the _____ for her on a sunny _____ day.

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Occasion Thinking Guide
Write Summary Elements Activity

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Directions
Students take notes that include occasion, significant characters, and outcome. Implied summary elements increase the level of difficulty with this activity.

Occasion What is the link? idea, setting, series of happenings, or situation	
Significant Characters	
Outcome	

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Climbing
Vocabulary – Using Context Clues

Note: This vocabulary activity should be used after students have read the article.

Directions: Display the following vocabulary list. Ask the students to define the words they recognize. Then reread the selection as the students listen for these words. After hearing one of the listed words in context, ask students to give its definition. The words are listed in the order in which they appear in the article.

1. trunk
2. tunnels
3. sway
4. clover
5. stride
6. speckled

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Guilty
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Lights Out

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