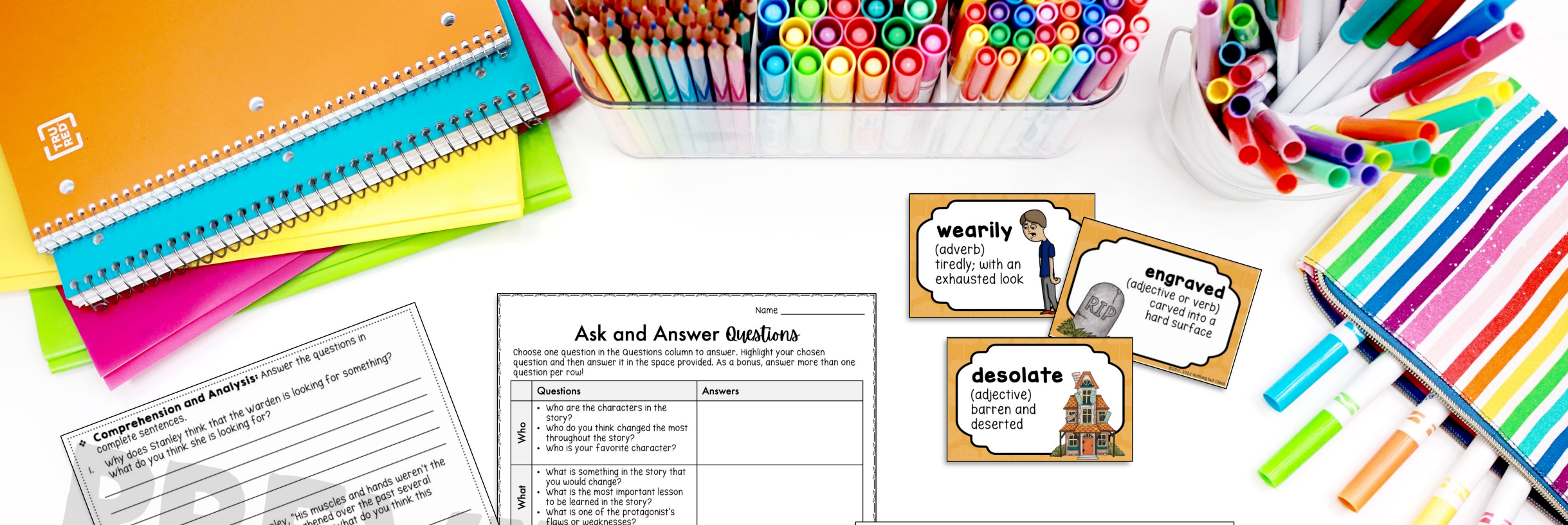


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Comprehension and Analysis: Answer the questions in complete sentences.

- Why does Stanley think that the warden is looking for something? What do you think she is looking for?
- The author writes about Stanley, "His muscles and hands weren't the only parts of his body that had toughened over the past several weeks. His heart had hardened as well." What do you think this means?
- How does Stanley end up getting in trouble for stealing sunflower seeds, even though he is innocent of the crime?

Beyond: Below, draw an illustration of the most horrifying part of these chapters.

Name _____

Ask and Answer Questions

Choose one question in the Questions column to answer. Highlight your chosen question and then answer it in the space provided. As a bonus, answer more than one question per row!

	Questions	Answers
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who are the characters in the story? Who do you think changed the most throughout the story? Who is your favorite character? 	
What	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is something in the story that you would change? What is the most important lesson to be learned in the story? What is one of the protagonist's flaws or weaknesses? 	
Where	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where does this story take place? How does the location of the story shape the events in the story? 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When does the story take place? How does the time period of the story shape the events in the story? 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain why the protagonist makes a major decision in the story. Do you agree or disagree with something that someone says or does in this story? 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does the setting affect the events in this story? What is one of the conflicts in this story? How is it resolved? 	

wearily
(adverb)
tiredly; with an exhausted look



engraved
(adjective or verb)
carved into a hard surface



desolate
(adjective)
barren and deserted



Chapters 31-35 COMPREHENSION

Quickwrite: What do you think makes someone a true friend? Explain your answer.

Multiple Choice: Choose the best answers.

- Who replaces Zero in Stanley's tent?
 - Nerd.
 - Twitch.
 - Thief.
 - Morgue.
- What drink do Stanley and Zero share?
 - Mash.
 - Sploosh.
 - Lemonade.
 - Sunflower juice.

True or False: Write T for True and F for False.

- Stanley finds Zero at God's thumb. ____
- The boat that Zero uses for shelter is called Mary Jane. ____
- Stanley crashes the truck into a hole. ____
- The Warden sends a search team for Zero. ____
- Stanley walks until he finds Zero. ____

Main Idea: Give Chapters 31-35 a suitable name. Then, explain why you chose that name.



Features Vocabulary & Comprehension for every 4-5 chapters!

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

1. What clues lead Stanley to believe that they are near water as they get closer to the Big Thumb?

2. What kind of person do you think Sam was? Use textual evidence to support your judgment of him.

3. Why do you think the author tells us that Zero's hands were bleeding from pulling Stanley up the mountain?

❖ **Beyond:** Find Stanley's family song in the book, on page 176. Write and explain what you think it means.

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Quickwrite prompts relate the text to the student.

Vocabulary words chosen for you.

Chapters 36-40 COMPREHENSION

❖ **Quickwrite:** Write about a time that you have experienced great pain or illness.



❖ **Multiple Choice:** Choose the best answers.

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1. What does Stanley find for him and Zero to eat? | 2. Why does Mrs. Tennyson thank Sam? |
| a. Carrots. | a. He saved her son's life. |
| b. Potatoes. | b. He saved her daughter's life. |
| c. Onions. | c. He gave her free onions. |
| d. Berries. | d. He was kind to her poor husband. |

❖ **True or False:** Write T for True and F for False.

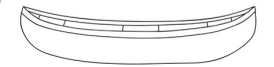
- Hattie's husband was the town butcher. ____
- Stanley carries Zero during the last part of their hike. ____
- Stanley and Zero drink clear water from a spring. ____
- Stanley thinks that Zero is delirious and speaking nonsense. ____
- Stanley climbs back down the mountain, but he cannot find the shovel. ____

❖ **Figurative Language:** Below, write a creative figurative language sentence about someone or something from these chapters.

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Chapters 36-40 VOCABULARY



1. Using a dictionary, complete the table below.

Word	Definition
protruding	
precipice	
delirious	

2. Choose one word and write it in the middle of the graphic organizer below. Then, complete the organizer.

Synonyms	Antonyms
Part of Speech	Illustration

3. Choose the best vocabulary word for each sentence below. Write the word in the blank space.

- A. The pregnant woman's belly was _____.
- B. Because the girl was very ill and had a high fever, she was _____ and said things that made little sense.
- _____ looked up to see a giant _____ before

Variety of question types: True/False, Sequencing, Fill-in-the-Blank, and Written Response.

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Answer keys included

Vocabulary *focus*

3 words chosen for every 4-5 chapters.

Black-and-white
Flashcards

2 Vocabulary
Reviews

Word:
stifling

Definition:
suffocating

Full-color Word
Wall cards

Vocabulary List
comes with and
without definitions

Word:
perseverance

stifling
(adjective)
suffocating



perseverance
(noun) steady
persistence



desolate
(adjective)
barren and
deserted



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Word:
desolate

despicable
(adjective)
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disdainful



defective
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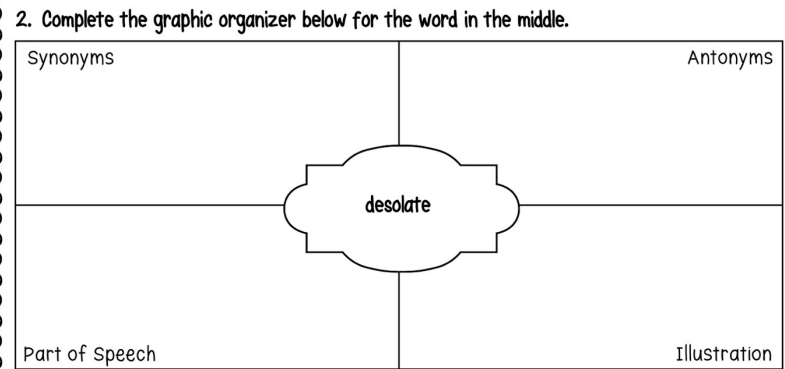
Vocabulary Words and Definitions

Chapter(s)	Pg. #	Word	Definition
6	6	stifling	suffocating
8	8	perseverance	steady persistence
11	11	desolate	barren and deserted
17	17	wearily	tiredly; with an exhausted look
25	25	despicable	disgusting; disdainful

stifling	perseverance	desolate	wearily	despicable	defective
barren	engraved	authority	evict	penetrating	agony
defiance	writhing	grotesque			

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

Word	Definition
stifling	
wearily	
penetrating	
defiance	



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

- Choose the best synonym for despicable below.
 - energetic
 - awful
 - admirable
 - mellow
- Choose the best antonym for evict below.
 - grumble
 - expel

_____ completes the following sentence.
Parents are examples of figures of _____.

_____g you would do to show perseverance.
_____ phrases you might use to describe a barren landscape.

_____ence with a reasonable answer.

_____abulary words in one single sentence below. Use more



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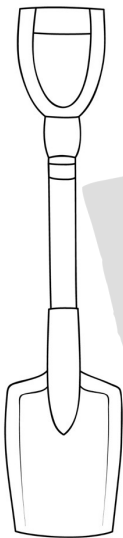
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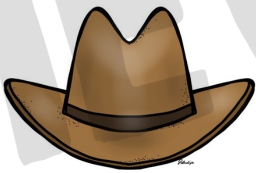
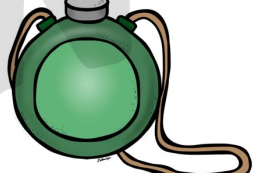

STUDENT CHAPTER PACKET

Holes

by Louis Sachar



Name _____

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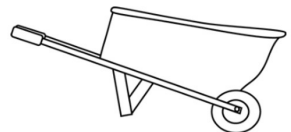
Culminating Project Choices

After you have completed the book, choose one of the final projects to do below!

- SEQUEL:** Write a sequel to Holes. What happens to Stanley and Zero?
- WHO'S THE AUTHOR?:** Use the Internet to do research about the author, Louis Sachar. Write a biography about him. Make sure to include a works Cited page.
- CHARACTER DIARY:** Choose a character in the book. Write about the events in the book from his or her point of view, in the form of several diary entries.
- NEWSPAPER:** Create a newspaper that is themed around the events in the book. You might include articles, advertisements, comic strips, and an advice column.
- PLAYWRIGHT:** Choose your favorite scene(s) from Holes. Write it in the form of a play. Either record it to show to the class, or perform it in front of the class!
- BOARD GAME:** Create a board game which is themed around Holes. Be creative!
- NEWS INTERVIEW:** Imagine you are a journalist that is interviewing one of the characters from Holes. Write a script for it. With a partner, either record it to show to the class, or perform it in front of the class!
- QUESTIONS:** The ending of the book leaves a lot of questions unanswered. Write down at least five questions that you still have. Then, answer them, using your own imagination.

- MOVIE POSTER:** Design a movie poster advertising a movie based on Holes.
- CHARACTER ART:** Create sculptures, puppets, or models of the characters using any material you choose. You could use a combination of paper, rocks, clay, poster board, old toys, sticks, or anything you can think of!

My Choice: _____
My Grade: _____
Comments: _____



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Unit Map: Holes Novel Study

Chapters in Student Chapter Packet	Vocabulary Words	Vocabulary Reviews	Assessments	Reading Response Activities (to be used with specific chapters)	Other Reading Response Activities
1-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> stifling perseverance desolate 	Vocabulary Review #1: Chapters 1-25	Assessment #1: Chapters 1-25	To use with Ch. 25-26: Comic Strip: Katherine and Sam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To use with any chapter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask and Answer Questions Chapter Highlights Scene Snapshot A Wall of Obstacles Compare and Contrast Stanley and Zero Characters and Injustices Character Traits Who's Your Favorite? Setting: The Five Senses Settings and Emotions Figurative Language Find Vocabulary Games & Activities
6-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> wearily despicable defective 				
10-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> barren engraved authority 				
15-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> evict penetrating agony 	Vocabulary Review #2: Chapters 26-50	Assessment #2: Chapters 26-50	To use with Ch. 35-36: Point of View: Zero	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To use after finishing the novel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Umbrella Themes Character Changes Similes Mystery Thoughts Holes: The Movie My Book Review Culminating Project Options
21-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> defiance withering grotesque 				
26-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> rummaging hazy riot 				
31-35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fidged refuge mirage 	Final Vocabulary Test			
36-40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> protruding precipice delirious 				
41-44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> inexplicable astonishment precarious 				
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		82	Scene Snapshot	any
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		85	Characters and Injustices • Answer key on pg. 93	any
		86	Character Traits	any
		87	Who's Your Favorite?	any
Setting	RL 3.3/RL 4.3/RL 5.3/RL 6.3	88	Character Changes	Use after finishing the novel.
		89	Setting: The Five Senses • Answer key on pg. 94	any
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Three *Assessments* included.

Assessment #1: Chapters 1-25 | Assessment #2: Chapters 26-50 | Final Vocabulary Assessment

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Holes

COMPREHENSION TEST #1: CHAPTERS 1-25

❖ Part I: Comprehension Multiple Choice

Choose the best answer for each question below.

- Choose the words that best describe Stanley.
 - Misunderstood and calm.
 - Arrogant and unkind.
 - Demanding and fierce.
 - Miserable and grumpy.
- What accusation lands Stanley at Camp Green Lake?
 - He stole food.
 - He stole shoes.
 - He started a fire.
 - He got into a fight.
- Choose the words that best describe Zero.
 - Unskilled and helpless.
 - Depressed and hopeless.
 - Quiet and strong.
 - Defeated and weak.
- Why did Stanley's great-great-grandfather, Elya, become cursed with bad luck?
 - He broke a promise.
 - He stole a cow.
 - He ran away from someone.
 - He angered a witch.
- Which of the following things does Stanley not tell his mother?
 - He has made friends.
 - He is learning to swim.
 - He wants to come home.
 - He will learn how to waterski.

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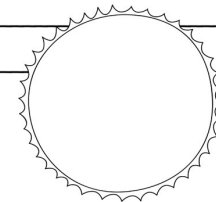
❖ Part 2: Comprehension & Analysis Short Answer

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

6. Choose two words to describe the warden. Support your answer with evidence.

7. Compare and contrast Stanley and Zero. How are they alike and different?

8. What is one problem that happens in the story? Is the problem solved? If so, how? If not, why not?



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FINAL VOCABULARY TEST: CHAPTERS 1-50

❖ Part I: Matching

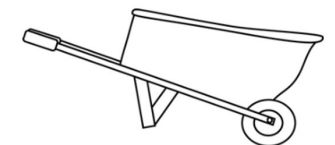
➤ Write the letters of the words' correct definitions on the lines.

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. writhing ____ | A. steady persistence |
| 2. stifling ____ | B. squirming, as if in pain |
| 3. perseverance ____ | C. great surprise |
| 4. astonishment ____ | D. suffocating |
| 5. delirious ____ | E. temporarily mentally unstable |

❖ Part 2: Multiple Choice

➤ Choose the words that belong in the sentences below. Circle the word; then write it in the blank.

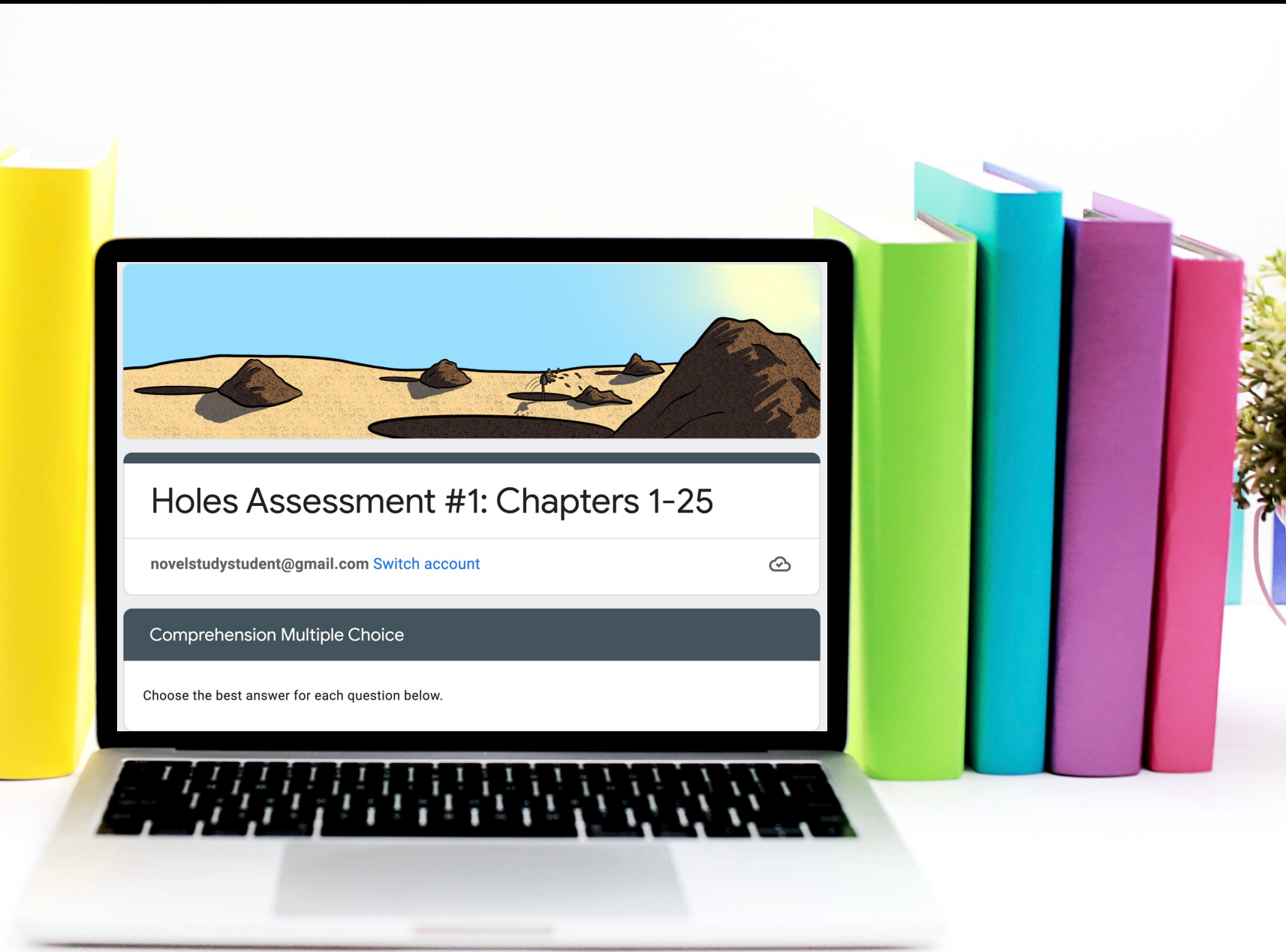
6. The thirsty hiker thought that he saw a lake, but was disappointed to discover that it was only a _____.
 - precipice
 - defiance
 - mirage
 - riot
7. The judge called the criminal's crime _____, and gave him a harsh sentence for it.
 - precarious
 - strenuous
 - tedious
 - despicable



L 3.6/L 4.6/L 5.6/L 6.6

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