

Literary Device Challenge

Directions: *Once Around the Lake* is full of literary treasures! When an author drafts a story, she strives to put the “puzzle” of its parts together – sometimes with action and characters and setting - but also with colorful language and figures of speech. Pretend you are on a mission to uncover the literary treasures in the story. Refer to the story as you work.

1. Name a precise verb to describe something Max does.
2. Find a precise verb to describe something Odie does.
3. What are the words that describe the front and the back of the canoe?
4. Find the phrase that explains how to paddle a canoe.
5. List some words that paint a visual picture of one of the “neighbors.”
6. Find an example of alliteration in the story.
7. Similes compare two things using the words “like or as.” Can you find an example of a simile in the story?
8. Can a “pen park?” What is the name of this figure of speech?
9. Turtle is a wise character who gives some advice to Odie and Max. What message do you think the story is sending to us as readers?
10. Onomatopoeia is a figure of speech in which a word suggests a sound. Can you find two examples of onomatopoeia in the story?
11. Using context clues, brainstorm and write a definition of “muse.” (pg. 23)
12. BONUS: Write your own example of a simile or alliteration to describe the moose in your own words.