

Fantasy

# What a Nest!

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Stone Castles

## STRATEGIES & SKILLS

### Comprehension

**Strategy:** Make and  
Confirm Predictions

**Skill:** Character, Setting,  
Events

### High-Frequency Words

could, live, one, then, three

### Phonics

Short *u*

### Content Standards

#### Social Studies

Geography

Word count: 122\*\*

\*\*The total word count is based on words in the running text and headings only. Numerals and words in captions, labels, diagrams, charts, and sidebars are not included.

**Essential Question**

What buildings do you know?  
What are they made of?

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“We need a place to live,” says Bert.

“But where?” says Betty.



“Look down there,”  
says Billy.

“It is a good spot  
for us.”

“We have to make  
a nest,” says Bert.  
“I will get twigs.”





“Hmmm,” says Bert.  
“The nest could use  
more.”

“We can use my ribbons,” says Betty.  
“Pull out three.”







Then Bert adds the ribbons.

“Where is Billy?” asks Bert.

“There he is!” says Baby.

“Hay will make the nest soft,” says Billy.

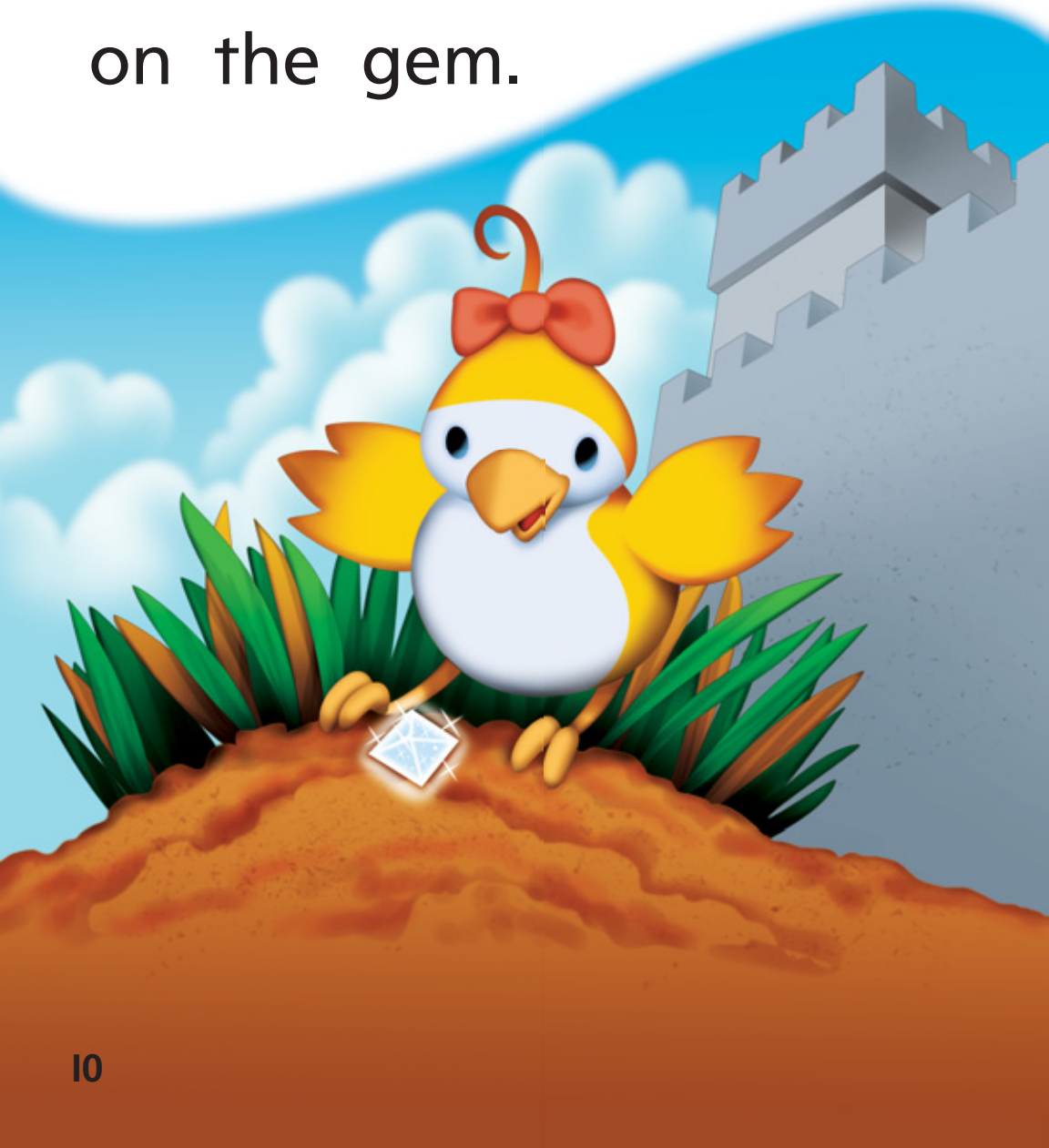




Bert adds hay to  
the nest.  
It will be a big nest!

“I have one gem!”  
says Baby.

The sun shines  
on the gem.





“What a good home!”  
says Bert.

“It is a royal nest,”  
says Betty.

# Respond to Reading

## Retell

Use the chart  
to retell  
*What a Nest!*

| Character | Setting | Events |
|-----------|---------|--------|
|           |         |        |
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## Text Evidence

1. Who are the characters in this story? **Character, Setting, Events**
2. Where do the characters build their nest? **Character, Setting, Events**
3. What kind of story is this?  
**Genre**



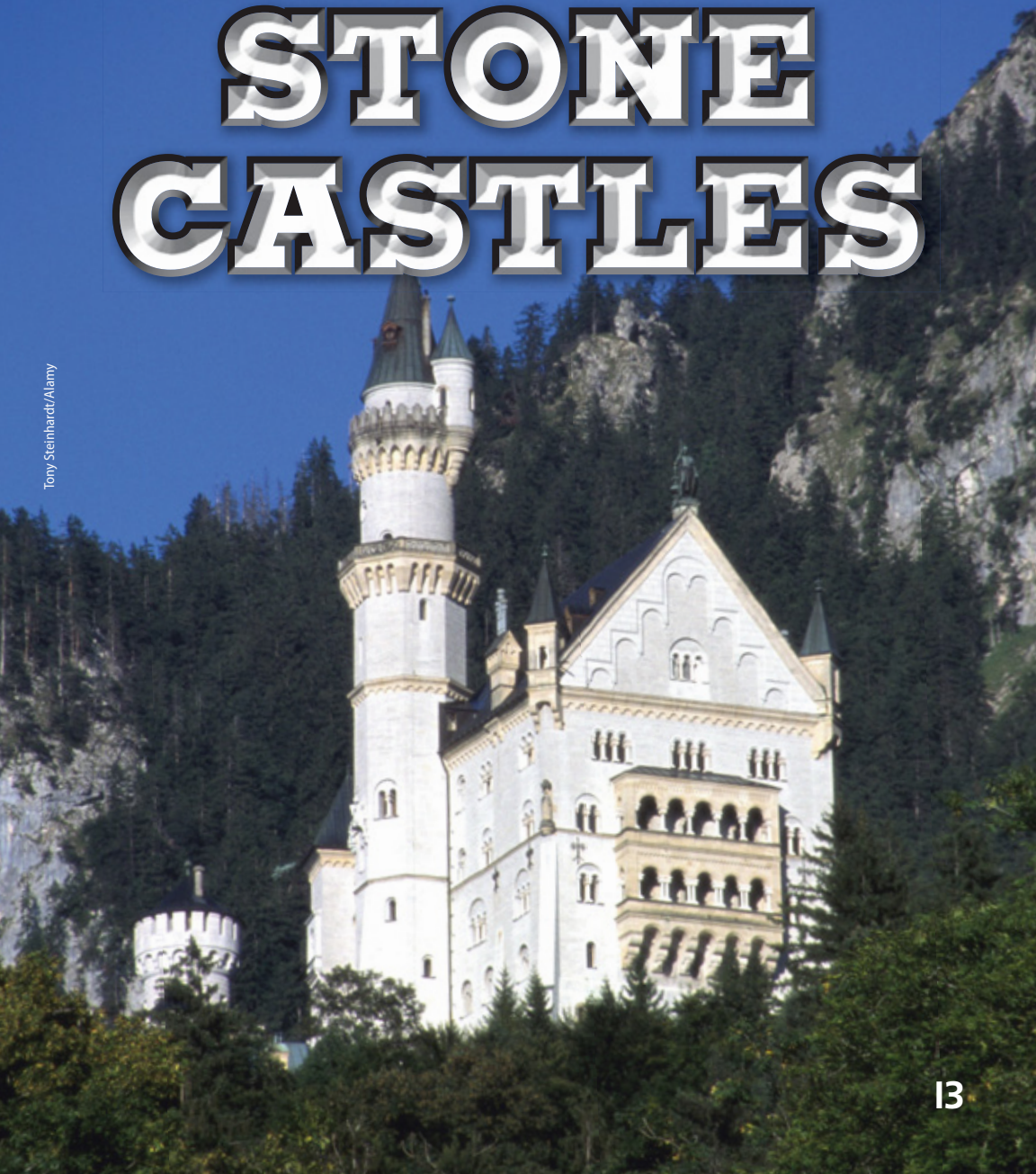
**Genre Nonfiction**

**Compare Texts**

Let's find out more about castles.

# STONE CASTLES

Tony Steinhardt/Alamy



Look at the castle.  
What do you see?



Robert Harding/Photodisc/Getty Images

Castles can be  
made from different  
kinds of stone.





(big) Raymond Linke/Radix Images/Getty Images, Klaas Lingbeek van Kraenen/Vetra/Getty Images

turret

tower

bridge

moat



## Make Connections

Look at both stories. What did you learn about the parts of a castle?

Text to Text

# Focus on Genre

**Fantasy** Fantasy is a story that has made-up characters, settings, or events.

**What to Look for** The birds in *What a Nest!* wear glasses, hats, and ribbons. They talk too. Real birds do not wear glasses, hats, or ribbons. They also do not talk.

## Your Turn

Pretend you are a bird. Think of a place to build your nest. What will you use to make it? Draw a picture of your nest. Write a few words about it.

# Thinkmark

## Characters

How would you describe the birds in *What a Nest!?*

## Sequence of Events

What is the first thing the birds use to make the nest?

## Make Connections

What other story have you read where the characters build something?