Lesson 23
Close Reading

1\textsuperscript{st} Read – Scratch the Surface
• get the gist of the text

2\textsuperscript{nd} Read – Discover New Words
• highlight/underline any unfamiliar words
• use context clues to determine the meaning of the word
• write the definition on the text

3\textsuperscript{rd} read – Dig a Little Deeper
• determine the main idea of each paragraph or section of the text
• write the main idea on a post-it

4\textsuperscript{th} read – Analyze the Text
• teacher determines (identify theme, cause and effect, author’s purpose, etc.)
“Well, aren’t you the best little piggy in the world?”
“Squeak, squeak, squeak!”
“Yes, you are. You know you are.”

So went the silly conversations between Kay and her beloved Piggy, a chubby guinea pig who currently resided in a spacious cage in a spacious backyard. The cage was set against a tall chain-link fence, dense with lush ivy that cascaded into Piggy’s abode. Kay had filled Piggy’s home with color and shade. Every day, she loaded Piggy’s food dishes with juicy nibbles. Any guinea pig would agree that this was the loveliest of living arrangements.

As grateful as Piggy was for his lush surroundings and his loving owner, he was curious. He could hear rustling and sniffing on the other side of the fence. What was that? He had to find out.

One day, after Kay went off to school and left him, Piggy skittered around his cage, thinking. Round and round and round he went, thinking of a way out. He stopped. There was that sound again—sniff, sniff, sniff! The sound inspired Piggy. He had to see the other side. With his snout, he managed to lift the door of the cage, grunting from the effort. He popped out and rolled onto the cool grass. As he lay on his back, Piggy marveled at his first glimpse of the sky—a warm, blue blanket that stretched out forever. Could he possibly experience any more pleasure than this?

Yes! And it lay on the other side of that fence. Perhaps it was soft, rotted leaves to roll around in—or better yet, plump, ripe figs scattered on the ground, warm and juicy in the sun. Oh, how he loved figs! Piggy scammed to the ivy and began gnawing through the dense foliage. When he finally arrived at the chain-link fence, he found a hole and squeezed through.

“Eek!” squealed Piggy, as he stared up into the nostrils of a huge, wet nose. It was Buster, the neighbor’s dog.

“Why, hello, little fellow. We finally meet,” said Buster. Sniff, sniff, sniff! Buster’s efforts to make friends with his next-door neighbor were sincere. He just wanted to get to know Piggy, but Piggy, unaccustomed to being sniffed at such close range, shivered in terror. He ran back to the fence and shot through the hole, back to the comfort of his leafy cage.

There Piggy lay quietly for the rest of the day, awaiting a happy reunion with his dear, sweet Kay.
Lesson 23 Vocabulary
The Journey of Oliver K. Woodman

Part of Speech

1. ______ conversations - talks with someone
2. ______ currently - as of now
3. ______ loaded - piles
4. ______ loveliest - most beautiful, most delightful
5. ______ inspired - caused someone to act, think, or feel a certain way
6. ______ managed - succeeded
7. ______ pleasure - enjoyment
8. ______ sincere - honest, truthful
9. ______ terror - great fear
10. ______ reunion - a coming together again

Vocabulary in Context

- Study each Context Card.
- Place the Vocabulary words in alphabetical order.

1. sincere
   This President had sincere hopes. He truly wanted to change unfair laws.

2. managed
   Artists managed to carve this special monument. It was not easy!

3. conversations
   Conversations in a museum must be quiet. People should speak in whispers.

4. inspired
   This statue has inspired people. It makes them believe in freedom.

5. reunion
   This family went camping for their yearly reunion, or gathering.

6. loaded
   Before sailing, people loaded onto this swan boat. They piled on.

7. loveliest
   Oregon's Crater Lake is one of the loveliest national parks. It is beautiful.

8. currently
   Currently, this fort is a museum. Soldiers no longer live here.

9. pleasure
   People get pleasure, or enjoyment, from riding this old merry-go-round.

10. terror
    When people look down at the Grand Canyon, they may feel terror, or fear.
Suffixes -ful, -y, -ous, -ly, -er

Read each sentence. Choose the missing word from the box.
Write the word. Then reread the complete sentence.

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1. On a __________ day, I have to hold onto my hat!

2. The first __________ of soup is the hottest.

3. The __________ dancer leaped across the stage.

4. Damian __________ walked across the swinging bridge.

5. The __________ planted flowers that would attract bees and butterflies.

6. The lamb followed __________ behind its mother so it wouldn’t get lost.

7. My __________ dog spilled her food and tracked mud across the floor.

8. It was a __________ occasion at my house when I brought home a good report card.

9. Do you feel __________ about singing the solo in the school play?

10. When the __________ crossed the finish line, she held her hands over her head in celebration.
Suffixes -er, -est

Two Travelers and a Bear

Two travelers, Emily and Martha, were walking across the countryside to a city. Emily caught up with Martha and said, "This can be the loneliest road. What if we walk together and keep each other company? Visiting will help pass the time. Besides, we'll be safer walking together."

Martha smiled, nodded, and agreed. This was the wisest idea she had heard in a long time. The two struck up a conversation, discussing their travels. Emily said she liked the city best. Martha preferred the countryside because she thought it was lovelier than the city. They went on.

Suddenly, the tallest bear the women had ever seen appeared from behind a tree. Emily scrambled up the tree. Martha dropped to the ground, pretending to be dead. The bear circled Martha. Then it lost interest and wandered off.

"It seemed as if the bear was whispering to you," said Emily, climbing down from the tree. "What did it say?"

Martha replied, "Be careful of a friend who leaves at the first sign of trouble." And with that, she walked away.

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Suffixes -er, -est

Read the paragraph. Circle the words with the suffix -er or -est. Then write the words the suffixes were added to on the lines below.

Saturday was the loveliest, sunniest day we have had during our car trip. The weather in San Francisco was colder than I had expected, though. We walked across the Golden Gate Bridge and met the kindest people. They were nice to take photos of us. Leaving San Francisco was harder than leaving Salt Lake City had been, but we were all happier when we thought about our next adventure.

1. ________________
2. ________________
3. ________________
4. ________________
5. ________________
6. ________________

Add the suffix -er or -est to create new words. Complete the sentence.

7. nice: Raymond Johnson is the ________________ uncle in the world!

8. dark: The sky is ________________ tonight than it was last night.

9. strange: This is the ________________ trip I have ever taken!

10. young: My sister, Lucinda, is two years ________________ than I am.
Flow Chart: Sequence of Events

First Event

Second Event

Third Event

Fourth Event

Fifth Event
The Journey of Oliver K. Woodman

A Timeline of Oliver’s Journey

Oliver K. Woodman spent two months traveling from Uncle Ray’s house to Tameka’s house. First, use details from the text and illustrations to gather information. Then show Oliver’s journey on a timeline.

Read pages 274–278. According to Uncle Ray’s second letter, when did Oliver K. Woodman begin his journey? Where did he start?

Read pages 279–280. When did Uncle Ray get news of Oliver again? Where was he?

Read page 281. When did Uncle Ray next hear about Oliver? Where was Oliver at that time?

Read page 282. When did Uncle Ray get news next? Where was Oliver?
Read pages 286–287. Uncle Ray and Tameka thought Oliver was lost. When did Uncle Ray get news from Oliver? Where was Oliver?

Read pages 288–289. Where did Oliver end up next? When?

Now use the details that you have gathered to complete the timeline below. Remember to use all the dates from the letters to Uncle Ray that told when Oliver was in each place.
Cumulative Review

Read each sentence. Choose the missing word from the box.
Write the word. Then reread the complete sentence.

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1. There are ____________ kinds of snacks, and there are many healthful ones to choose from.

2. A ____________ of raisins is a good snack. You can grab them and go!

3. Some people like ____________ snacks like pretzels or nuts.

4. A ____________ can make muffins and breads.

5. Not only do bakeries smell good but the items are ____________ to look at.

6. ____________ sliced cheese goes well with crackers.

7. There is nothing like a ____________ orange as a snack. You can eat it or squeeze it into a glass and drink it.

8. A knife is a ____________ tool. The sharp edge could cut a child’s fingers.

9. A ____________ is trained in using very sharp knives to cut meat.

10. After your snack, smile and go ____________ on with your day!
Vocabulary Match

Directions: Match each vocabulary word to its definition.

1. _____ caused someone to act/think in a certain way
2. _____ happening right now
3. _____ succeeded
4. _____ a coming together again
5. _____ talks with someone
6. _____ most beautiful; most delightful
7. _____ enjoyment
8. _____ great fear
9. _____ piled up
10. _____ honest; truthful

A. conversations  F. managed
B. currently       G. pleasure
C. loaded         H. sincere
D. loveliest      I. terror
E. inspired       J. reunion

Vocabulary Draw

Directions: Pick 2 vocab. words and draw them below.

| Word: __________ | Word: __________ |
Vocabulary Sentences

Directions: Pick 5 vocabulary words and use them in complete sentences.

1. 

2. 

3. 

4. 

5. 