CLOSE AND CRITICAL READING

GRADE LEVEL 3-5

NAME			

Directed Reading-Thinking Activity (DR-TA)

Before reading: Record responses in the prediction chart below.

PREDICTIONS	RESPONSES
What do you think you will learn from this text?	
What do you need to read to find out?	
What do you predict will happen?	
What do we know about the author?	
What do we know about the characters?	

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After reading: Return to the text to find answers to the text-dependent questions below. Be sure to note where in the text you found your information.

TEXT-DEPENDENT QUESTIONS	RESPONSES WITH TEXTUAL EVIDENCE
What is the author's central message? How does he or she convey that message in the text?	
Summarize the text.	
Describe the characters, setting and key details in the text.	
What problems do the characters face?	
What are some of the reasons for characters' behaviors?	

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