

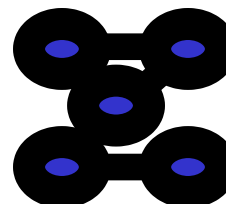
Who Stole The Wizard of Oz
Theme 4
4th Grade Challenge Reading

Name _____

Date _____

Before Reading

Consider what you know about mystery novels. What are some of the terms you would associate with a mystery? Suspect, clues, motive? Is there a particular format or pattern associated with a mystery novel? Discuss these questions with your group.



Vocabulary:

Obligation – a duty

Eliminate – get rid off; remove from consideration

Alibi – an accused person’s attempt to prove he or she was not around at the time the crime was committed.

Using these words write at least three sentences that you think might appear in this book.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

During Reading

Keep a chart to help solve the mystery. Add to the chart after reading each chapter.

The crime:	Five books have been stolen from the Checkertown Library.		
Suspects	Motive	Alibi	Clues
Becky			
David Block			
Ann Parker			
Gertrude Tobias			
Miss McPhearson			
Mrs. Chesterson			
Mrs. Brattle			
Mr. Neal			



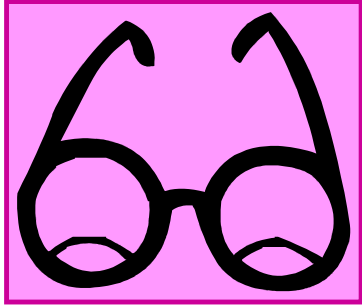
On pages 65 to 67, Becky and Toby summarize the books they've read. They also evaluate the books by using similes. Toby says, "It was like the best ice cream after the best pizza." Write a summary of the best book you've read recently. End the summary with an evaluation that uses a simile.



Start your summary by naming the book, then using a verb, then finishing your thought to give the main idea.

For example:

The Bridge to Teribithia **describes** (verb) the friendship between a boy and girl who come from very different families.



Think about the attitude toward children's books shown by Miss McPhearson. Compare it with the attitude of Miss Tobias. Create a conversation that might have taken place between the two women about their different viewpoints. Be sure to use quotation marks correctly.

After Reading

Discuss with your group:

How would this story have been different if it had been told from Becky's point of view?

Why did Avi write this book? Does he have a message for the readers?

How did Avi characterize Miss McPhearson? What specifics from the story helped you to think of her in this way?

Were Becky and Toby problem solvers? How do they compare to the problem solvers portrayed in this theme in the anthology?