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**PART 4: COMPREHENSION MULTIPLE CHOICE**  
Choose the best answer for each question below.

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- What does Roscurio take with him before he leaves the upstairs to go back to the dungeon?
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- Choose which of the following statements are false. Circle all that apply.
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  - The threadmaster tells Despereaux that he is being very foolish.

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**PART 5: COMPREHENSION & ANALYSIS SHORT ANSWER**  
Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

- Describe one of the characters using at least three adjectives. Explain your choices.
 

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- Choose one of the following events from the story. Write about at least two effects that this event had.
  - Despereaux grows up to be a rather unusual mouse.
  - Despereaux shows himself to the king and Princess Pea.
  - Roscurio goes upstairs to seek out more light.

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- What part of this story so far made you feel a strong emotion? (This can be happiness, sadness, anger, empathy, etc.) Explain what emotion you felt and why you felt that way.
 

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- Name one strength and one weakness that you believe Despereaux has. Write your answers.
 

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**THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX**  
Assessment #1: Books 1-2 or Chapters 1-23

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- \_\_\_\_\_
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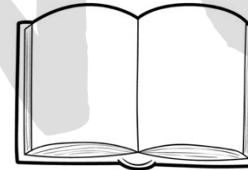
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❖ For each of the words below, circle the picture that best illustrates the word. On the line under the pictures, justify why you chose your answer.

11. dismay

a. 	b. 
c. 	d. 

I chose this answer because \_\_\_\_\_

12. speculation

a. 	b. 
c. 	d. 

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13. For the following word, draw a picture that illustrates the word. Then, draw a picture that illustrates the antonym (or opposite) of the word. Justify your answers on the lines below each of your illustrations.

ornate	
Illustration of the word:	Illustration of the word's antonym/opposite:
Justification: _____	Justification: _____
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# Vocabulary *focus*

Vocabulary Lists come with and without definitions. Students are tested on these words.

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Vocabulary Words and Definitions: THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX

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1: the last one 2: such a disappointment 3: once upon a time 4: enter the pea	16	speculation	the forming of theories and guesses
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	28	grave	serious
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	43	indisputable	undeniable and proven
	45	perfidy	unfaithfulness and betrayal
	55	renounce	turn your back on; wash your hands of
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	69	abyss	a deep or seemingly bottomless chasm
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	151	notion	idea or belief
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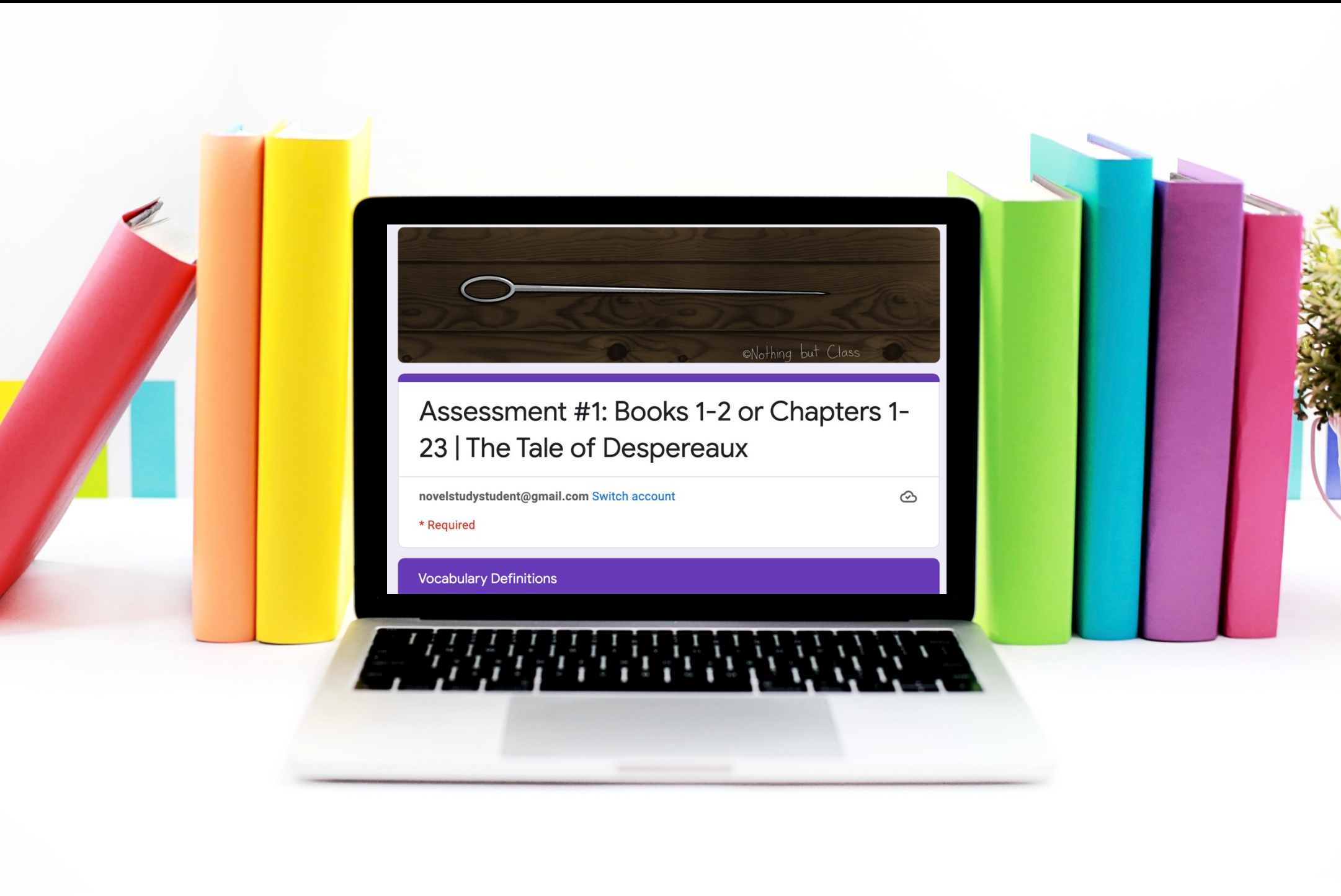
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