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Background Knowledge



Zorgamazoo by Robert Paul Weston is a narrative poem that uses rhyming couplets to tell the tale of Katrina Katrell.

Read the front and back cover. What do you learn? What predictions can you make based on the cover?

Be on the **Lookout** for figurative language!

Simile: making a comparison between two unlike things using "like" or "as."

Metaphor: making a direct comparison between two unlike things without using "like" or "as."

Personification: giving human traits to non-human things.

Hyperbole: extreme exaggeration for effect.

Onomatopoeia: sound words (buzz, crash, bang, etc.)

Alliteration: repeating consonant sounds at the beginning of a word.

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Vocabulary

Linger (4) v. - to continue to stay, delay leaving.

Gaped (6) v. - to stare with open mouth, as in wonder.

Maliciously (9) adv. - cruelly.

Shirked (28) v. - neglected or avoided responsibility.

Inaudible (42) adj. - unable to be heard.

Lamentable (50) adj. - regrettable, unfortunate.

Vigor (62) n. - strength, energy.

Peril (107) n. - danger.

Valiantly (118) adv. - bravely, courageously

Ominous (138) adj. - menacing, threatening

Chapters 1-2

This novel is one long poem that uses **rhythm** and **rhyme**.

Rhythm = the syllable beat of a poem
Rhyme = the end words of lines and stanzas



An internal rhyme occurs when words within a line rhyme.

Examples:
Oh, how I love to bake a scrumptious chocolate cake.

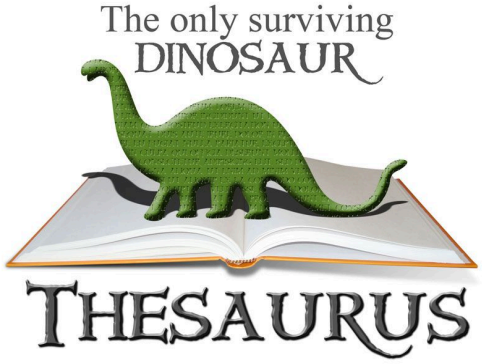
Can you find any examples in *Zorgamazoo*?

Synonyms

A **synonym** is a word that has the same or almost the same meaning as another word.

An **antonym** is a word with the opposite meaning.

You can find lists of synonyms and antonyms in the thesaurus.



Include 2-3 synonyms on the notecard for each vocabulary word.

Vocabulary

Insidious (178) adj. - intended to deceive or trap, treacherous.

Meticulous (200) adj. - extremely careful; particular about details.

Cower (214) v. - to crouch down in fear.

Wistfully (247) adv. - longingly; in a wishful manner.

Kin (270) n. - family and relations.

Vocab Review Quizlet

Zorgamazoo Comprehension Questions 1

Chapters 1-2

Tone and Mood

The **tone** is the attitude an author takes towards the content of the novel. The tone is the author's point of view of the events and characters.

The **mood** is the way that the reader feels while reading. The author uses different words, imagery, and figurative language to create a certain mood for a piece of writing.



What is the mood of *Zorgamazoo*? How do you know?

CONFLICT

The conflict is the main problem driving the story.

- Character vs. character
- Character vs. self
- Character vs. nature
- Character vs. society
- Character vs. technology
- Character vs. supernatural

Zorgamazoo Comprehension Questions 2

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The interrobang

= used to show emphasis with a question. Many people think this punctuation mark is incorrect. What does our author think?

Chapters 3-5

Idioms

An **idiom** is a figurative phrase that has a meaning outside of the literal meaning. Different languages and cultures have different idioms. Idioms can cause a lot of confusion if you don't understand that they are figurative language!



Look for examples of idioms throughout the novel. Keep track of the phrases and their actual meanings here.

Conflict and Plot



What is Katrina's main conflict that sets off the rising action? What type of conflict is it?

What is Morty's main conflict that sets off the rising action? What type of conflict is it?

Terms to Know

A stereotype is an oversimplified idea about a group of people (how they should look, act, or be). Stereotypes can be positive or negative.

EX: All people with glasses are super smart.

A bias is an unfair belief about a group based on a stereotype.

EX: If a company only hires people with glasses, they show a bias towards the stereotype that all people with glasses are super smart.

Think About It

Mrs. Krabone wants to give Katrina a lobotomy because she doesn't conform to her standards of a "good girl."

Discuss the following.

1. What traits does Mrs. Krabone want Katrina to have? Why does she want her to have these traits? Will these traits help Katrina as she grows? Why or why not?

2. Since Katrina is a child, her parents and guardian have a lot of control over her life. Mrs. Krabone even wants to give Katrina a lobotomy! Do you think that children, like Katrina, should have a say over their medical life? Discuss.

3. While Mrs. Krabone wants to literally take out Katrina's brain to make her conform to a certain standard, every day young people's brains are bombarded with societal ideals of how they should be. In what way does society (movies, TV, music, literature, social media, advertisements, friends, and family) force a certain image on us. In particular, how do pop culture and society portray gender stereotypes? How do these stereotypes make us feel? How can we recognize and critique these stereotypes?

Word Parts

In- prefix

- Able/i ble suffix

-ous suffix

-ly suffix

Zorgamazoo Comprehension Questions 3

Virtual Field Trip

Go on a "field trip" to Mammoth Cave to see stalactites and stalagmites! Learn how water helped to form the largest cave system in the world, right here in Kentucky!

Chapters 6-9

The Adventure Begins!

Katrina and Morty set off on their adventure and travel through the Tunnel of Hush. The tunnel is like a cave with stalactites. Stalactites are hanging cave formations that are made from minerals that were dissolved in the water as it dripped. Stalagmites are formed on the ground in the same way, but they grow up instead of down.



Stalactites hang in Mammoth Cave

ALLUSIONS

An allusion is a type of figurative language that is a reference to another literary work made in a different literary work. Allusions can help you better understand what you are reading (but only if you understand the reference).

Katrina is excited by the idea of an adventure. The author makes allusions to other literary characters. What do we learn about Katrina based on these allusions?



Famous literary detectives: Philip Marlowe, Hercule Poirot (a character created by prolific mystery writer, Agatha Christie), and Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson

How-To

Want to Know More?

Review these how-to videos to better understand the rules of cricket and chess.

How to play cricket

How to play chess

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Chapters 10-13

Zorgally Ball

Zorgally Ball is described as a mix of cricket, swimming, and chess.



Cricket bat and ball



Wicket

Cricket is a team sport that uses a special flat bat and a small leather ball. Teams take turns batting and bowling (being in the outfield). Players hit the ball and run between wickets to score.

Cricket began in England in the 1600s and was spread with the growth of the British Empire. It is widely played and followed in India, Australia, and South Africa.



Cricket game





Chess board

Chess is a board game that is played by strategically moving different pieces on a board in order to take the opposing player's king. It is one of the most popular games in the world.

Cyril DeYoung is a retired Zorgally Ball all-star who is in the Hall of Fame. Imagine that you are a Zorgally Ball player. How do you play the game? Create the rules and gather the supplies for a game of Zorgally Ball!

Short Story

Write a short story about a Bortlebee adventure. Include the parts of the plot line, the mythological beast that you created in Humanities class, and at least 3 challenges that Bortlebee encounters before helping the best.

Graphic Organizer

Rubric

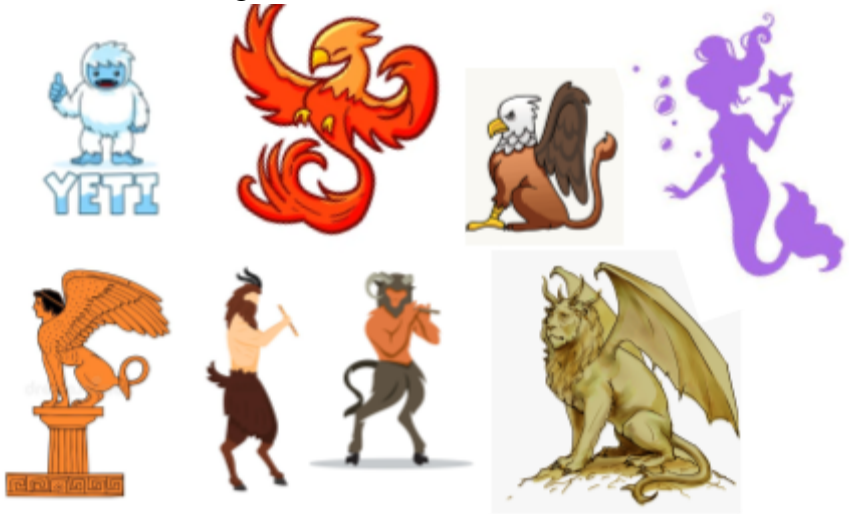
UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Write your story as a rhyming epic poem!

Chapters 14-15

Mythological Beasts

A number of mythical beasts have been kidnapped with Katrina and Morty.



Mythological creatures on the ship included (l-r) the Yeti of Himalayan folklore, the Phoenix (the sun-bird of Greek mythology, the Griffin (a creature with a lion's body and eagle's head), a mermaid (half-fish and half-woman), the Sphinx with the head of a human, body of a lion, and wings of an eagle, the Greek Satyr and Roman Faun (both half-man and half beasts represented in both Greek and Roman mythology, and the manticore (a lion with the wings of an eagle and tail of a scorpion).

What additional mythological creatures are mentioned?

Making Connections

The Graylians are in trouble! They are running low on Tedium Steam, the gas that is used for everything on their planet. On Graybalon-4, Tedium Steam is a natural resource that has been overused. Can you think of any natural resources on our planet that are similar to Tedium Steam? What are we doing when our natural resources are running low? What do you predict the Graylians will do?

STEAM

Making Connections:

Nearly all of the planets in our solar system (except for Earth) are named after Greek and Roman deities (gods and goddesses). Why do you think that the planets were given these names? Review the Greek and Roman gods and goddesses here.

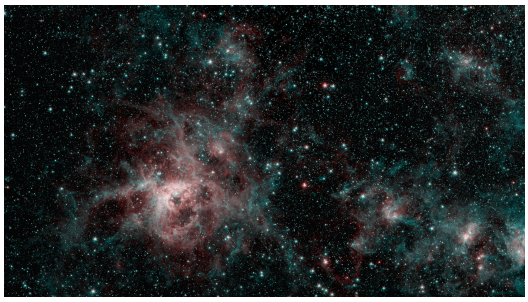
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Chapters 16-20

A New Setting



A photo of Earth taken on the moon - from NASA.







The Tarantula Nebula, the Butterfly Nebula, and the Helix Nebula are just some of the nebulae (plural of nebula) photographed by NASA. A nebula is a cloud of dust and gas that is the result of new stars forming or the explosion of a dying star.

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Book Review

We will write a book review of *Zorgamazoo* together as a class. Use the model as a guide to write a book review of one of your independent reading novels from this school year (not any class texts or summer book). The book review template is the same template that you will use in 6th-grade!

Directions and Example

Chapters 16-20

The Gillygaloo, an American Folktale

The gillygaloo is a bird from American folklore. It lives in the hills and lays square eggs so that they won't roll down the hill. The gillygaloo is sometimes mentioned in Paul Bunyan folklore. Paul Bunyan is the giant, super-human lumber jack who lives with Babe the Blue Ox.

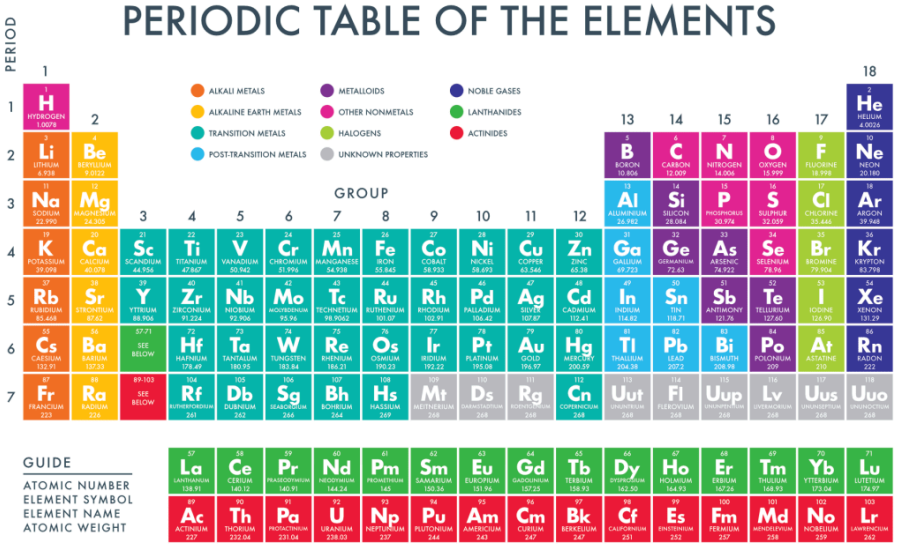




Paul Bunyan, Babe the Blue Ox, and the Gillygalook.



Enchantium Gas



Periodic Table of Elements (to get a closer look)

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