



The Occasion Thinking Guide and activities are provided. The Occasion Thinking Guide identifies story elements in a narrative without a problem/solution plot. It provides information that helps teachers ask guiding questions for depth of understanding. It helps teach GLOBAL meaning of text: whole story comprehension. In addition, the story elements are used to develop a meaningful summary. The detailed summary elements increase the level of difficulty with this Thinking Guide. Disclaimer: The statements provided in the Thinking Guide serve as only ONE way to paraphrase the story elements for this selection.

Occasion Thinking Guide

Title of the Selection The Astronaut and the Onion by Ann Cameron

Also see Gloria's Way and Gloria Rising by Ann Cameron for more adventures with this insightful character. ISBN-10: 0142300233 ISBN-10:0374326754,

Genre: Fiction

Occasion What is the link? Idea, setting, series of happenings, or situation?	Playing with an onion at the supermarket, Gloria meets an astronaut
Significant Characters	A young girl named Gloria Jones and Dr. Grace Street, the astronaut
Outcome	Gloria and the astronaut talk about what it is like in space and what Gloria needs to do to be an astronaut herself. Then Gloria thinks about how the little onion led to the meeting.

While playing with an onion at the supermarket, Gloria meets an astronaut
Occasion Significant Characters
named Dr. Grace Street. Gloria talks with her about what it is like in space and
Outcome
learns what she needs to do to be an astronaut. She also reflects on how the little
onion led to the chance meeting.

Summary

While playing with an onion at the supermarket, Gloria meets an astronaut named Dr. Grace Street. Gloria talks with her about what it is like in space and learns what she needs to do to be an astronaut. She also reflects on how the little onion led to the chance meeting.



Matching Activity: Identify Summary Parts

Activity Directions

Cut apart and have students place the summary parts by the correct summary elements in the Thinking Guide. The detailed summary elements increase the level of difficulty for this activity.



Playing with an onion at the supermarket, *Gloria* meets an astronaut

A young girl named *Gloria Jones* and *Dr. Grace Street*, the astronaut

Gloria and the astronaut talk about what it is like in space and what *Gloria* needs to do to be an astronaut herself. Then *Gloria* thinks about how the little onion led to the meeting.

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Cloze Summary Activities

Cloze 1 letter

While playing with an o_____ at the
s_____, Gloria meets an a_____
named Dr. Grace Street. Gloria talks with her about
what it is like in s_____ and learns what she needs
to do to be an astronaut. She also reflects on how the
little onion led to the chance m_____.

Cloze Blank

While playing with an _____ at the
_____, Gloria meets an
_____ named Dr. Grace Street. Gloria talks
with her about what it is like in _____ and learns
what she needs to do to be an astronaut. She also
reflects on how the little onion led to the chance
_____.