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**I Survived The California Wildfires, 2018** Novel Activities

**Part 1: Cause and Effect**

**Directions**: Fill in the missing cause or effect in the chart below.

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| Page | Cause | Effect |
| 24 |  | Holly and a few friends run a little reptile shelter. |
| 45 | Some of the forests haven’t been allowed to burn for a hundred years. |  |
| 106 |  | The forest behind the house still stayed green. |

**Your own cause and effect example:**

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| Page | Cause | Effect |
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**Part 2: Figurative Language**

**Directions:** Use the word bank below to tell the type of figurative language each example shows.

**Word Bank:** Simile, metaphor, personification, onomatopoeia

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| **Page** | **Book Example** | **Type of Figurative Language** |
| 20 | Hsssssssssss |  |
| 22 | The tongue felt surprisingly soft on Josh’s skin, like a feather. |  |
| 49 | A wildfire’s like a hungry animal. |  |
| 83 | The temperature was rising – the air was searing hot, the ground a stovetop that burned Josh’s feet through his sneakers and socks. |  |
| 100 | The burning trees twisted in the wind, branches waving wildly, like they were begging for help. |  |

**Your own figurative language example:**

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| Page | Book Example: | Type of Figurative Language |
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**Part 3: Compare and Contrast**

Tell at least 2 ways that Josh and Holly are different from each other and 2 ways they are alike. *Try these page suggestions to help: pages 12, 13,30, 114 (Other pages can be used also.)*

Josh Both Holly

**Part 4: Inferencing**

How is Josh feeling about California when he first goes there?

He is feeling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Evidence (Things he says or does that supports your answer): *Try these page suggestions to help: pages 19 and 20 (You don’t have to use all of these pages and other pages can be used also.)*

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| Things he thinks/says: | Actions |
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As the story continues, Josh starts to change how he feels about being in California.

He starts to feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Evidence (Things he says or does that supports your answer): *Try these page suggestions to help: pages 28, 29, 30, 58, 104 (You don’t have to use all of these pages and other pages can be used also.)*

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| Things he thinks/says: | Actions: |
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**Part 5: Writing – Making Connections**

**Option 1:**  (From page 7) Josh’s parents told him they couldn’t go on their usual ocean vacation to the Jersey shore due to lots that was happening at dad’s work.

Write about a time you have made plans but you had to change them due to something unexpected (example: COVID-19 virus has changed many of our plans).

**Option 2**: (From page 64) Josh had a hard time dealing with the news about his dad, and he ran out of the house.

Write about a time you were frustrated. What did you do to get through this challenging time? Was someone there to help you get through it? (Use another sheet of paper for your response.)

**Part 6: Context Clues- Directions**: Use the words in the sentence to help figure out the underlined word.

1. (Page 38) “When pythons are kept in captivity, it’s harder for them to shed. They need to move across rough ground to get their skin off.”

Captivity means: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. (Page 56) To be inside a wildfire and survive – it seemed impossible.

Impossible means: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. (Page 61) Sweat trickled down Josh’s back - it was broiling in this little bathroom.

Broiling means: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. (Page 93) He made it to knee-deep water and then couldn’t go another step. The pain in his arm and hand was agonizing.

Agonizing means: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. (Page 103) It was good to see her moving around, not wincing with every step.

Wincing means: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_