

Make Predictions

Use story clues to predict what happens next. Was your prediction right? Reread to confirm, or check, it. Change it if it is not right.



Find Text Evidence

What would Da do after he left? You may have predicted that he would send for his family. Reread pages 120–121 for clues to support your prediction.

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I predicted that Da would bring his family to America. Here is the clue. Da says they will be joining him. I read page 121 to check it. A year later, Da saved enough money to send for his family.

Your Turn

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Predict what will happen when the family arrives in America. Find clues to support your prediction. Remember to make, confirm, and revise predictions as you read.

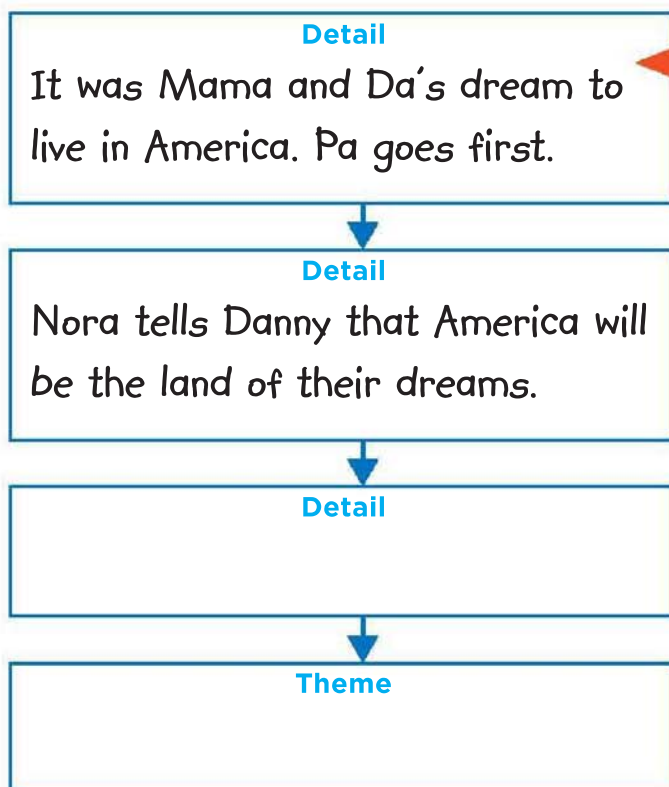
Theme

The theme of a story is the author's message. Think about what the characters do and say. This will help you figure out the theme.



Find Text Evidence

In "Sailing to America," Mama and Da dreamed of living in America. I think this is an important detail about the theme. I will reread to find more details. Then I can figure out the story's theme.



Details tell what the characters do and say. They help you figure out the theme.

Your Turn



Reread "Sailing to America." Find more important details then use them to figure out the theme. Write them in your graphic organizer.

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Use the interactive graphic organizer

Historical Fiction

“Sailing to America” is historical fiction. **Historical fiction:**

- Is a made-up story that takes place in the past
- Has illustrations that show historical details

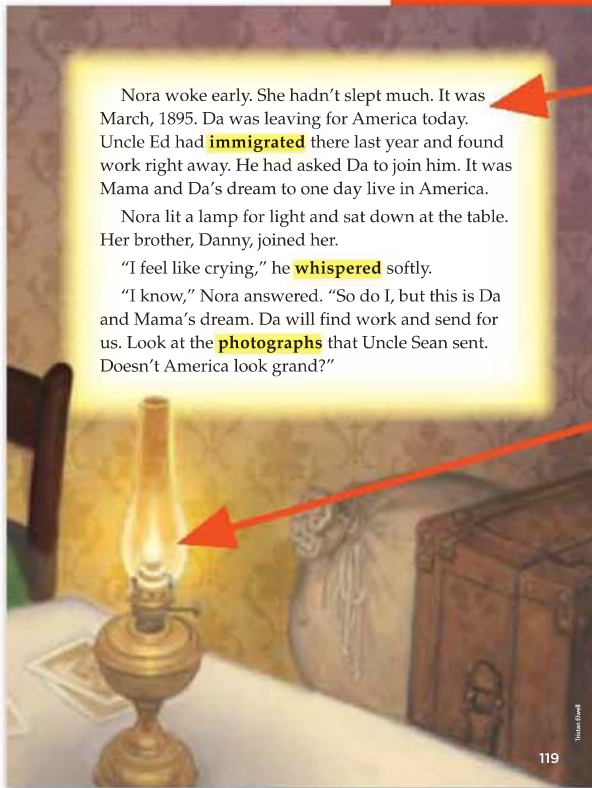


Find Text Evidence

I can tell that “Sailing to America” is historical fiction.

The characters and events are made up. The story is based on real events that happened a long time ago.

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The story and characters are made-up, but the events could happen in real life. Events in historical fiction happened a long time ago.

Illustrations show details about how people lived.

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Your Turn

Find two things in the story that could happen in real life. Talk about why “Sailing to America” is historical fiction.

Similes

A simile compares two very different things. It uses the words *like* or *as*. This is a simile. *Her cheeks were like red roses.* Similes are different from everyday language.



Find Text Evidence

In "Sailing to America," I see this sentence, "The waves were as big as mountains." This simile compares the way the waves looked with mountains. That means the waves looked huge and tall.



Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Talk about the meaning of this simile from "Sailing to America."

The air inside the steamship smelled like a dirty sock. page 121



Readers to . . .

Writers choose words to make their stories clear. They use interesting nouns to name people, places and things. Reread the passage from “Sailing to America.”

Expert Model

Precise Nouns

Find the noun *steamship*. What other words mean about the same thing? How does **word choice** help make the story clear?

A year later, Da had saved enough money to send for his family. Mama, Danny, and Nora packed what little they had. They got on a crowded steamship and began their voyage.

The trip across the Atlantic Ocean was rough. The air inside the steamship smelled like a dirty sock. The ship tossed up and down for days. The waves were as big as mountains. Many passengers became seasick, but Nora and Danny felt fine.



Writers



Editing Marks

- Make a capital letter.
- Make a small letter.
- Add a period
- Add.
- Take out.

Abby wrote about a family's move to a new home. Read her revisions.

Grammar Handbook

Singular and Plural Nouns

See page 479.

Student Model

Ben's New Home

In March, Ben and his ^{family} ~~mother~~ [^]
~~and father and sister~~ moved to
Tampa. Ben's father got a new ~~jobs~~ ^s.
At first Ben felt ~~sad?~~ ^o Then he met
new friend. ^s He liked his school. Ben
was happy in his new ^{neighborhood} ~~home~~ [^].

by Abby J.



Your Turn

COLLABORATE



- Identify interesting nouns.
- Identify singular and plural nouns.
- Tell how revisions improved the writing.

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