

# Features Vocabulary & Comprehension for every 4 chapters.

- Book is divided into **manageable** chunks of reading.
- Consistent format allows for **predictability** and student **confidence**
- Variety of question types for **high student engagement**
- Includes "**Quickwrite**" free-writing prompt which relates the text to the students
- Questions range from **basic comprehension** to **rigorous analysis**

## Chapters 1-4

Devil's Island • Errand Boy • Trick Monkey • American Laugh-Nosed Beet

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❖ **Character Analysis:** What do you know about Moose (the

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❖ **Comprehension and Analysis:** Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. Explain how Natalie is different from other kids. Use textual evidence from the book to support your answer.

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2. What major changes are happening in Moose's family in these chapters? Explain at least three.

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3. Who does Moose meet in these chapters? Name and describe each of them.

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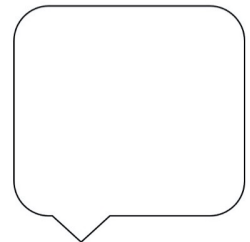
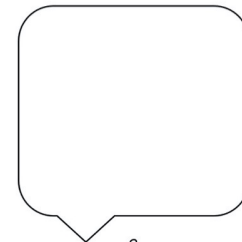
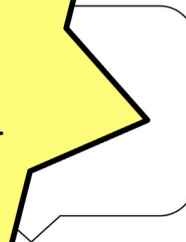
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What questions do you have at this point in the story? Write three of the quote bubbles below.



Answer  
keys  
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# Includes 15 creative ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS, too!

- Focuses include: **plot, character analysis, point of view, theme, & more**
- **Deepen and extend** student understanding

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## MOOSE'S Problems

Moose encounters many problems, or obstacles, throughout the story. In the first three rows below, write about his problems. Then, write about how his problems get resolved. If a problem doesn't get resolved, explain why. In the last row, write about one of your own problems that you have recently dealt with. Then, write about how your problem got resolved. If it didn't get resolved, explain why.

	<b>Problems</b> What are the problems?	<b>Resolutions</b> How does the problem get resolved? If it doesn't get resolved, why not?
Moose's Problem #1	_____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____
Moose's Problem #2	_____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____
Moose's Problem #3	_____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____
Your Problem	_____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Setting: Alcatraz Island

In *Al Capone Does My Shirts*, the setting is described in the beginning of the story. The author uses descriptions to give the story a certain feeling, and to help you better picture the story. Think about the setting, and complete the activities below.

- Write some quotes from the book that help you to picture the setting. Include page numbers with each quote.

- Draw an illustration of the setting here.

- Write about how the setting reflects the character(s).

How does the setting give to you or to the characters?  
Write in the thought bubbles below.

(Answers may change throughout the story, so don't be afraid to write a variety of answers!)

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Common Core codes are listed on the bottom of each activity.

PREVIEW ONLY





# Vocabulary Focus:

- 4 vocabulary words chosen for you for every 4 chapters
- Complete Vocabulary List comes with and without definitions
- Final Vocabulary Review included
- Full-color Vocabulary Word Wall cards along with black & white flashcards

Vocabulary Words and Definitions: **AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS**

CHAPTERS	PAGE #	WORD	DEFINITION
1. Devil's Island	8	affliction	illness or trouble
2. Errand Boy	22	snubbed	gave someone the cold shoulder
3. Trick Monkey	24	peculiar	unusual
4. American Laugh-Nosed Beed	26	cautiously	carefully
5. Murderers Dorn my Socks	29	ashen	pale, ghostly
6. Sucker	31	deserted	abandoned; empty
7. Big for Seventh Grade	37	beaming	smiling very joyfully
8. Prison Guy Plays Ball			

**PART ONE**

9. Nice Little Church Boy  
10. Not Ready  
11. The Best in the Country  
12. What About the Electric Chair?

13. One-Woman Commando Unit  
14. Al Capone's Baseball  
15. Looking for Scarface  
16. Capone Washed Your Shirts

17. Baseball on Tuesday  
18. Not on My Team  
19. Daddy's Little Miss  
20. Warning

21. It Never Rains on Monday  
22. Al Capone's Mama  
23. She's Not Cure  
24. Like a Regular Sister

**PART TWO**

25. My Gap  
26. Convict Baseball  
27. Idiot  
28. Tall for Her Age

29. Convict Choir Boy  
30. Eye  
31. My Dad  
32. The Button Box

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Al Capone Does My Shirts

### VOCABULARY REVIEW #1: CHAPTERS 1-20

affliction	snubbed	peculiar	cautiously	ashen	deserted
beaming	keen	earnest	radiant	skirmish	mercilessly
insists	wheedle	gravely	inspects	stewing	deliberate
preposterous	culpability				

1. Using a dictionary, or your notes, complete the table below.

Word	Definition	Illustration
affliction		
deserted		
mercilessly		
wheedle		

2. Complete the graphic organizer below for the word in the middle.

Synonyms	Antonyms
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;">radiant</div>	
Part of Speech	Illustration

3. Write a sentence containing the word gravely below. Then, illustrate your sentence.

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**keen** (verb) sharp and observant 





# EXTRA Goodies:

- Student reference **bookmarks** with **original, beautiful, hand-drawn art**
- **Cover pages** for each section of the novel study

# STUDENT CHAPTER PACKET

# AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS

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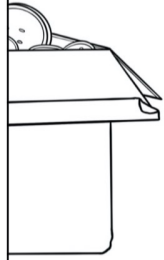
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*Your purchase includes both the PAPER version and the GOOGLE version of this resource.*

- Eye-catching digital version contains **full-color, interactive adaptations** of all resources.
- **Text boxes** are already placed everywhere students must type.
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# Self-grading version of tests included, through Google Forms:

Assessment #1: Al Capone Does My Shirts | Chapters 1-20

Vocabulary Multiple Choice

Choose the best vocabulary word to complete the sentence.

7. My older sister and I got into a \_\_\_\_\_ when she accused me of borrowing her favorite sweater without permission. 1 point

snubbed

skirmish

gravelly

inspects

8. I found myself \_\_\_\_\_ over next week's big test. 1 point

cautiously

stewing

mercilessly

deserted

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- Send your students a link
- Students complete the test on **computers or tablets**
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## Instructions

for Digital Version/Google™ Drive Document

### Instructions for SELF-GRADING TESTS ON GOOGLE™ FORMS

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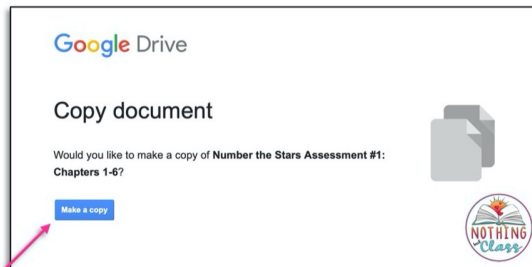
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1. To get started, you will need to have access to the Internet and a Google account (which is free). In order to share the tests out with your students, your students will either need their own Google accounts with accompanying e-mail addresses OR you will need to have Google Classroom. Before moving on, be sure you are signed into the Google account that you want the assessments to transfer into.
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[Assessment #1: Holes Ch. 1-25](#)

[Assessment #2: Holes Ch. 26-50](#)

[Final Vocabulary Assessment: Holes](#)



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