Figurative Language

Ch.	Pg.	Quote	Type
1	1	“Baaaaamp”	Onomatopoeia
1	2	“I was trying to be strong. But her words made me explode.”	Hyperbole
2	6	“In a blast of bubbly growls, the ferry’s big engines fired up.”	Personification
2	6	“The boat moved as slow as a turtle through the Intracoastal Waterway…”	Simile
2	7	“Acres of bright green marsh waved in the breeze along the shore.”	Personification
2	8	“I saw a dome of dense green trees and shrubs, like the island was a lost world, shrouded in mystery.”	Simile
2	11	“Suddenly I felt the first spark of happiness breaking through the gray of this terrible, dreadful day.”	Personification
2	11	“To the left I saw a shimmering lagoon surrounded by tall marsh grass and more trees arching over the water like bony, long fingers.	Simile
2	15	“Another cart zoomed past us, kicking up a dust cloud.”	Onomatopoeia and Personification
2	17	“Suddenly my dad and mom felt a million miles away.”	Hyperbole
4	25	“The sky opened up and dumped bucketloads.”	Hyperbole
4	26	“Her mood seemed to change just like the weather.”	Personification
4	28	“Outside my window the storm moaned, and the trees shook like wild things.”	Hyperbole and Personification
5	37	“My heart hammered fast.”	Hyperbole
5	38	“My ears heard every crunch, squish, and snap.”	Onomatopoeia
5	38	“Sunlight danced on the water…”its slender branches looked like long fingers dipping beneath the dark water.”	Personification
5	38	“Some of the birds were as tall as little kids!”	Simile

5	39	“Their long white wings fanned out like an airplane.”	Simile
5	39	“I felt defenseless and alone, like a mouse being hunted by a cat.”	Simile
6	48	“‘Look, there’s Indian paintbrush,’ Lovie called out, pointing to the yellow and purple wildflowers that blanketed the sand dunes.”	Metaphor
7	55	“You’re as slender as a sapling!”	Simile
7	57	“The day slipped by…”	Personification
7	63	“They shone bright in a sky as black as the tip of the wood stork’s wing.”	Simile
9	82	“Everything tasted so good I thought I’d gone to heaven.”	Idiom
9	84	“Instead, she paced the room, as restless as an animal in a cage at the zoo.”	Simile
9	85	“She stopped, her eyes as wide as two moons, and stared at me.”	Simile
10	86	“Honey stood as still as a statue…”	Simile
10	86	“The chips felt like sand going down my throat.”	Metaphor
10	88	“...I felt like a dam of water bursting open.”	Simile
10	92	“The western sky looked like it was on fire with bright colors of red, orange, and gold when the sun lowered.”	Simile
11	99	“Oh, child, you’re medicine to my soul.”	Idiom
11	103	“Macon tensed up like a mad cat in a corner, ready for a fight.”	Simile
12	116	“Woot!”	Onomatopoeia
14	138	“Shh,Shh”	Onomatopoeia
17	171	”It felt like a thousand red-hot needles were struck all over and around my ankle.”	simile
18	181	“I think you could spot that turtle from an airplane!”	hyperbole
19	191	“I swear, he looked as long as a truck.”	hyperbole
20	208	“Bam!”	onomatopoeia

23	239	“The moon glowed bright, lighting the beach like a theater.”	simile
23	242	“A watched kettle never boils.”	idiom
25	263	“A flash of lightning was followed by a crack of thunder. The clouds burst open and rain poured down in sheets, so heavy the outside world was blurred.”	hyperbole
27	277	“My stomach started flip-flopping like a fish on a hook…”	simile
27	279	“Bwaang bwaang!”	onomatopoeia

Writing/Journal Prompts

Chapters 1 & 2:

- In chapters 1 & 2, we read about how Jake was sent to stay with his Grandmother during the summer, and he isn't excited about going. Have you ever had a similar experience that made you feel the way Jake feels? Write about a time when you had to go somewhere or do something that you weren't excited about, but had to do anyways *(Helpful hint: Where did you go, what did you do, who was with you, how did you feel when you started vs. when you finished? What were you thinking?)*

Chapter 4

- Is there a special routine that you have with a family member or friend that you do regularly like Jake and his dad? Describe the setting and event of the moment that takes place.

Chapters 5 & 6:

- In chapters 5 & 6 we get a deeper glimpse about Macon and Lovie. Jake describes them at the end of chapter 6 as "friends." Describe a friend that you met either at school, on vacation, or another time. Why do you define this person your friend? What character traits do you like most and what are some thing(s) that you don't like about them from time to time?

Chapter 7

- Sketch something that you did yesterday. Write a brief description of what you did and why. Give as much detail as you can. You can write in a letter format or paragraph(s) form.

Chapter 11

- Write a letter to someone (family member, friend, pet, etc). Use correct letter writing skills: Dear _____,; Sincerely/Love, _____. Tell them anything you'd like. Prompts: School, sports, after school activities, television show you like, video games you're currently playing, etc.

Chapter 14

- "Macon was laser-focused on the tracks now as he followed Honey toward the dunes." Describe what "laser-focused" means in this context. Give examples from the text.

Chapter 18

- Draw an illustration of Honey's dawn patrol Fourth of July cart.

Chapter 20-22

- In these few chapters a lot has happened with the characters and story. Write a brief summary noting key details about how the characters have been impacted, events that have occurred, as well as making a connection to the text.

Chapter 23

- Note 3 interesting facts about loggerhead turtles that you don't already know.

Chapter 27

- The three friends give themselves the name The Islanders. Describe how these friends changed throughout the story. Use evidence from the text to support your thinking.

**Design a propaganda poster/pamphlet about something you are passionate about. Students can do research to support their idea/thought.

Discussion Questions/Tasks

Chapter 1:

- Make a prediction about what you think happened to Jake's dad given what you know about his profession.
- Who is Honey?
- Make a connection: Have you or someone you know moved around a lot like Jake (being in the military)? How did that make you or that person feel?

Chapter 2:

- What is something you would like to try soon? Why?
- Inter: Who is big Al? What descriptive words in the chapter give you clues to who he is?

Chapter 3:

- Draw a picture of what you envisioned that Honey's house would look like. You can include Honey in the picture if you would like.

Chapter 4:

- Why do you think Honey was so quiet the day of the tropical depression?
- What types of things do you do on rainy days at home?
- Share some chores that you enjoy doing around the house as well as a chore that you don't like doing. Why do you enjoy doing this particular chore and why not?

Chapter 5:

- On page 39, visualize what is being read aloud. Make an inference about what you think is "following" or "causing a ruckus" in the woods.
- What would you do if you had no WIFI or the ability to play video games for an entire summer? How would you spend your time?

Chapter 6:

- Based on what we know about Jake, Macon, and Lovie so far, what are some character traits that describe them?
- What are some strengths that you possess and find interesting about yourself? Do you relate to one of the characters from our book so far?
- Do you find it hard to make friends with others? Why or why not?
- How do you think Jake feels now that he has two new friends? Explain.

Chapter 7

- Why do you think Honey keeps to herself and stays in her room during the day? Make an inference.
- Jake shares his journal with Honey for the first time, what things do they discuss?
- How does Jake write in his journal?

Chapter 8

- Reading the title of the chapter, "The phone call," make a prediction about what you think the chapter will be about.
- Jake receives terrible news about his dad. How does Jake handle the news?

Chapter 9

- What is the name of Eric Potter's best friend from childhood? What is his profession now?

- What is Jake's mood like in chapter 9? What ends up making him "happy" in the chapter?
- At the end of the chapter, the author states, "In walked Honey carrying a white baker's box wrapped in red ribbon. She stopped, her eyes wide as two moons, and stared at me." Why do you think Honey stared at Jake? Make a prediction about what you think will happen next.

Chapter 10

- Why did Jake yell at Honey? How do you think he felt after he did?
- How do Honey and Jake reconcile their argument? What agreements do they make for one another?
- Make a connection: Can you relate to Jake in his moment of frustration and anger? How did you handle the situation?

Chapter 11

- What is pluff mud?
- The statement Jake makes on page 107; "Beneath the warm sun, tucked away in the watery maze, it felt like the power of the tide pulled it all right out of me." Using context clues from the text, what does this statement mean?

Chapter 12

- What does HELP mean in boating?
- Have you ever found a treasure or something special that you took claim of? What was it and what does it mean to you today?
- What name would you have given to the boat that the characters found? Why?

Chapter 13

- Make a prediction about why you think Chief Rand called Honey and asked them to come to the station. Explain your reasoning.
- Do you think that the kids should have received a harder sentence for their crime? Why or why not?
- Why did Lovie fist pump the air when she heard what their punishment would be?

Chapter 14

- What is wrack?
- Create a field sign for the loggerhead turtles.
- When do loggerhead turtles lay eggs? How do you find the eggs a loggerhead turtle laid?

Chapter 15

- Make an inference about what you think happened to the turtle eggs.
- Describe the process of moving loggerhead turtle eggs from one location to another.

Chapter 16

- "Mom called again to say my letters were arriving and how much Dad was enjoying them. They were the best medicine, she told me." What does "best medicine" mean in this context?
- After Jake and Macon have researched what scares coyotes, what are some other examples that may scare coyotes? Research on your own.
- What other animals use echolocation?

Chapter 17

- How do you feel about coyotes? Why?
- Jake has wandered into the water. “Yoooowwww!” I felt a blinding, hot white pain on my ankle. What do you think happened to Jake?
- Why doesn’t Honey want the kids going into the water at night?

Chapter 18

- Make a connection. What are your Fourth of July traditions?
- Why do you think Macon wouldn’t jump into the creek with Jake and Lovie?

Chapter 19

- Have you ever held a secret because you were embarrassed? No need to share unless you don’t feel comfortable.
- What is something new that you learned? Do you currently take lessons for something?

Chapter 20

- How would you respond if you were confronted by a coyote?
- What was the character's reaction when they discovered the ‘coyote’ was wearing a collar?

Chapter 21

- What would you name the dog the characters found?
- Who do you think should get custody of the dog? Why?
- Why do you think Chief Rand titled the dog, “*one lucky dog?”* Explain your answer.

Chapter 22

- Make a connection: Have you ever studied/prepared hard for something (school test, recital, sport, etc) and had to perform in front of people? How did you feel? Use descriptive language to describe the moment.
- What was Jake preparing for? Lovie? And Macon?

Chapter 23

- Why do you think only “red light” is allowed on a nesting beach at night? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
- Why does it take such a long time for the hatchlings to get to the surface of the sand?
- Describe the moment when the hatchlings arrived and headed towards the beach.

Chapter 24

- Make a prediction about why a medic helicopter is on the move.
- Describe a moment in your life when you had to push yourself harder in order to succeed.

Chapter 25

- Have you ever received a letter from a friend or family member that surprised you? How did the letter make you feel?
- What are some ways that you cheer up your friends or family?

Chapter 26

- What is something that you learned on your own that took several attempts to master?
- Honey describes Jake using adjectives like: good instincts, perseverance, curious, kind, compassionate, caring. What are some adjectives that you would use to describe yourself?

Chapter 27

- Jake, Macon, and Lovie have to say good-bye. Make a connection if you've ever had to say good-bye or see ya later. What are some ways that you stayed in touch?
- Which character(s) do you most relate to? Explain your thinking.

Vocabulary

Chapter	Page	Vocabulary Word
1	2	trotted
1	3	muster
1	4	cringed
1	5	muffled
2	7	lurched
2	8	commiseration
2	10	appraisingly
3	20	scampered
3	24	Sweetgrass basket
4	30	shipshape
4	31	grimace
4	32	Pesticides
5	37	thickets
5	39	prickled
6	48	tumbled
6	49	Loggerhead sea turtle
6	52	obsessed
6	53	beachcombing
7	58	timidly
7	58	anole
7	60	prowled
8	67	predator
8	73	dejected
9	88	remnants
10	95	amputation

11	100	sauntered
11	100	guffawed
16	162	comrades
16	165	veered
16	166	echolocation
17	176	tincture
18	180	thrumming
19	191	sauntered
20	208	gnashing
23	236	gumption
24	254	trekked
24	257	imprinting
27	281	gangplank
27	285	pungent