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I Survived The Eruption of Mount St. Helens, 1980

Novel Activities

**Part 1: Cause and Effect**

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| Cause | Effect | Use Page # |
|  | Jess and the twins head up the mountain. | 6 |
| Clive hated hearing trees falling and the grinding sound of saws and axes. |  | 19 |
|  | Jess can’t turn back and get her dad’s camera from the shack. | 27 |
|  | The kids go down into the deep hole and start digging. | 66 |
|  | The helicopter is able to spot Jess. | 83 |

**Part 2: Figurative Language – Identify the type of figurative language examples below.**

Choices: simile or hyperbole

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| Page | Example | Type |
| 2 | Hot rocks pelted her like bullets shooting down from the sky. |  |
| 7 | Jess used to be good pals with Missy. **But that was about a million years ago**, before Missy’s dad got an important new job at the lumber company. |  |
| 27 | The ground was now splitting apart, like ice breaking on a frozen pond. |  |
| 44 | The Earth was like a big ball of candy, with different layers. |  |
| 50 | A steam eruption is like a volcano burp. |  |
| 51 | To Jess and the boys, his stories were like scenes out of a thrilling action movie. |  |
| 76 | Two-hundred-foot trees, knocked over like Popsicle sticks. |  |

**Part 3: Visualization**:

1. Use page 5 to draw a picture of what the twins look like:

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1. Use page 6 to draw a picture of what Skeleton Woman looks like:

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1. Use page 11 to draw a picture of what Mr. Rowan looks like:

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1. Use page 76 to draw a picture of what it looks like at the eruption of Mount St. Helens.

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**Part 4: Making Inferences:**

1. On page 8 Missy says that Jess and the twins should go to the shack to find the Skeleton Woman. Sam blurts out, “Fine. We’ll go.” What character trait would describe Sam? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. On page 13 the author describes the town of Cedar. She says, “Only about four hundred people lived there. The closest grocery store was twenty miles away.” Why do you think the author included this information in the story?
3. On page 17 the story tells how Jess’s dad had saved for 2 years to buy his camera. Why do you think the author, Mrs. Tarshis, included this information in the story? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Part 5: What would you do?**

1. Jess has to make a decision. She knows that Mount St. Helens has been having some very dangerous warning signs happen that could mean a possible volcanic eruption. However, she also knows how special her dad’s camera is to her, and she really wants to get it back from the shack. If you were Jess, what would you do? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Jess realizes that her friends Eddie and Sam are badly injured. She doesn’t want to leave them on the mountain and go off by herself, but she knows if she doesn’t go and get help, the twins will not get the help they need.

If you were Jess, would you stay with the twins and hope help arrives soon or would you go off by yourself to get help? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Reread pages 80-81 recounting the pain that Jess is in and the things she does to help her overcome it. Write about a time you were in a really scary situation. What things did you do to help you through the difficult moments?

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**Part 6: Create a Story**

Imagine you had the chance to go with the scientist Dr. Morales to explore the active volcano. Write a creative story about your adventure. Describe what you saw and how you were feeling.

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