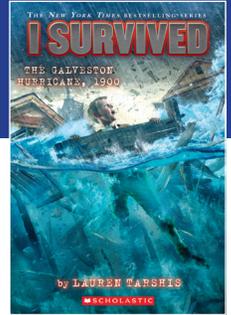


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I Survived The Galveston Hurricane, 1900



AUTHOR'S PURPOSE ACTIVITY AND PROBLEM-AND-SOLUTION EXERCISE

AUTHOR'S PURPOSE: In the last chapter of the book, the author includes both good and difficult things in Charlie's life. Why did the author write the chapter this way? To find out, first fill in the blanks below about what happens in the last chapter.

AUTHOR'S PURPOSE CHART

Good Things in the Last Chapter	Difficult Things In the Last Chapter
1. Charlie is performing in the _____	1. Charlie's face and body have _____ from getting hit with wreckage in the hurricane.
2. Charlie's _____ is safe and sitting in the front row to support him	2. _____ of the hurricane sneak up on Charlie all the time, taking him out of the present and bringing him back to the past.
3. _____ is looking out for Charlie, making sure that he's okay.	3. Charlie can't stop thinking about all the _____ who are missing after the storm.

NEXT, ANSWER THE QUESTIONS TO FIGURE OUT THE AUTHOR'S PURPOSE.

1. Why does the author include good things in the last chapter?

2. Why does the author include difficult things in the last chapter?

3. What do you think the author is telling you about surviving something difficult?

AUTHOR'S PURPOSE ACTIVITY AND PROBLEM-AND-SOLUTION EXERCISE *(CONTINUED)*

PROBLEM AND SOLUTION: Fill in the blanks below with either the problem or the solution, as needed.

PROBLEM	SOLUTION
1. Charlie thinks he stinks at doing magic.	
2. Lulu is scared of the thunder.	
3. Charlie is heading right for Gordon in the washtub.	
4.	Charlie turns on the light and reads his book about Meraki instead of trying to sleep.
5.	Charlie explains to his parents what Mr. Early told him about the hurricane of 1837.
6.	Charlie and Gordon decide to take shelter in a tree.

ANSWERS

AUTHOR'S PURPOSE ACTIVITY:

WONDERFUL THINGS:

1. talent show
2. family
3. Sarah

DIFFICULT THINGS:

1. scars
2. Memories
3. People

QUESTIONS:

1. The author wants readers to know that Charlie is doing okay.
2. The author wants readers to know that he is still struggling with what happened.
3. The author is saying that after surviving something difficult, it's possible to both be okay and still struggle with what happened.

PROBLEM-AND-SOLUTION EXERCISE:

1. Charlie takes Meraki's advice and practices.
2. Charlie distracts Lulu with magic.
3. Charlie throws himself to the side and tips over.
4. Charlie is having nightmares about Gordon.
5. Charlie can't get his parents to believe that they might be having a hurricane.
6. Charlie and Gordon's rafts keep breaking up in the water.