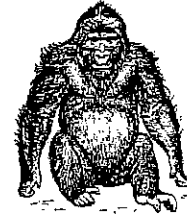


Summer Reading



Dear Fifth Grader,

The required summer reading book for fifth grade is The One and Only Ivan, by Katherine Applegate. Katherine Applegate is a well-known author of children's literature. In 2013, The One and Only Ivan was awarded the John Newbery Medal for the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

In this novel you will meet Ivan, an easygoing gorilla who lives at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade. Ivan has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain and rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all. Ivan mostly thinks about art and how to capture the taste of a mango or the sound of leaves with color and a well-placed line. Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family. She makes Ivan see their home—and his own art—through new eyes. When Ruby arrives, change comes with her, and it's up to Ivan to make it a change for the better.

Reading Response Activities:

1) While reading this amazing novel you will complete a **Character Analysis Chart** for your favorite character and a **Setting Analysis Chart**. We will start the school year analyzing traits of the main characters. Character traits are the personal qualities that a character demonstrates such as bravery or loyalty.

2) **Reading is Thinking:** You will record your thoughts on sticky notes as you read the novel. Review the Reading is Thinking Handout and include 10-30 sticky notes in your book.

Please read the directions carefully for completing both activities. We look forward to engaging in enthusiastic book discussions with all of you.

Happy Reading,
Miss Healey
Mrs. Katnani
Mrs. Avallone
Mrs. Moore

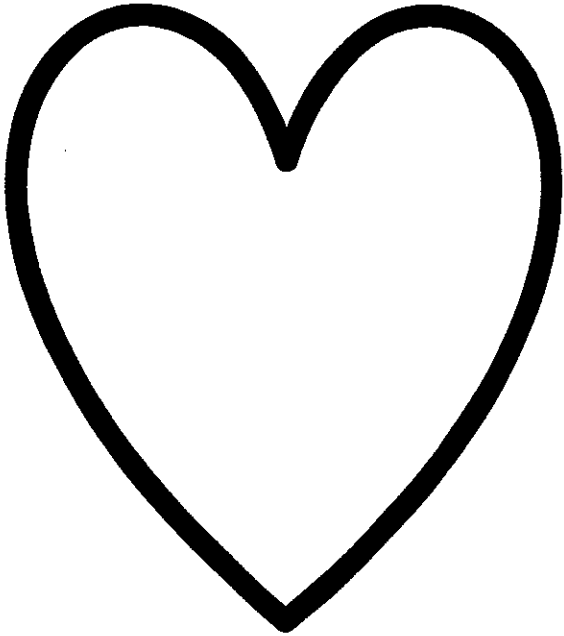
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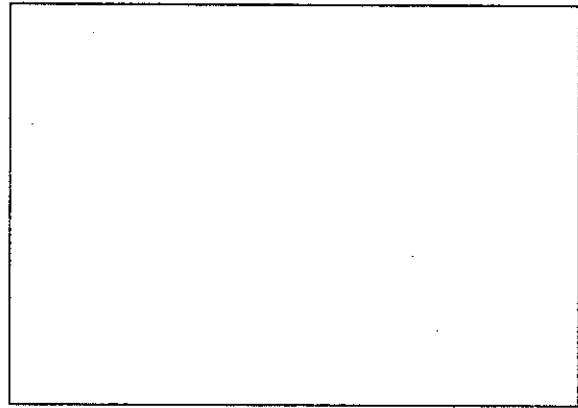
Character Analysis Chart

Good readers understand a character more fully by considering how the character is described; what the character says, does, and thinks; and how other characters react to him or her.

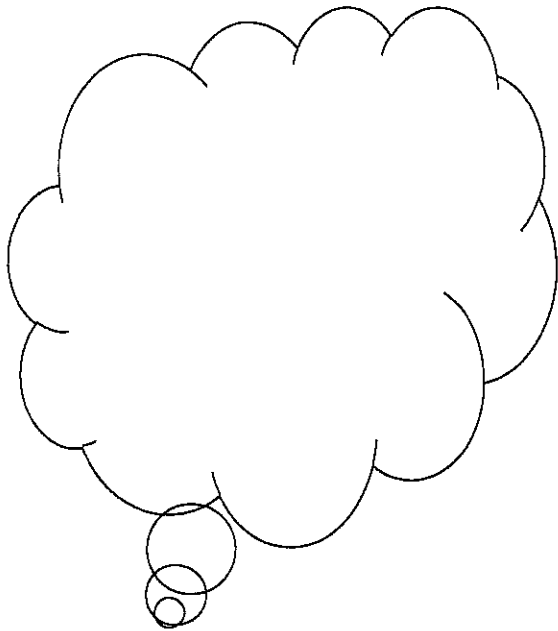
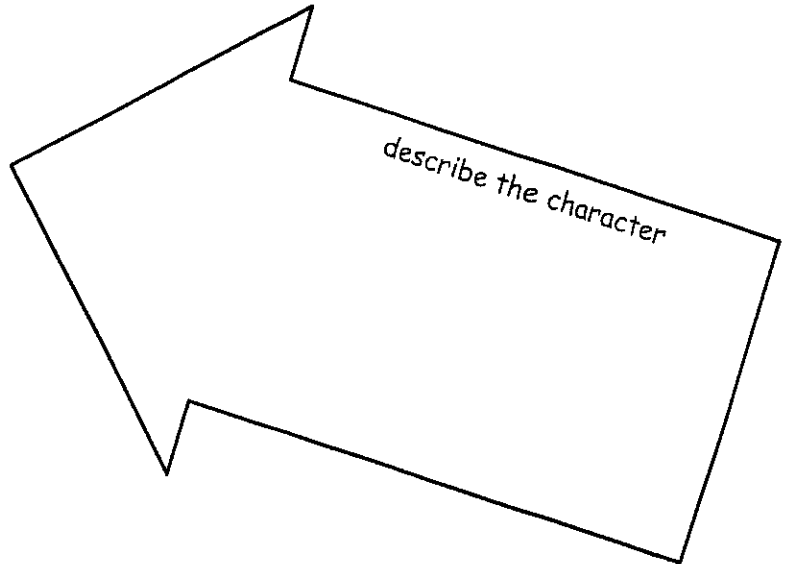
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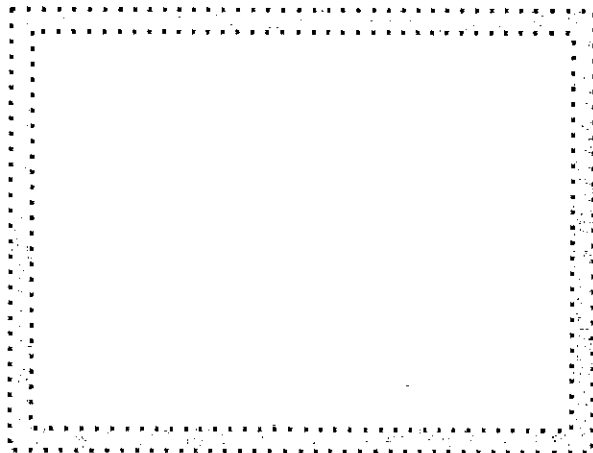
things the character believes



describe the character



words the character would say



*draw a picture
of the
character*



Name: _____

Setting Analysis Chart

The setting is the when and where a story takes place. It is an important part of understanding any novel. As you read, analyze Ivan's domain (home setting) to determine how this impacts the development of the story.

describe items that exist in Ivan's domain

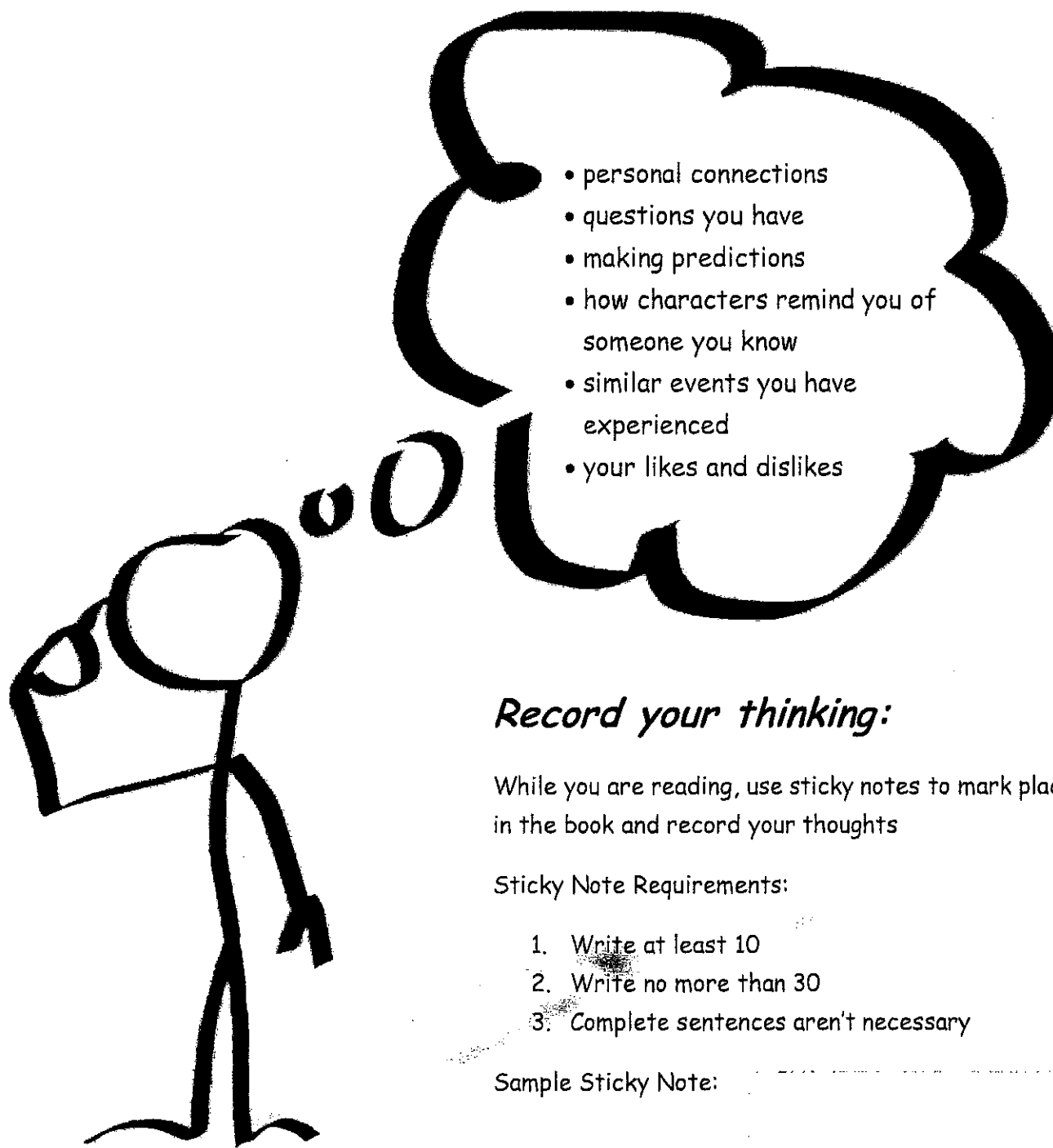
list other animals in the Big Top Mall and Video Arcade

What do you think of the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade as a place for animals to live?

draw Ivan's domain as you see it

Reading is Thinking

While you are reading you may also be thinking about...

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- personal connections
 - questions you have
 - making predictions
 - how characters remind you of someone you know
 - similar events you have experienced
 - your likes and dislikes

Record your thinking:

While you are reading, use sticky notes to mark places in the book and record your thoughts

Sticky Note Requirements:

1. Write at least 10
2. Write no more than 30
3. Complete sentences aren't necessary

Sample Sticky Note:

- I wonder if all animals at zoos feel trapped???